

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
Weds 1st September 2021 at 7.30pm at Powick Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs C. Phillips (V/Chairman), A. Lamb, D. Jones, J. Allsopp, P. Harris. J. Foy, S. Williams, F. Williams, R. Willetts.
Also present: County Cllr T. Wells, District Cllr K. Wells and 1 member of the public.

21.45 Apologies: Cllrs M. Huckfield, S. Underwood, R. Humpage and M. Richmond.

21.46 Declaration of Interests and requests for Councillor dispensations in line with s.33 of the Localism Act 2011: None.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
21.47	<p>Report of the planning committee meeting held 7th July 2021: The minutes were proposed by Cllr Willetts, seconded Cllr Allsopp. All agreed. No matters arising. The minutes of the meeting held 7th July were also agreed as accurate.</p>	
	<p>Democratic Public Time: There were no matters raised at the meeting.</p>	
21.48	<p>Lengthsman Report & Highway Matters:</p> <p>1. Lengthsman tasks –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alleyway from Malvern Rd to Upton Rd to be cleared asap. • The ditch as you go into Old Malvern Rd on left hand side to be cleared (some has already been done). • Lower Ferry Lane – house opposite the playing field needs the hedge cutting back – polite notice required or contact Highways to do. • 40mph sign from Malvern in to Powick needs cleaning as hard to see currently. <p>2. Highways –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30mph sign on the left-hand side by the school at Powick has been removed and needs replacing. • White lines at the end of Upton Rd junction with A449 need repainting. • Road closure notices re SLR as circulated – noted. 	Clerk to action / report any requests / matters.

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	<p>3. Other Matters –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Beauchamp Lane flood pumps need annual maintenance – Clerk to arrange asap with P. Skeys. • Callow End playing field hedge needs cutting back. 	Cllr Phillips to ask locally re CEPF hedge.
21.49	<p>Financial & Governance Matters:</p> <p>1. Payments were approved as per the schedule circulated – proposed Cllr Foy, seconded Cllr F. Williams. All agreed.</p> <p>2. Boundaries Commission / MHDC Ward proposals – Cllr Willetts explained the proposed changes to Ward boundaries within MHDC district. Cllrs T & K Wells also explained the proposals and how they may affect Powick ward. Further to discussion it was agreed that there is currently no action required by the Parish Council.</p>	Clerk to pay accounts as agreed.
21.50	<p>Strategic Planning:</p> <p>1. Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Huckfield had emailed an update in her absence, which was noted. Next steps include sourcing a Planning Advisor. The Leigh & Bransford NDP has been noted. Funding sources are being looked at for our process. A public meeting is planned for October. The recent survey has been collated and a contacts list formed. An NDP Working Party is being formed currently but all asked to contribute group member suggestions.</p> <p>2. SWDP(R) – currently delayed. To be monitored.</p>	Cllrs Huckfield and Lamb to progress NDP matters.
21.51	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>1. Newsletter – autumn articles to be collated by Cllr Lamb. To be sent to the Clerk at end of Sept for distribution mid Oct.</p> <p>2. Speed Enforcement – two survey cables placed in Callow End recently. Cllrs Huckfield and Lamb liaising re ‘hotspots’ for speed enforcement. Cllr T. Wells also assisting with this local priority and mitigation options being looked at including white village gateways for some areas, but this may not work for A449. Cllr Wells has offered to fund 50% of the cost and P&CC funding may also be available. Solar VAS may also be an option.</p> <p>3. Housing Needs Survey (MHDC) – report still to be released publicly. The PC did complain re the lack of prior notification and consultation, but nothing has been forthcoming to date. The NDP will also look at housing need and care will be needed to link the data with this so that it can be published at the same time.</p> <p>4. Royal British Legion – a request to locate a gazebo on the Callow End Pound during 2 weekends in Oct & Nov was approved.</p>	
21.52	<p>Powick Action on Climate Emergency:</p> <p>Cllr F. Williams reported that the stall at the Callow End event on 18th Sept is arranged with a focus on waste and recycling. PACE have also arranged re-useable mugs for the event.</p> <p>Cllr F. Williams has attended workshops re crowd funding for the Natural Networks (NN) application re biodiversity on our playing</p>	

	<p>fields. Bids for NN funding are due by 22nd Sept and Cllr F. Williams is leading on this for the PC.</p> <p>The Scarecrow Festival will now be planned for 2022.</p>	
21.53	<p>Playing Field Updates:</p> <p>1. Callow End Playing Field Assoc – the Event is planned for 18th Sept and tickets are on sale locally.</p> <p>2. Hospital Lane pavilion project – Cllr Lamb explained the current situation re the Liquidators. The PC now have site access again and are working with the MHDC Project Officer to draft a new tendering package for a new contractor. Some initial on-site assessment work will be required by the new preferred contractor in order to ascertain exactly what is now required by the new contractor and for them to confirm costs. Financials also need to be agreed with MHDC and s106 funding re-confirmed. A claim against MHDC in respect of Building Control errors is to be made in due course. Priority areas of work to be the outdoor groundworks and car park area before winter weather makes it difficult.</p>	<p>Cllrs Lamb, Phillips and the Clerk will continue to progress matters as required with the pavilion.</p>
21.54	<p>County & District Councillor Reports:</p> <p>The meeting received reports from Cllr T. Wells on the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future options for the Chinese Restaurant – local concerns raised. • The footpath from Powick Parish Hall has been resurfaced recently by WCC, and Western Power are also due to undertake footpath works for cabling. Residents are unhappy re the lack of co-ordination and Cllr Wells is working to try and resolve matters. <p>Cllr K. Wells had no other matters to raise.</p>	
21.55	<p>Councillor Reports and Items for Future Agendas:</p> <p>Cllr Allsopp informed the meeting about recent littering of Powick Playing Field and some people taking photographs.</p>	
21.56	<p>Correspondence: None.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.55pm</p>	