

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
Weds 5th January 2022 at 7.30pm at Powick Parish Hall

Present: Councillors A. Lamb (Chairman), C. Phillips (V/Chairman), M. Huckfield, J. Foy, J. Allsopp, S. Williams, F. Williams, S. Underwood.
Also present: Councillor M. Richmond via Zoom link.

21.99 Apologies: Councillors D. Jones, R. Willetts, R. Humpage, P. Harris. County Councillor T. Wells and District Councillor K. Wells.

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

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
21.101	PC Minutes and report of the Planning Committee meeting held 1st December 2021: The minutes were proposed by Cllr Foy, seconded Cllr Underwood. All agreed.	
	Democratic Public Time: No public attended.	
21.102	Lengthsman & Highways / Other Parish Matters: 1. Lengthsman tasks – Clerk to check the alley way at Powick Village has been cut back as requested. 2. Road closure notices noted as circulated.	
21.103	Financial & Governance Matters: 1. Payments were approved as per the schedule circulated – proposed Cllr Foy, seconded Cllr Williams. All agreed 2. Precept and budget 2022/23 – draft as circulated by the Clerk. The Finance Working Group are to meet on 12th January prior to an extra ordinary PC meeting late this month to agree final figures. MHDC deadline for the precept is 31st January 22. It was agreed to include financial article in the next newsletter to explain the precept decision and Council spend for 2022-23. 3. Defibrillators at Callow End and Powick Village Halls do not appear to be being checked or managed by anyone. The PC has been asked to take on responsibility but needs to determine what is currently happening before a decision can be made.	Clerk to pay accounts as agreed. FWG meeting to be arranged as required. Clerk to arrange an extra ordinary meeting for the PC. Cllr Allsopp to see what happens at Powick Hall re the defib.
21.104	Strategic Planning: 1. Neighbourhood Development Plan – All asked to let Cllr Huckfield know of any group opportunities and contacts. A second well marketed meeting is required in February at Callow End. Cllr	Cllrs Huckfield and Lamb to progress NDP matters.

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	<p>Huckfield has spoken to Abberley PC regarding their NDP experiences.</p> <p>2. SWDP(R) – To be monitored. No further updates. Still a lot of issues pending at MHDC. Query whether the existing SWDP is now out of date?</p>	
21.105	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>1. Newsletter – Clerk to include a financial article in the next edition. Other articles discussed and needed by end Feb at the latest for distribution before end of March. This will enable the newsletter to be sent out prior to Council Tax demands. Cllrs Lamb, Huckfield and Underwood are sorting out the definitive distribution list as agreed. The Clerk is to look at options and costs for using recycled paper in the next edition. It was also agreed to reduce by 250 from the last print run.</p> <p>2. Speed Enforcement - County Cllr T. Wells has spoken to contacts and another speed check has been done along Upton Rd towards Callow End. Concerns have been raised re speed data and it now looks likely that CSW may be an option by the Village Hall. A further VAS may also be funded in the 40mph area by Powick Parish Hall.</p>	<p>All members and the Clerk to progress newsletter actions.</p> <p>Cllr Huckfield to progress speed enforcement matters.</p>
21.106	<p>Powick Action on Climate Emergency:</p> <p>Cllr Underwood reported on the trial of e-bikes in the parish kindly loaned by Transition Malvern Hills for two months. Bikes to be loaned for 2-week periods to local residents to test how they operate. Very good quality bikes and so far they have been well received. Images and an article planned for the next newsletter together with details of a possible car loan scheme.</p> <p>The Council noted the need to formalise planning responses with regard to environmental matters – a statement may be required for the Clerk to add to every appropriate planning response. The meeting noted that Building Regs are responsible for environmental matters on planning applications, not Planning Officers. It was noted that the Clerk will need support from Councillors if this is to be progressed.</p>	
21.107	<p>Parish Council Website: The Clerk will circulate another off-line draft shortly. Email accounts have been set up and will be allocated when the site goes live. The site cannot go live unless Councillor profiles are completed.</p>	<p>All reminded to send profiles and photos to the Clerk asap.</p>
21.108	<p>Playing Field Updates:</p> <p>1. Callow End Playing Field Assoc – no further updates.</p> <p>2. Hospital Lane pavilion project – Cllr Phillips updated on progress made. Electrical connection looks likely to cost up to £22k via Western Power Distribution. The team need to clarify how much actual power is required as this may affect connection costs / reduce costs. It was specified by the previous contractor hence the query. A further face to face meeting with MHDC Officers is to be arranged by the Clerk asap to progress s.106 funding options.</p>	<p>Cllrs Lamb, Phillips and the Clerk will continue to progress matters as required with the pavilion.</p>

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21.109	County & District Councillor Reports: No further reports made.	
21.110	<p>1. Councillor Reports and Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Underwood reported that trees at Mathon House, Jennett Tree Lane, have been removed although unclear as to why and whether permitted. To be monitored. Cllr Allsopp gave an update on Powick Parish Hall activities. Cllr S. Williams reported on Parish Path matters. Cllr Huckfield has dealt with recent newsletter and NDP matters.</p> <p>2. Councillor responsibilities going forward agreed as: Cllr Underwood – Callow End Playing Field Rep / PACE and newsletter / assist with Highway matters and NDP. Cllr S. Williams – Parish Paths Warden / NDP matters. Cllr F. Williams – PACE Lead / NDP and Open Space matters. Cllr Huckfield – NDP Lead / Planning Chairman / PACE / Newsletter Working Group / Highways matters. Cllr Phillips – Powick pavilion / Planning Vice Chairman / Finance matters. Cllr Lamb – PC Chairman / Powick pavilion / NDP / Newsletter Working Group / Finance matters. Cllr Richmond – contribution(s) to newsletters / planning matters. Cllr Willetts – Newsletter Working Group / planning matters. Cllr Jones – Callow End Playing Field Rep./ planning matters. Cllr Allsopp – liaison with Powick Parish Hall matters / Finance. Cllr Humpage – Bastonford / planning matters. Cllr Harris – general reporting. Cllr Foy – to be agreed. Cllr Newman – to be agreed.</p>	Chairman to follow up on Councillor responsibilities as required.
21.111	Correspondence: None received.	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10pm	