

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a virtual meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held
Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Councillors A. Lamb (Chairman). F. Williams and S. Williams, S. Underwood, R. Willetts, M. Huckfield, E. Newman, D. Jones, J. Foy.
Also present: County Cllr T. Wells, District Cllr K. Wells.

There were no members of the public present.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED: Cllrs C. Phillips (V/Chairman), J. Allsopp, M. Richmond.
Extended leave of absence: Cllrs P. Harris & R. Humpage.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCILLOR DISPENSATIONS:
There were no pecuniary or prejudicial interests declared for this meeting. There were no applications for dispensations.

DEMOCRATIC TIME: No matters raised.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
20.111	Minutes of the virtual meetings held 3rd March 2021: The minutes were proposed by Cllr Huckfield, seconded Cllr F. Williams. All agreed. No matters arising.	
20.112	Lengthsman Report & Highways Matters: The Clerk updated re tasks done this month. The van battery needs changing asap. The Lengthsman scheme for 2021-22 was proposed by Cllr Underwood, seconded Cllr Jones. All agreed. Winsmore site traffic – needs a ‘no access’ sign for Rectory Close. Highways notices as circulated.	Clerk to action any requests / matters.
20.113	Financial & Governance Matters: 1. Payments were approved as per the schedule plus receipts included the HMRC refund received. Proposed Cllr F. Williams, seconded Cllr Huckfield. All agreed. 2. Open Spaces Society membership - £45.00 p.a. for support and information on safeguarding open spaces. Proposed Cllr Huckfield, seconded Cllr F. Williams. All agreed. 3. Street lighting – the Chairman reported emergency works required for x6 columns – approx. £6k cost via WCC on top of the annual precept paid. The meeting noted the need to review the budget going forward as costs will increase next year. 4. New website – Clerk progressing phase 1 with Netwise UK. 5. Annual parish meeting to be held on 5th May prior to the annual PC meeting.	Clerk to pay accounts as agreed. Clerk to join open Spaces Society as agreed.

	6. 2021 meetings – face to face meetings to commence after 6th May as per Government requirements. Covid precautions to be complied with as required.	
20.114	<p>Strategic Planning: Cllrs Huckfield & Lamb</p> <p>1. SWDP – Cllrs Huckfield and Lamb have attended the Green Infrastructure / SWDPR briefings and will continue to monitor progress and report to meetings.</p> <p>2. Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr Huckfield reported that the draft survey is almost complete following feedback. A brief summary of neighbourhood planning had been circulated to Members. Marketing and recruitment of the working party continues, and some members already recruited. Banners, social media, notice boards to be used once wording confirmed to the Clerk.</p>	All asked to look at example plans as circulated and see where comparisons can be drawn.
20.115	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>1. Newsletter – distribution agreed for end April /early May. The meeting noted the current review of the PCC magazine.</p> <p>2. Speeding Enforcement – no further update.</p> <p>3. BT Kiosks – Cllr Jones agreed to progress the suggestion of a book exchange for Callow End kiosk.</p>	<p>Clerk to progress the newsletter.</p> <p>Cllr Jones to progress the BT kiosk idea.</p>
20.116	<p>Powick Action on Climate Change (PACE): Cllr Underwood has completed the newsletter article. Recent meeting actions have been circulated. Cllr F. Williams has completed the Natural Networks application for a biodiversity assessment at Hospital Lane PFId and Callow End PFId. Following the assessment, a funding application can be made for up to 45% of the project cost. Also, to consider WCC crowd funding in the autumn. Project delivery Spring 2022, but community involvement needed – may ask Callow End PFA to help? PEEP assessment information sent to Cllrs Lamb & Underwood for consideration. Hospital Lane PFId non applicable but C/End pavilion may be.</p>	
20.117	<p>Playing Field Reports:</p> <p>1. Hospital Lane – s106 / vat progressing via the Clerk. Some delays with unsatisfactory work but working with contractors to resolve issues. CCTV quote to be progressed by Cllr Lamb. Steering Group recruitment ongoing. Cllr Lamb has circulated the draft constitution and is looking at the process for charitable status. The idea of a time capsule from Cllr Richmond was approved subject to contents and location being agreed.</p> <p>2. Callow End – event planned for 17th July to include film, activities, live music, BBQ etc. Funds to benefit the playing field.</p>	Cllrs Lamb, Phillips, and the Clerk to continue to progress the pavilion project as required.
20.118	<p>District & County Councillor Reports: Clerk to upload written report/s to the website.</p>	

20.119	<p>Planning Matters –</p> <p>a) Planning applications for consideration –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21/00277/CLE – Gas Works Farm, Hospital Lane, Powick WR2 4SQ – existing use of land as a caravan for residential purposes and the use of a former agricultural building for ancillary residential purposes. No objection submitted as agreed via email. <p>b) Other notifications and planning matters –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/01662/FUL – Bowling Green Garage, 10 Malvern Rd, Powick WR2 4SF – approval for freestanding vehicle repair/spray booth. • 21/00231/HP - Saxon House, Lower Ferry Lane, Callow End, Worcester, WR2 4UH – approval for a single storey extension to front elevations and detached garage. <p>c) Common Land / Open Access Land matters within the Parish – Cllrs Huckfield / F. Williams reported that here is a lot of land in the parish which needs to be status checked. Residents are concerned regarding the locked gates at Broadfields Lane which also needs legal access status confirmed. All agreed that it is important that the community understands its rights to access land within the parish. Access and livestock issues also need to be addressed. Cllr Newman explained the difference between common land and commonable land together with issues around grazing rights. It was agreed that the PC should compile a list of areas which needs status checks and ask WCC to look at them and confirm access rights. It was agreed that Cllrs Lamb, Huckfield and F. Williams would do this, and all were asked to forward comments to Cllr Lamb. 'What 3 Words' to be used for locations. Cllr Lamb to respond to a residents' email enquiry.</p> <p>d) Enforcement Matters – the meeting noted that currently only District Cllrs are allowed to receive follow up information on enforcement matters reported, due to confidentiality issues. Cllr T. Wells explained the assessment and prioritisation process and wondered if we could establish a protocol with MHDC Officers to enable us to receive updates? Could we pilot a scheme where we would remain totally confidential? Cllr K. Wells agreed to contact Officers and see what options were available for the Clerk to progress. Also, to ask D. Rudge to attend a future meeting about possible options.</p>	<p>Clerk to submit decisions as agreed.</p> <p>Cllrs Lamb, Huckfield and F. Williams to progress this matter and collate a list for WCC.</p>
20.120	<p>Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas:</p> <p>Cllr Huckfield reported that a MHDC Officer had inspected a wall in Powick Village. Cllr T. Wells reported that there was no imminent danger currently.</p> <p>Cllr Lamb reported that the two streetlights outside Cross House are to be reinstated this month by WCC.</p>	
20.121	<p>Correspondence Received: None.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:10</p> <p>Next meeting: Weds 5th May 2021 by Zoom at 7pm.</p>	

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