

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
Weds 3rd November 2021 at 7.30pm at Powick Parish Hall

Present: Councillors A. Lamb (Chairman), C. Phillips (V/Chairman), M. Huckfield, R. Willetts, J. Foy, S. Williams, F. Williams, S. Underwood, J. Allsopp.
Also attended: County Cllr T. Wells, Parish Cllr M. Richmond (via Zoom link) and 1 member of the public.

21.73 Apologies: Councillors R. Humpage, P. Harris, E. Newman, D. Jones.

21.74 Declaration of Interests and requests for Councillor dispensations in line with s.33 of the Localism Act 2011: None.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
21.75	<p>PC Minutes and report of the Planning Committee meeting held 6th October 2021: The minutes were proposed by Cllr Underwood, seconded Cllr S Williams. All agreed. The venue was amended to Callow End Village Hall.</p>	
	<p>Democratic Public Time: A member of the public addressed the Council regarding the Stroke Unit at Worcestershire Hospital and ways to upscale and maximise nursing input. The Council was also informed about services offered via the Suicide Prevention Programme and the Mental Health Crisis Team. The Council will be sent further information in due course for the next newsletter.</p>	
21.76	<p>Lengthsman Report & Highway Matters:</p> <p>1. Lengthsman tasks –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alleyway from Malvern Rd to Upton Rd to be cleared of overgrown vegetation as a priority. • Kings End Lane and Station Rd triangle needs turf repair. • 40mph sign at Bowling Green Rd needs vegetation clearance. <p>2. Highway matters –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian dropped kerbs – notification of s106 works by Highways noted. • Jennett Tree Lane junction with Upton Rd drains blocked. • Lower Ferry Lane drains blocked. • Cross House white line marking still incomplete as no arrow markings. • WCC cycleway – Cllr Underwood to write again as no full response received to recent letter. Cllr Wells clarified the current position of the LTP4 bid and explained current routes included. Drainage, maintenance, highway and footway issues to be resolved. 	Clerk to action / report any requests / matters.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streetlights still not working in Powick Village and concern re pedestrian safety. Well in excess of the 28 days response time for WCC reports. Cllr Lamb is trying to contact Highways team. 	
21.77	<p>Financial & Governance Matters:</p> <p>1. Payments were approved as per the schedule circulated – proposed Cllr Foy, seconded Cllr Phillips. All agreed. It was further agreed to withhold the payment to WCC Streetlighting team until Powick Village issues are resolved.</p>	Clerk to pay accounts as agreed.
21.78	<p>Strategic Planning:</p> <p>1. Neighbourhood Development Plan – Cllr Huckfield confirmed that a public meeting is to be held on 25th Nov to publish results of the recent survey and to ask for volunteers for the workshops and steering group. PACE also to be present at the meeting and PACE elements to be included in the NDP. The Council noted the need to ensure inclusivity across the parish and demographic.</p> <p>2. SWDP(R) – To be monitored. Adoption now scheduled for Oct 2023. County Cllr Wells explained current progress and the potential impact on development across the county.</p>	Cllrs Huckfield and Lamb to progress NDP matters.
21.79	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>1. Newsletter – recent edition now distributed. Thanks to all volunteers who assisted with this. Cllrs Lamb and Underwood have updated the distribution areas.</p> <p>2. Speed Enforcement – Cllr Huckfield is now in touch with the new contact for this and is liaising with County Cllr T. Wells to try and resolve local issues. The area outside Powick school remains a concern as a 40mph speed limit and Cllr Wells continues to press WCC for options / solutions. There will be ongoing speed data collection and monitoring.</p> <p>3. MHDC Housing Needs Survey – report still awaited.</p> <p>4. Remembrance Day – Cllr F. Williams is to attend for the Council on 14th Nov. The Clerk has arranged a poppy wreath.</p>	<p>Cllr Huckfield to progress speed enforcement matters.</p> <p>Cllr F. Williams to attend for Remembrance Day.</p>
21.80	<p>Powick Action on Climate Emergency:</p> <p>Cllr F. Williams reported that the Facebook page is now live – thanks to A. Humphries for setting this up. COP26 results are awaited and thanks to Cllr Underwood for the newsletter pullout.</p> <p>There was a comprehensive response from the Open Spaces Society regarding common access land matters. Advice to be heeded – any work on commonable land to be applied for/approved by the Sec. of State. A copy of the OSS letter is to be sent to the Chair of the Commoners Association. It was noted that some fencing has recently appeared on The Hams.</p> <p>PACE is to attend the NDP public meeting on 25th Nov.</p>	Cllr F. Williams to liaise with the Clerk re sending the letter to the Commoners Assoc.

	<p>It was agreed by all that policy wording is to be added to all future planning responses in line with declaring a climate emergency. MHDC to be asked for a carbon impact assessment before the PC can respond fully to planning applications.</p> <p>Cllr Underwood attended a recent forum in Malvern – ‘Transition Malvern’. The event highlighted practical actions to tackle climate emergency including car sharing, e-bikes. PACE to bring initiatives to a future PC meeting.</p> <p>PACE also to attend a future MHDC event re climate emergency measures for Parish & Town Councils.</p>	Clerk to include policy wording from now on.
21.81	<p>Parish Council Website: The Clerk has almost completed this now and the draft site will be circulated shortly. Email accounts to be set up and all asked to send Councillor profiles (100 words) and photos asap to be included.</p>	<p>All to send profiles and photos to the Clerk asap.</p> <p>Clerk to circulate draft site and set up email accounts.</p>
21.82	<p>Playing Field Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Callow End Playing Field Assoc – awaiting final figures from The Event fundraising. 2. Hospital Lane pavilion project – work to start again on 22nd Nov. CJ Bayliss of Hereford have been awarded the contract. Cllr Lamb explained current building costs and s106 funding allocated. Some cost savings have been achieved. Investigative works have been completed and some additional issues have been revealed which will now need to be addressed. Project now costing circa. £330k but to a simplified specification in order to get the building open for use asap. Some external works have been value engineered to relieve funding pressures. Cllrs Lamb, Phillips and the Clerk are in discussions with MHDC regarding the insurance claim against Building Control and the potential funding shortfall which needs to be addressed. Options for community fundraising to be looked in to. Current works expected to last until mid-March 2022. Access to the playing field to be via the public footpath during the week as the site will be closed off for H&S reasons. The site will be opened at weekends for access / football. 	<p>Cllrs Lamb, Phillips and the Clerk will continue to progress matters as required with the pavilion.</p> <p>Clerk to notify residents of the new start date for works and field access arrangements.</p>
21.83	<p>County & District Councillor Reports: No reports made in addition to the meeting comments.</p>	
21.84	<p>Councillor Reports and Items for Future Agendas:</p> <p>Cllrs Lamb and Humpage are dealing with an issue at Bastonford regarding fallen trees.</p> <p>Cllr S. Williams reported that the Powick footpaths notice board has been vandalised outside Powick school, and the map has been removed for storage. Cllrs Williams and Underwood are trying to resolve a lock mechanism issue and repairs.</p>	

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	<p>The Parish Tree Warden post is currently vacant, and it was agreed that Cllr S. Williams should take up the role. Thanks were given to M. Taggart who held the role for a number of years.</p> <p>Cllr Lamb raised concern about recent acts of vandalism in Powick. The source of the problem may have been identified and incidents have been reported to appropriate authorities and Police. A Neighbourhood Watch scheme may be an option for the future and Housing Association involvement required.</p>	Clerk to notify MHDC of new postholder.
21.85	Correspondence: Worcs CALC Annual General Meeting to be held on 16th Nov and Cllr Lamb and the Clerk to attend.	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.40pm	

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