

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held
Wednesday 6th January 2021 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, E. Newman and M. Richmond.
Also present: County Cllr T. Wells.

There were 4 members of the public present.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED: Cllr D. Jones.
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 representation from a number of Byrons Wood residents attending the meeting, regarding local concerns about the proposed outline application for development on land at OS 8210 5050, Hospital Lane, Powick. The Chairman outlined the process for planning matters and how this matter will be progressed. The matter was further discussed during the meeting (see minute 20.84) and a decision agreed to submit objections.

A resident also attended to speak with the Council regarding barriers to legal access on to common land at Broadfields, Powick. Designated OS maps and laws appear to be wrong and although there is a right to grazing there should be public access allowed on to open access land. The Council was asked to confirm that the public have the right to access across this land and that the Commons Committee becomes more transparent regarding this matter. The Chairman confirmed that he has looked into this matter and has also spoken to the Chair of the Commons Committee. Following further discussion regarding access and associated livestock concerns, it was suggested that WCC be asked to assist to put gates / stiles in to fencing to enable access across grazed land, with the permission of the landowners. Cllr S. Williams to progress this with Cllr Lamb.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
20.76	Minutes of the virtual meeting held 2nd December 2020: The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Foy, seconded Cllr Huckfield. All agreed. No matters arising.	
20.77	Lengthsman Report & Highways Matters: Any Lengthsman tasks to be sent to the Clerk please. The Lengthsman has collected the grit from Cllr Phillips to refill grit bins. Cllrs were asked to report any Highways issues via the WCC website / reports section. WCC road closure notices were noted as circulated.	

20.78	<p>Financial & Governance Matters:</p> <p>1. Payments were approved as per the schedule Proposed Cllr F. Williams seconded Cllr Foy. All agreed.</p> <p>2. Precept & Budget 2021-22 – Finance Working Group meeting later this week and an extra ordinary PC meeting to be held later this month to agree the precept. The Council hopes to not have to increase the precept, recognising the current financial climate. Draft figs to be circulated by the Clerk.</p>	Clerk to pay accounts as agreed.
20.79	<p>Strategic Planning:</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning (NP) – Cllr Huckfield had attended a Zoom training on ‘Engaging the Community’, which gave some good ideas for NP process. Now need to get people interested in various aspects of the parish, engaged with the NP process to move things forward. Recruitment plan to be drawn up for the NP Working Party and articles placed in the newsletter and on social media. All help appreciated. A consultation will also be drafted to engage all residents with the process.</p>	Cllr Huckfield to continue to progress matters. Cllr Underwood also to help with any design or online work.
20.80	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>1. Newsletter – articles by end of this week please. Distribution may be difficult however and the last virtual newsletter didn’t seem to have the same positive impact. Covid risk also restricts how distribution can be done. It was therefore agreed to delay the newsletter until it is safer to do a hard copy distribution. Updates can still be done via social media and notice boards in the meantime. Review situation again at Feb meeting. Cllr Wells also reported significantly higher Covid rates within the parish currently.</p> <p>2. Speeding Enforcement – Cllr Huckfield has spoken to the Safer Roads Partnership Officer, and an SRP survey has been undertaken to see where camera vans could be located. There is a site in Powick, but there is nowhere safe in Callow End to site a vehicle. The Officer will speak with the Police to see if motorcycles could be used instead. Highways also to be asked about additional traffic calming measures which could be used. Concerns also raised re the speed limit outside Powick School. Still a lot of work to be done it appears. Community Speed Watch is not an option as it is unsafe to operate, but could Community Response signage be an option? Cllr Wells to liaise with Cllr Huckfield. Operation Snap is now also in operation locally. Cllr Wells also reported that Powick to Newland route is now being looked at as a next phase to the SLR work, to improve commuter times and traffic flows, which is cause for concern and needs to be closely monitored. No proposals have been seen so far, but this may be developing over the next year or two. Currently the A449 is in need of a lot of cosmetic improvements.</p> <p>3. BT Kiosks – no further update, although Cllr Lamb has spoken with the Head Teacher.</p>	Cllr Lamb to discuss interim arrangements with the Clerk.

20.81	<p>Powick Action on Climate Change (PACE):</p> <p>1. Active Travel Corridor / LTP4 – Cllr Underwood reported that there is a new group in Malvern working on this and appear quite active. Variety of messages from Highways and seems to be a little confusing. The PC have sent a letter to WCC but have yet to receive a reply. Cllr Wells has identified the WCC Officer responsible for producing funding bids to Govt. The Sustran plan from 2012 cost about £120k but the current scheme is costing over £1m. The latest plan includes not diverting on to the old service road from the Halfway House to the top of the hill but building a route on the road and up the hill. Different criteria now also apply. Compulsory purchase of adjacent land may also be required? This means that costs have increased significantly, and delivery has been really delayed. Active Travel England has now been set up to oversee these schemes.</p> <p>2. PACE work has been delayed despite best efforts, but the group will be meeting again shortly to move things forward. Newsletter items have been prepared for next edition.</p>	
20.82	<p>Playing Field Reports:</p> <p>1. Hospital Lane – Cllr Phillips reported that weather has made things difficult on site however the roof is now being erected currently. Completion date was end March, as this may be achievable once the roof is on and work can be done in the dry. Landscaping can be left until the Spring. Educational involvement is still being looked at by Cllr Lamb, although Covid has made this difficult to progress. The soil mound project will be resurrected once the weather improves and we know how much s106 funding remains. The Management Group is now an important thing to be done and is essential for when we open the building. Cllr Lamb is still actively looking for members of the group from the local community. The group also needs to be registered as a Charity for vat purposes.</p> <p>2. Callow End – Cllr Underwood reported some serious disturbances on the field by groups during the evening. The Council has been asked to turn off the security lights as they may be attracting these groups? Could it be trialed for a week? Agreed, however this may be a H&S risk long-term to users of the pavilion, but currently it isn't being used as normal. The situation needs to be monitored. CCTV also a future option being considered. Residents also asked to call 101 to report incidents to Police and PCSO to be notified.</p>	
20.83	<p>District & County Councillor Reports:</p> <p>Cllr Wells report to be circulated via email. Some residents still require assistance during lockdown and Cllr Wells is actively progressing this and arranging support. Some people have now been vaccinated locally.</p>	Clerk to upload the report to the website.

20.84	<p>Planning Matters –</p> <p>a) Planning application for consideration –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/01782/OUT – land at Os 8210 5050 Hospital Lane, Powick – outline application for the erection of up to 9 dwellings with access from Hospital Lane. All other matters reserved. Objection agreed – see appendix 1. Response to be submitted tomorrow morning by prior arrangement with Planning Officer. • 20/01980/FUL – Hill End Farm, Station Rd, Bransford WR2 5JJ – proposed construction of holiday lodge. Proposed Cllr Phillips, seconded Cllr Foy that we should object on grounds of sustainability, lack of facilities, located on a busy through route and development in open countryside. Voted 5 against, 4 in favour, 2 abstentions – not carried. It was further proposed Cllr Newman, seconded Cllr F. Williams to wait to reply until further clarification has been sought from MHDC re holiday let criteria. Voted 5 against, 5 in favour, 1 abstention – vote carried using Chairman’s casting vote. • 20/01689/HP – 5 Sparrowhall Lane, Powick WR2 4SG – construction of conservatory / porch to front. No objection proposed Cllr Phillips, seconded Cllr Huckfield. Agreed. • 20/01548/LB – Powyke House, 16 The Village, Powick WR2 4QR – replacement fenestration to detached office (retro). Replace 2 side attic windows, replacement of basement windows with flood windows, install log burning stove and assoc. flue. No comment proposed Cllr Huckfield, seconded Cllr Phillips. Agreed. • 20/01903/HP – Springfield, 48 Lower Ferry Lane, Callow End WR2 4UN – construction of balcony to master bedroom. No objection proposed Cllr Underwood, seconded Cllr Allsopp. Agreed. • 20/01822/FUL – Cromwells Cuisine, 6 The Village, Powick WR2 4QP – erection of canopy on existing concrete base (retro) – objection submitted prior to this meeting. <p>b) Other notifications and planning matters –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/01555/HP – 1 King Charles Ave, Powick WR2 4QF – approval for side elevation to existing house for a new office. • 20/00858/FUL – The Old Barn, Clevelode WR13 6PD – approval for conversion of barn to ancillary residential use. • 20/00306/HP -Queensbury House, Ham Lane, Powick WR2 4RD – approval for erection of single storey detached building to accommodate swimming pool. (as per 02/00223/FUL) • 20/01076/FUL – Moat House Farm, Jennett Tree Lane, Callow End WR2 4UA – application withdrawn. • Wheatfield Court, Callow End – tree enforcement matter reported. • A449 new access on to highway – new development enforcement matter reported. • Blue Bell Inn, Callow End – new development enforcement matter reported. • Potential development on common land adjacent to Winsmore / Broadfields Farm 	Clerk to submit decisions as agreed.
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20.85	Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Allsopp reported the first incident of serious graffiti in the parish for years - a property wall in Bowling Green Rd has been covered in offensive remarks. The matter has been reported to the Police. Cllrs Huckfield & S. Williams have reported the collapsed stile from Broadfield into the coppice which has fallen over. Cllr Willetts reported that Cross House, Powick has been put up for sale recently. Grade II listed property and iconic within the parish. Cllr S. Williams reported footpath 741 is now open again (from Broadfields to the A449).	
20.86	Correspondence Received: None.	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:55 Next meeting: Weds 3rd February 2021 by Zoom at 7pm.	

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