

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held
Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 7.00pm

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

There were 2 members of the public present.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED: Cllr E. Newman.
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: The Council heard concerns raised regarding recent usage of the Pixham Lane Picnic Site by campers and camper vans, following advertising on 'park4night' website. Also some anti-social behaviour / gatherings in contravention of Covid-19 restrictions. It was agreed that the Clerk report matters to the Police and ask for extra patrols of the area. Also agreed for the Clerk to arrange suitable formal signage to be erected to deter overnight stays etc. The Clerk had already asked for the site to be removed from the website.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
20.65	Minutes of the virtual meeting held 4th November 2020: The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Foy, seconded Cllr C. Phillips. All agreed. Thanks have been received following the removal of the Holly tree (20.55.01).	
20.66	Lengthsman Report & Highways Matters: 1. Lengthsman report for the previous month is awaited. Tasks requested are bus shelter cleaning, the footway towards Newland needs mud cleaning off the surface (Cllr Underwood to confirm the exact location) – might be Newland PC? Virginia House, Powick Village has overhanging brambles which need to be cut back. The sign for Powick, by Cromwells, needs cleaning. The pathway going from Pound Stores towards Old Hills is very narrow and slippery and needs siding out. May also need a retaining structure to keep soil from sliding back down. 2. Road closure notices as circulated. 3. Station Road - road closure notices will be chased up by Cllr T. Wells.	Clerk to report Lengthsman tasks. Pathway to be reported to Highways by Clerk. Cllr Wells to chase up Station Rd closure signage.

20.67	<p>Financial & Governance Matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Payments were approved as per the schedule together with the recent Cafos invoice for the pavilion build. Proposed Cllr F. Williams seconded Cllr Huckfield. All agreed. 2. The audit for 2019-20 has been completed. The meeting noted any matters arising and the Clerk was asked to action as required. 3. Precept & Budget 2021-22 – next agenda item. The Finance Working Group needs to consider HLPF pavilion costs / income for the next budget – meeting to be arranged. HLPF aim is to become cost neutral in the long term. Precept decision required by 31st Jan by MHDC and it was agreed that it would be best not to raise the precept if possible due to the current financial climate. An extra ordinary meeting may be required after the January PC meeting. 4. Street lighting – still waiting to hear from WCC re the required repairs and associated costs which will form part of PC budget planning. 	<p>Clerk to pay accounts as agreed.</p> <p>Finance Working Group to meet re HLPF budget figures. PC extra ordinary meeting to be arranged as required.</p>
20.68	<p>Strategic Planning:</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning (NP) – Cllrs Huckfield and Lamb have spoken to Martley PC Mentor which helped to focus target areas for the plan. Next steps are to arrange Volunteers with required skills and knowledge or enthusiasm! An experienced person will be needed in planning matters together with those interested or skilled in history / ecology / archaeology / geology. Speakers will be needed for peer groups as well. A village description is needed together with aspirations going forward. We need t consider the best way to do surveys / consultations and focus on a small number of things that residents are passionate about. Objectives might include protecting the rural landscape, employment, housing needs/types/styles, design standards / location, community facilities etc. All will influence future generations. We will need to recognise different communities within our parish e.g., Bastonford, Colletts Green and will need local support to achieve this fully.</p>	<p>The Clerk will collate versions of draft surveys from other parishes to assist the process.</p>
20.69	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newsletter – it was agreed to distribute at end Jan 2021. Deadline for articles to the Clerk is now 31st Dec 2020. 2. Speeding Enforcement – no further update but awaiting further information from A. Ali. There has been a speed enforcement camera in Powick layby recently and an unmarked car has been in use locally. Concern was raised about Pixham / Lower Ferry Lane area national speed limit and it was noted that ‘quiet lane’ designation no longer exists, which is particularly dangerous for horse riders and walkers. Powick Primary School area is also a concern. The Clerk advised on the difficult process for changing speed limit designation. Cllr T.Wells reported on a meeting held with the Chief Constable at West Mercia, when speed enforcement was discussed. It was suggested that the newsletter and social media could be used to press home concerns. 3. BT Kiosks – no further update. 4. Callow End Christmas Lights – it was noted that WCC Highways were unable to support connection to the streetlight this year as more 	<p>Cllr Lamb to email a request for articles. Cllr Underwood to co-ordinate PACE news and assist with wrap around outer.</p> <p>Cllr Lamb to follow up BT Kiosks.</p>

	notice is required but would be ok for next year. Callow End Playing Field Assoc. is to install battery powered lights this weekend.	Clerk to request a risk assessment for the lights asap in line with insurance.
20.70	<p>Powick Action on Climate Change (PACE):</p> <p>1. Active Travel Corridor / LTP4 - A draft response to the Active Travel Corridor / LTP4 by Cllr Underwood was proposed by Cllr F. Williams, seconded Cllr Huckfield and it was agreed that the Clerk should send to Worcs County Cllrs as appropriate. Cllr Underwood also reported on a Malvern pressure group set up recently to assist the cause. Cllr T. Wells is also supportive. Costs have risen massively to build the route and Government funding, or major developer funding is now needed.</p> <p>2. Go Green Experts – information has been received about the possible environmental audit, but it was agreed to postpone until a formal quote has been received via Cllr Underwood. HLPF pavilion designs should also be included in the audit.</p>	Clerk to send letter as agreed.
20.71	<p>Playing Field Reports:</p> <p>1. Hospital Lane – Construction is on schedule despite recent weather and it is hoped that the roof will be on before Christmas. It was noted however that Cafos had written to anticipate delays in completion due to Covid and weather and a contingency notice has been issued. The new pavilion car park is being used by contractors and it is confirmed that no one else can use it until project completion and site handover. Onsite security is 24/7 and will be monitored throughout Christmas and New Year. The soil heap sculpture project is on hold until project completion and then the project can be assessed against budget and resources available. The Clerk has already done significant work which will help with this. Educational opportunities are being explored but Covid restrictions may impact on this. Site access may be restricted to walkers shortly due to the need to close the middle section for surfacing. Utility trenches will be started in the new year. Cllr Lamb has spoken with a number of potential Steering Group members with mostly positive responses – ongoing recruitment process to form a group by March 2021.</p> <p>2. Callow End – Covid signage has been given to Cllr Phillips for the play area and field. Free of charge cycle racks have been applied for by the Clerk.</p>	Cllr Lamb to progress Steering Group recruitment.
20.72	<p>District & County Councillor Reports:</p> <p>County Councillor Wells report was noted as circulated. It was noted that the recent Housing Needs Survey report will be published after Christmas.</p> <p>District Cllr Wells reported on the Local Government Boundary Commission proposals and the impact on MHDC Cllr areas and numbers. The consultation runs from 26th Jan – 5th April 2021. An MHDC presentation has been circulated by the Clerk.</p> <p>County Cllr Wells also urged careful consideration of proposals and the potential impact on our parish wards.</p>	Clerk to upload the report to the website.

20.73	<p>Planning Matters –</p> <p>a) Planning application for consideration –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/01555/HP – Mr K Smith, 1 King Charles Avenue, Powick WR2 4QF – side elevation to existing house for a new office. No objection but the proximity to the substantial wall and the elevation being concealed was noted. Proposed Cllr Huckfield, seconded Cllr Willetts. All agreed. • 20/01481/HP – Mr C Beard, Pear Tree Cottage, Colletts Green WR2 4RQ – proposed garaging and ancillary living accommodation. Objection that although the garaging alone would be acceptable, the development does not appear suitable for an elderly relative and it was noted that no kitchen facility is included. The site seems inappropriate between storage and garaging areas and MHDC is asked to check if it is within the permitted development area? Proposed Cllr Phillips, seconded Cllr F. Williams. All agreed. • A new application from Cromwells for retrospective approval of the car wash canopy has been received today and all are asked to consider the response asap. <p>b) Other notifications and planning matters –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appeal decision – land off Jennett Tree Lane 19/01857/FUL – appeal granted. • Approval for erection of detached garden room at St Oswalds, 17 Upton Rd, Callow End WR2 4TY • Approval for erection of 2 storey side extension (variation cond. 5) at 22a Upper Ferry Lane, Callow End WR2 4TL • Approval for single storey extension to side and rear at 17 Nixon Court, Callow End WR2 4UU • Approval for removal of existing detached garage and erection of attached garage at Blakefield, 13 The Village, Powick WR2 4QR • Planning enforcement matter reported at The Blue Bell, Upton Rd, Callow End • Pixham Ferry Lane – a letter has been sent requesting removal of ‘overnight location stop’ from camping /caravanning and motorhome website. • 19/01857/FUL - Concerns were noted re the appeal outcome. • Winsmore pedestrian access from the new development to Broadfields track – Cllr T. Wells has met with developers to agree a compromise. A new pedestrian gate is now anticipated in a more sensible location. Cllr Wells has also liaised with D. Rudge at MHDC and a letter of confirmation is awaited. 	Clerk to submit decisions.
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20.74	Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Jones reported on recent catalytic converter thefts locally. Cllr Allsopp reported that new cycle racks are to be installed next week at the Powick Parish Hall. Cllr Foy asked about the second entrance created at Mathon House. The clerk confirmed that this has been reported to MHDC.	
20.75	Correspondence Received: None.	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm Next meeting: Weds 6th January 2021 by Zoom.	