

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held
Wednesday 3rd February 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 and M. Richmond.
Also present: County Cllr T. Wells, District Cllr K. Wells.

There were no members of the public present.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED: Cllrs D. Jones, 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:

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
20.88	Minutes of the virtual meetings held 6th and 20th January 2021: The Minutes of both meetings were proposed by Cllr Foy, seconded Cllr Huckfield. All agreed. No matters arising.	
20.89	Lengthsman Report & Highways Matters: Any Lengthsman tasks to be sent to the Clerk please. The monthly report was read to the meeting. A fallen branch needs to be removed opposite The Red Lion PH on the Upton Rd. WCC road closure notices were noted as circulated. Cllr Lamb gave an update on the SLR including some forthcoming night closures.	Clerk to action any requests.
20.90	Financial & Governance Matters: 1. Payments were approved as per the schedule plus an additional £130.00 to S. Skeys for road grit supplied. Proposed Cllr Foy, seconded Cllr Huckfield. All agreed. 2. WCC street lighting works – the meeting noted additional repairs required and it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged between the Clerk, Finance Working Group and WCC Officers to discuss options. 3. Winsmore egress financial contribution – the meeting thanked Cllr F. Williams for work on this matter. Cllr Lamb explained that the developer has put in a blind and unlit access which residents consider dangerous for users. Cllr T. Wells, Cllr Lamb and Cllr F. Williams have liaised with the developer for an alternate pathway, but costs are	Clerk to pay accounts as agreed. Clerk to arrange WCC meeting.

	<p>proving too high for them to do it. A suggestion has been made that the PC could contribute approx. £1600 / 1700.00 towards the costs, and Cllr Wells will contribute the same, with Platform Housing also contributing the same amount. Cllr Lamb has spoken to adjacent residents and anti-social behaviour is a concern. The current access cannot be blocked off as it forms part of the development plans. Further to discussion and concern being raised regarding the PC making a contribution, it as agreed not to progress this currently but to monitor the situation. The PC have tried very hard to find a solution to access and egress routes from Winsmore, but costs are currently prohibitive. The meeting noted that the current routes were agreed during the planning process when the development was approved on appeal.</p> <p>4. New laptop – it was agreed that due to the old laptop starting to fail, the Clerk should purchase a new laptop circa £500.00 and that the old one should be cleaned and donated to a local school or charity.</p> <p>5. New PC website – it was agreed that the Clerk should look at options for a new website via Netwise and report back on costs to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Lamb to inform parties of the decision made.</p> <p>Clerk to purchase a new laptop as agreed.</p> <p>Clerk to look at website costs for the next meeting.</p>
20.91	<p>Strategic Planning:</p> <p>1. SWDP - Cllr Huckfield reported on previous development figures for the parish over the past 10 years. The SWDPR is ongoing and housing allocations for the parish were noted. Wheatfields Court is currently in a pre-planning stage and the PC will need to monitor this closely in the coming months.</p> <p>2. Neighbourhood Planning – a draft residential consultation is being prepared. Housing needs will need to be included and the recent survey by MHDC will also need to be considered. Cllr T. Wells urged the PC to consider the initiative of a Community Land Trust. All Members were asked to support Cllr Huckfield in the NP work and were encouraged to read Plans from other parishes including Clifton-upon-Teme. Specific information will be required for different aspects of the plan and volunteers will be needed for this research. Cllr Huckfield will collate information received and agreed to draft and circulate an article for publicity purposes. The meeting noted that a ne parish website would really assist this process. Cllr T. Wells suggested that the PC need to plan ahead and look at current parish assets and businesses etc.</p>	<p>Cllrs Huckfield and Lamb are attending a virtual SWDP briefing on 1st March and will report back.</p> <p>Cllr Huckfield to progress the NP and all asked to assist as required.</p>
20.92	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>1. Newsletter – copy to the Clrk by end of February for a possible distribution at end of March, subject to Covid restrictions. The NP consultation might also be included if finalised. Another interim Facebook update to be considered if needed.</p> <p>2. Speeding Enforcement – Cllrs Huckfield, F. Williams and Cllr T. Wells to Zoom meet re traffic calming on entry to The Village as key points need to be identified. Other Cllrs invited to attend if they wish to.</p>	<p>All to send final copy to the Clerk by end Feb.</p> <p>Report to the next meeting.</p>

	3. BT Kiosks – no further update.	
20.93	<p>Powick Action on Climate Change (PACE):</p> <p>1. Active Travel Corridor (ATC)/ Local Travel Plan 4 (LTP4) – Cllr Underwood reported on the reply that had been received from Worcs CC in response to our recent letter, together with a response from Harriet Baldwin, MP. In the interim, more local active groups have been formed. Any further information will be circulated but it appears that some of the Gov't funding is no longer available for the ATC. It is good news that MHDC have included the route within their 5-year plan. We will need to include this in our Neighbourhood Plan and look at what we want for Powick.</p> <p>2. PACE – there is a meeting next week and a full report will be ready for the next PC meeting.</p> <p>3. Go-Green experts – Cllr Underwood reported that a quote has been received for a green audit of PC processes and functions which would help to provide us with a structured approach to reducing our carbon footprint following our declaration of a climate emergency. It would be seen as a proactive approach. Cllr F. Williams reported on services offered by MHDC Officer M. Barker which might provide the same service to us. It was agreed to approach MHDC to see what they could provide before entering into an agreement with Go-Green.</p>	<p>ATC / LTP4 no longer required on the agenda – Clerk to action.</p> <p>Cllr Underwood to report to the next meeting on PACE meeting.</p> <p>Cllr F. Williams to look at MHDC options and report to the next meeting.</p>
20.94	<p>Playing Field Reports:</p> <p>1. Hospital Lane – the VAT refund is still awaited, and the Clerk is progressing this. The build project is moving forward well, and the building will soon be watertight. A site meeting is to be arranged again shortly. A request from Link Nursery for kerbing the tarmac has been noted but this will need to be considered once all other build costs are finalised. Educational opportunities have been impacted by Covid restrictions. The Steering Group membership continues to be progressed by Cllr Lamb and it was noted that charitable and governance matters will soon need to be addressed. Pest control measures have been agreed with a contractor on site and arranged by the Clerk.</p> <p>2. Callow End – Cllr Underwood reported that the x4 free of charge cycle racks have been received and are to be installed. Cllr Phillips to store in the meantime.</p>	<p>Cllrs Lamb, Phillips, and the Clerk to continue to progress the pavilion project as required.</p>
20.95	<p>District & County Councillor Reports:</p> <p>Cllr T. Wells reported that the Callow End School speed sign is still not working following a previous traffic accident, but it is hopefully to be replaced soon by Worcs CC. A Covid update was given for the parish and volunteers are being recruited for the Three Counties Showground vaccination site, which will open on 1st March.</p> <p>Cllr K. Wells was pleased to hear that Cllrs would be attending the SWDPR briefing on 1st March as it is important to keep up to date with matters.</p>	<p>Clerk to upload the report/s to the website.</p>

20.96	<p>Planning Matters –</p> <p>1. Planning applications for consideration –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21/00067/S106 – 34 Upton Rd, Callow End WR2 4TY – to discharge requirements relating to the legal s.106 agreement of 01/11/2013 and planning permission ref 13/01241/FUL. It was proposed by Cllr Phillips, seconded Cllr Huckfield that no comment be made. All agreed. • 20/01662/FUL – Bowling Green Garage, Powick WR2 4SF – proposed freestanding vehicle repair/spray booth. It was proposed by Cllr Phillips, seconded Cllr F. Williams that there be no objection. All agreed. <p>2. Submissions since the last meeting –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/01949/ADV – Cromwells Cuisine, 6 The Village Powick – objection submitted re signage (as agreed via email) • 20/01980/FUL – Hill End Farm, Station Rd, Bransford WR2 5JJ – no objection subject to meeting criteria in SWDP 36. <p>3. Other notifications and planning matters –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/01540/FUL – Mountain View, Bastonford WR2 4SL – appeals lodged against the planning refusal and the enforcement notice issued. Cllr Richmond summarised what had happened to date and explained SWDP policies which apply. An MHDC report of what has happened to date has also been circulated by the Clerk. Further to discussion it was agreed that Cllr Richmond should draft and circulate a written representation for the PC and should attend any appeal hearing held. It was noted that the Residents Group would also be responding. • 20/01481/HP – Pear Tree Cottage, Colletts Green WR2 4RQ – approval given for garaging and ancillary living accommodation. • 20/01903/HP – Springfield, 48 Lower Ferry Lane, Callow End WR2 4UN – approval for the construction of a balcony to the master bedroom. • 20/00232/FUL – Stanbrook Abbey, Callow End WR2 4TY – application withdrawn for construction of a new leisure spa, car parking and function building to replace the existing marquee, including conversion of the stable block to form toilets and meeting rooms. (assoc. ref 20/00232/LB) • 20/01689/HP – 5 Sparrowhall Lane, Powick WR2 4SG – approval of conservatory/porch to front. • WCC Definitive Map Modification Order – proposed addition of a footpath from the junction of B4424/Jennet Tree Lane to Frog Lane, Callow End. 	Clerk to submit decisions as agreed.
20.97	<p>Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas:</p> <p>Cllr Willetts – Cross House has been sold. Some work has started on 3 units beyond Powick Garage.</p> <p>Cllr S. Williams (Parish Paths Warden) – Worcs CC are unsure whether they can assist with stiles and gates on common land routes but are looking into the matter. A response to the Madresfield path 723 query has been sent to the Clerk.</p>	

	Cllr Underwood – sandbags are no longer required along Lower Ferry Lane. Cllr K. Wells to notify MHDC.	
20.98	Correspondence Received: Letter received regarding pedestrian access to the Winsmore development (see minute 20.90.3). Cllr Lamb has responded.	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15 Next meeting: Weds 3rd March 2021 by Zoom at 7pm.	

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