

# POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Weds 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm at Powick Pavilion

**PRESENT:** Councillors A. Lamb (Chairman), C. Phillips (V-Chairman), M. Huckfield, F. Williams, S. Underwood, S. Williams, R. Willetts and J. Stanton.

**23.95 Apologies:** Councillor J. Foy, S. Mealing

**23.96 Declarations of Interests:** None.

### DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC TIME:

The meeting was advised regarding ongoing issues in Highfields, Callow End. There are concerns about multiple vehicles being parked on the road with no tax or mot which have already been reported to the Police and DVLA. Police have attended but no action has been taken so far. Vehicles are also parked across the pathway causing obstruction to users. County Councillor T Wells has also been made aware. The meeting agreed that the Chairman will draft a letter for the Clerk to send to Platform Housing raising the issue of tenancy regulations and all issues in that particular area.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
23.97	<b>Approval of the Minutes and Planning Reports from 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024:</b> Proposed Cllr Underwood, seconded Cllr Phillips, all agreed.	
23.98	<b>District &amp; County Councillor Reports:</b> Reports received via email will be circulated and added to the website. The meeting noted the option for the new pavilion to apply for the MHDC Green Buildings Award.	
23.99	<p><b>1. Highways Matters:</b> No Lengthsman matters to report. Road Safety funding was noted and x2 solar VAS are to be applied for by Cllr Huckfield. VAS locations and information about rotations have been received from the Lengthsman. Posts are still awaited from WCC for vas in Jennett Tree Lane. Cllr Underwood reported temporary changes to the road between Powick Island and Lower Wick due to bridge repairs.</p> <p><b>2. Parish Paths Warden report:</b> No further updates – all actions up to date.</p>	Clerk to report matters to WCC Highways or the Lengthsman as appropriate.
23.100	<p><b>Financial &amp; Governance Matters:</b> 1. Payments &amp; receipts approved proposed by Cllr Huckfield 2nd by Cllr Willetts. All agreed. 2. Councillor recruitment ongoing.</p>	Clerk to pay accounts as agreed.

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	3. Clerk recruitment – it was agreed that Cllrs Lamb, Willetts and Huckfield form the Staffing Committee. The current Clerk is leaving at the end of April.	
23.101	<b>Planning Matters:</b> There are no applications to consider. Planning approval noted for – M/23/01700/FUL – The Ridgeway, Malvern Rd, Powick – change of use of land to extend the existing caravan storage facility. M/23/01375/LB – Callow End Court, Jennett Tree Lane, Callow End – replacement of 22 windows.	
23.102	<b>Strategic Planning:</b> 1. Neighbourhood Plan: Survey closes 29 <sup>th</sup> February. Housing need matters are also being progressed. The technical support application has been submitted.  2. SWDPR: no further update.	Cllrs Huckfield and Lamb to progress NDP matters.
23.103	<b>Parish Matters:</b> 1. Newsletter: articles have been collated and distribution will be 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> February weekend. 2. BT Kiosks: Cllr Lamb is progressing future plans.	
23.104	<b>Powick Action on Climate Emergency:</b> Cllr Stanton gave a visual presentation on future goals and actions achieved to date. The Callow End pavilion will need future work to bring it up to green standards and to refurbish the building. 2025-26 plan? Cllr F Williams reported issues with the existing hedge at CEPF and options to renew planting via the Woodland Trust. Approx cost £370.00 for autumn planting. All agreed that Cllr Williams should progress this, and Cllr Underwood will inform CEPFA. A tree protection scheme is also being explored with the Woodland Trust. Grass cutting will need to include No Mow May again this year in line with PACE goals. E-bikes and Car Club are being progressed locally. The bikes have been well used so far. Draft action plan to increase biodiversity is being progressed. More members are needed to achieve everything planned and a film evening at Callow End Village Hall on 11 <sup>th</sup> May will promote PACE locally.	
23.105	<b>Playing Field Updates:</b> 1. Callow End Playing Field - Cllr Underwood will attend the CEPFA meeting at the end of February. The ramp to the zip wire has been replaced and equipment will now be checked regularly. 2. Hospital Lane Playing Field – Cllr Phillips reported that the broadband is still problematic and is being chased by Cllr Mealing	

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	and the Clerk. Cllr Lamb reported on the cctv vandalism which is in the hands of the Police. 3. Memorial Clock – Clerk progressing.	
23.106	<b>Councillor Reports and Items for Future Agendas:</b> Cllr Underwood to check the noticeboard lock at The Pound. New locks may also be needed for the Parish Hall if spare keys are not found. Perspex to be checked on all boards. Cllr F Williams is still trying to contact Platform Housing re local issues. Cllr Stanton offered to help in electronic matters re the Clerk handover.	
23.107	<b>Correspondence:</b> None.	
	<b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.</b>  <b>Next ordinary meeting to be held - Weds 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm at Powick Pavilion, off Hospital Lane.</b>	

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