POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held Wednesday 3rd June 2020 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors A. Lamb (Chairman), C. Phillips (V/Chairman), J. Allsopp, R. Willetts, J. Foy, M. Huckfield, F. Williams, S. Williams and D. Jones.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED: Cllrs S. Underwood, 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: There were no members of the Public present and no comments received by the Clerk.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
20.11	Minutes of the virtual meeting held 6th May 2020: The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Huckfield, seconded Cllr Foy. All agreed. No matters arising.	
20.12	Lengthsman Report & Highways Matters: The Council noted that the Lengthsman scheme has now restarted following approval by WCC of the risk assessment. The Lengthsman contract for 2020-21 was approved by all present. Tasks required — Tree in Dark Alley has fallen. Cuttings left in Dark Alley — L'man to speak to residents please. Hedges outside of resident's fences in Winsmore are overgrowing the footway. Some have been cut back in Spring. Virginia House and Old Rectory House, Powick Village — overgrown vegetation on to footway. Streetlight masked by vegetation at Powyke House — to report. Streetlights at Cross House need reinstating following WCC works — to report. Speed restriction sign opposite Bush Lane needs reinstating — currently on the verge — to report. Speed limit noted re 10 mph restriction for Highways grass cutting at Sparrowhall Lane.	Clerk to send signed contract to WCC. Cllr F. Williams to speak with Fortis re hedges. Clerk to report various matters to WCC.
	New bus shelter at junction of A449 / Upton Rd, towards Malvern, has been provisionally accepted subject to WCC site visit – tba.	

20.13	Financial & Governance Matters: Payments were approved as per the schedule. (Appendix A) End of year accounts 19/20 – internal audit currently underway.	Clerk to pay accounts as agreed. Clerk to progress audit.
20.14	Strategic Planning: Neighbourhood Planning (NP) – MHDC have acknowledged the letter to designate the NP area. A formal decision is now awaited following consultation by MHDC with District Councillors.	The Clerk and Cllr Huckfield are to progress the NP as agreed.
20.15	Parish Matters: Newsletter – the current edition has now been distributed via social media and the website. Posters in notice boards for those wishing to receive photocopies. Next edition ideas now been considered including articles by young people, Rev. Gary, residents, NP. PACE, flooding and a financial article by the Clerk. Distribution planned for September. Flooding Forum – the Chairman reported that a meeting is to be held with external agencies in the near future. Harriet Baldwin MP is supportive. Water course pollution in Powick – a notification had been received from a resident which has been passed to the Env. Agency – response awaited.	Clerk to send Cllr Huckfield the front page for posters.
20.16	Powick Action on Climate Change (PACE): An update had been circulated by Cllr Underwood. The Active Travel Corridor (ATC) between Powick & Malvern is being supported by Harriet Baldwin MP and there is a push for development and engagement with the local authorities re the Local Transport Plan (4). Cllrs Huckfield & F. Williams are to attend a virtual event on Climate Change via Worcs CALC.	Cllr Underwood to continue to progress PACE and the ATC.
20.17	Playing Field Reports: Hospital Lane – 9 tenders have been received which are to be considered. Amounts vary from £633k to £1.1m and the MHDC Project Officer is to send a full report shortly. Football Foundation application for £100k is to be submitted on 12 th June and will include top three recommended tenders from MHDC. MHDC s.106 funding is in place as agreed previously - £605k + £198k still outstanding from Developer.	Clerk to continue to work with MHDC and Football Foundation to progress the pavilion project.
	It was agreed that a summary report should be sent to current members of the Project Steering Group asap.	Clerk to draft report.
	Callow End – play equipment needs barrier taping again – Clerk to contact R. Pendleton.	Clerk to contact CEPFA.
	Drug paraphernalia found in bins at Pixham Lane ferry site – Clerk to report to Police.	Clerk to contact Police.

20.18	District & County Councillor Reports: No reports made / updates received.	
20.19	Planning Matters: 20/00608/CLE – Mrs C Saunders, The Old Cider Mill, Bastonford WR2 4SL – certificate of existing lawful use for the occupation of the Old Cider Mill, Bastonford for a continuous period in excess of 10 years in breach of condition 4 of pp MH 1120/80 and condition 2 of pp MH 0673/81 agricultural occupancy conditions. No objection in principal to the tie being lifted from the dwelling, but on condition that the yard is not developed in the future and maintains the current status – proposed Cllr Allsopp, seconded Cllr Jones. Agreed. Planning notifications – noted. 19/01857/FUL – Refusal for construction of detached agricultural building (for storage, plant, machinery, feed and shelter) on land at Os (8285 4955), Jennett Tree Lane, Callow End 20/00529/HP – Approval for single storey front extension at 24 Upton Rd, Callow End WR2 4TA. Planning Enforcement ref WDM-5620539 44 The Village, Powick New Road Name Consultation – approval granted for Cider Mill Close to be the name for development on land adj. to Half Way House, Malvern Rd, Powick (6 new properties)	Clerk to submit response.
20.20	Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Huckfield asked for speeding awareness to be placed on social media. Footpath Warden queries were discussed. ASB has increased recently (via Police report) and the Chairman had asked for a breakdown. Stats include CV-19 social distancing, neighbour disputes, speeding and some incidents with youths. Cllr F. Williams reported that Powick bridge bin needs emptying and a lot of debris around the bridge. Cllr Allsopp reported that Powick Pre-School playgroup has resumed with precautions in place. A £10k grant has been received to upgrade the Powick hall ladies' toilets. Cllr Phillips reported that Powick Panto won the best award for our district (NODA District 10) and that the Midland Musical Group won best concert production.	Clerk to action on FB. Clerk to send Cllr Huckfield CSW contacts. Clerk to check MHDC re bridge bin.
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm Next meeting: Weds 1 st July – arrangements to be confirmed.	