

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a virtual meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held
Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Councillors A. Lamb (Chairman), C. Phillips (V/Chairman), E. Newman, J. Allsopp, J. Foy, D. Jones, M. Huckfield, F. Williams, S. Williams and S. Underwood.
Also present: County Cllr T. Wells & District Cllr K. Wells.

There were no members of the public present.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED: Cllrs, M. Richmond, R. Willetts.
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: There were no comments received from members of the public by the Clerk.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
20.43	Minutes of the virtual meeting held 2nd September 2020: The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Foy, seconded Cllr Huckfield. All agreed. No matters arising.	
20.44	<p>Lengthsman Report & Highways Matters:</p> <p>1. Lengthsman report for the previous month is awaited. Clerk to chase up the removal of the Holly tree in the walkway behind Old Rectory Close. The 40mph sign from Malvern towards Colletts Green needs vegetation removing. An overgrown hedge outside 21 Winsmore needs a polite notice to cut it back – Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to attend. Housing authority also to be contacted.</p> <p>2. Notifications from Highways were noted –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road closure – Station Rd – 02/11/2020 for 12 days • Derestriction sign towards Old Hills to be reinstated • Jennett Tree Lane roundels have been reinstated • Malvern Rd pathway surface outside Skoda garage to be monitored <p>3. Parish street lighting – the parish lighting condition survey was noted, and the Clerk was asked to liaise with WCC re urgent repairs and the annual maintenance budget. Two lights by Cross House still not reinstated – Clerk to follow up. Lamp 38 at Bastonford is unlit – Clerk to report.</p>	Clerk to report Lengthsman and deal with Highways matters as required.

	<p>4. A449 / A4440 speed limit orders – the recent review by WCC was noted and the Clerk was asked to confirm PC agreement.</p> <p>5. Hams Way cycle and footway bridge – the Clerk was asked to contact WCC re the option of naming the structure.</p>	
20.45	<p>Financial & Governance Matters:</p> <p>1. Payments were approved as per the schedule. Proposed Cllr Huckfield seconded Cllr Phillips. All agreed.</p> <p>2. Malvern Hills Trust Board Nominee – M. Alexander has been nominated to the MHT Board for the parish.</p> <p>3. Six Month Rule for Councillors – the Clerk confirmed that Cllrs Harris & Humpage have now been granted leave of absence until 1st December 2020 – to be reviewed at the Dec meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk to pay accounts as agreed. Half year reconciliation to be prepared and circulated.</p>
20.46	<p>Strategic Planning:</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning (NP) – still uncertain how much influence the NP has in light of recent Gov changes but still a benefit to the parish to have one. Discussion took place about what should be included, and it was agreed that it should be a simple plan to follow with approval from the local planning authority and should not include anything too prescriptive.</p>	<p>Cllrs Lamb and Huckfield to start to draft the NP document.</p>
20.47	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>1. Newsletter – awaiting distribution. All thanked for contributions. Pdf to be circulated by the Clerk. Next edition early Jan 2021.</p> <p>2. Speed enforcement measures – Cllr Huckfield reported on the recent communication from Community Speed Watch (CSW), which confirms that the speed survey results show the 85 percentile as being too high for CSW to be appropriate. Mobile speed enforcement vehicles are now to allocated to the parish.</p> <p>3. 'Operation Slow Pass' was explained by Cllr Underwood in respect of a cycling / driver initiative due to start shortly in West Mercia Police area.</p> <p>4. BT Kiosks – Cllr Lamb still has to speak to Powick school re usage options. The Powick kiosk door appears to be jammed – Cllr S. Williams has done a temp. repair, but the Clerk was asked to contact the Painter and ask him to meet Cllr Williams to see what can be done.</p> <p>5. Ash trees in Dark Alley - currently being checked re ownership by MHDC to see if the height can be reduced.</p> <p>6. CL77 Access land at Broadfields Farm Lane – WCC has confirmed that six fields adjoining Broadfields Farm are common access land.</p>	<p>Cllrs Foy & Underwood to arrange newsletter distribution across Powick & Callow End.</p> <p>Cllr Huckfield to continue to liaise with CSW.</p> <p>Cllr lamb to speak to Powick School re BT kiosk. Clerk to arrange repairs.</p> <p>Clerk to progress Ash tree works. Cllr Lamb to speak to G. Taggart re CL77.</p>
20.48	<p>Powick Action on Climate Change (PACE): The recent newsletter insert has been produced and thanks were given to all concerned. PACE need to decide how often to do something similar. There was no LTP4 or ATC update. An audit of carbon neutrality could be undertaken to identify ways in which the PC could improve. A local contractor has offered to do this, and Cllr Underwood has a list of initial questions we could ask ourselves free of charge – PACE could undertake this work. Cllr</p>	

	Underwood will follow this up and report back to the PC. Any associated costs to be quoted to the PC once initial questions are answered.	
20.49	<p>Playing Field Reports:</p> <p>1. Hospital Lane – work going well so far and ahead of schedule. Some local complaints received which have been dealt with as appropriate. Link Nursery is very supportive and was thanked for working with the PC to overcome any initial concerns. The MHDC Project Officer has been invaluable to the scheme. The current discussions regarding the ground source heat pump were noted and Cllrs Lamb, Phillips and the Clerk agreed to find the most environmentally friendly way forward which will also meet hot water demand.</p> <p>The excess soil has been deposited at the far end of the field adjacent to the A449 footpath – the Clerk explained the idea for a creative wildflower sculpture garden, working with a local Artist to design and create the scheme. The scheme will enable approx. £18k to be saved from disposal costs and reallocated to this, whilst also achieving an overall saving. It was proposed by Cllr F. Williams, seconded Cllr Underwood to reallocate funds subject to MHDC approval. All agreed. The Clerk will progress this with M. Hammond at MHDC and work with Cllr Underwood to draft the project spec. and find local Artists to contact.</p> <p>HLPF Management Group membership needs to be agreed and a charity formed asap. Diversity is key and Cllr Lamb asked everyone to consider membership options.</p> <p>2. Callow End – CV-19 notices need to be checked / replaced on the play equipment.</p>	<p>Cllrs Lamb & Phillips and the Clerk to work with MHDC Project Officer to find the best water heating solution.</p> <p>Clerk and Cllr Underwood to progress the sculpture garden. Clerk to progress financial agreement with MHDC.</p> <p>Cllr Underwood to check the C/End play area for CV-19 notice requirements.</p>
20.50	<p>District & County Councillor Reports:</p> <p>County Councillor report noted as circulated.</p> <p>Cllr K. Wells updated the meeting regarding SWDP progress and CV-19 impact on the timeframe. Some traffic assessments remain outstanding. The plan needs public examination and submission to the Sec. of State – timeframe possibly February 2022.</p> <p>Significant changes to the planning system were also noted. The White Paper consultation ends 31st Oct and will impact on planning decisions and Neighbourhood Planning especially in designated areas. All are encouraged to attend future briefings.</p> <p>Cllr T. Wells arrived at 8.30pm and updated regarding countywide CV-19 stats. Concerns about the north Worcs area, but Malvern Hills the lowest figs currently. Some action is anticipated by Public health if figs continue to rise.</p>	<p>Clerk to upload the report to the website.</p> <p>Clerk to circ. Planning information as it becomes available.</p>
20.51	<p>Planning Matters -</p> <p>1. Planning application for consideration –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/01343/HP – 4 Montgomerie Close, Powick WR2 4QW – single storey rear extension. No objection. • 20/01268/HP – Heather Cottage, Bush Lane, Callow End WR2 4TF – to storey part single storey side extension. No objection. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/01299/HP – Blakefield, 13 The Village, Powick WR2 4QR – removal of existing detached garage and erection of attached garage. No objection. • 20/01420/AGR – Lower Woodsfield Farm, Madresfield, WR13 5BE – general purpose agricultural building and store. No objection. • 20/01333/HP – Halaston, 34 malvern Rd, Powick WR2 4RU – two storey side extension and single storey front extension. No objection – building line noted. • 20/01221/HP – St Oswalds, 17 Upton Rd, Callow End WR2 4TY – erection of detached garden room. No objection. • 20/01076/FUL – Moat House Farm, Jennett Tree Lane, Callow End WR2 4UA – reconstruct part of dwelling, change of use from agricultural to enlarge dwelling, incl. alterations made to fenestration and additional extensions. No objection. • 20/01287/CU – The Ridgeway, Malvern Rd, Powick WR2 4SN – change of use of land to provide an extension to an existing caravan storage facility. No objection. <p>2. Planning responses submitted since last meeting –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/01215/HP – 41 Upton Rd, Callow End WR2 4TZ – first floor balcony to rear – No objection. • 20/01129/HP – Milcote, 70 Malvern Rd, Powick WR2 4RT – erection of porch extension – No objection. <p>3. Other notifications and planning matters noted -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning enforcement gKj-1014271 Mathon House Jennett Tree Lane, Callow End • Planning enforcement ENF/20/0304 The Ridgeway, Malvern Rd, Powick • Planning appeal APP/J1860/W/20/3256489 Land at Os 8285 455 Jennett Tree Lane, Callow End • Refusal – 19/01540/FUL – Mountain View, Bastonford – continued use as Gypsy/Traveller accommodation for one extended family (variation of cond.1,2,5 of pp 15/00380/FUL) • Approval – 20/00608/CLE – certificate of lawfulness for the occupation of The Old Cider Mill, Bastonford for a continuous period in excess of 10 yrs in breach of cond.4 of pp 1120/80 and cond.2 of pp 0673/81 (agricultural occupancy conditions) 	
20.52	<p>Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Underwood has ordered new Perspex for the notice board in Hospital Lane – invoice to be forwarded to the Clerk.</p>	
20.53	<p>Correspondence Received: The Clerk read out a letter from the RBL regarding Remembrance Services this year and it was noted that a wreath for the PC has been ordered at a cost of £25.00. Arrangements to be confirmed shortly via the Clerk.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm</p> <p>Next meeting: Weds 4th November 2020 by Zoom.</p>	