

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Wednesday 6th March 2024

At 7.30pm at Powick Pavilion, Hospital Lane.

PRESENT: Cllr A. Lamb (Chairman), C. Phillips (V/Chairman), M. Huckfield, J. Stanton, J. Foy, R. Willetts, S. Underwood, S. Mealings, S. Williams, F. Williams.

Also present: County Councillor T. Wells.

23.108 Apologies: None.

23.109 Declarations of Interest and Applications for Councillor Dispensations: None

DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC TIME: A resident attended to see if there were any updates on Highfields matters raised at the previous meeting. It was noted that one vehicle has now been removed but the trailer is still there, fully laden and parked on the road. There is also a vehicle still parked across the pavement. Platform Housing and the Police have both been informed and MHDC is also to be contacted once the right contact has been found.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
23.110	Approval of the minutes of a meeting held 7th February 2024 – minutes were proposed by Cllr Willetts, seconded Cllr Underwood. All agreed.	
23.111	District & County Councillor Reports: as circulated by email and will be uploaded to the website.	
23.112	Highways Matters: The alley to the rear of Old Rectory Close / Winsmore needs cutting back asap and the surface repaired as it is a route to school. Dark Lane water way is causing subsidence of the bank and will impact on resident's gardens. Also appears to be pollution. A previous WCC site meeting also identified the need to replace a grid to protect the highways drain but this has never been done. Query also re Orchard Way land boundaries which seem haphazard. Query what is happening re the surface of the section between Carey's brook and Winsmore? Cllr Wells updated the meeting	Clerk to report to WCC Highways. Clerk to report to WCC Highways and request a site meeting.

	<p>re the program of work for the road – surfacing will be later this year.</p> <p>Query why the PC has not been sent any road closure notices recently? MHDC / WCC to be asked to reinstate asap.</p> <p>The manhole outside Powick Garage is sinking badly and is now dangerous – report to WCC.</p> <p>Parish Paths Warden – the footbridge in Cow Lane remains an ongoing matter.</p>	<p>Clerk to check with MHDC and WCC</p> <p>Clerk to report to WCC Highways.</p>
23.113	<p>Financial & Governance Matters: Payments and receipts schedule as circulated plus additional payment for BT and for Kingspan – proposed Cllr Foy, seconded Cllr Underwood. All agreed.</p> <p>Councillor recruitment remains ongoing.</p> <p>Clerk recruitment – interviews to be held Fri 8th March by the Staffing Committee.</p>	<p>Clerk to pay as agreed. Cllr Lamb to contact BT regarding wifi not working at the new pavilion.</p>
23.114	<p>Planning Matters: None</p>	
23.115	<p>Strategic Planning Matters: SWDPR – no further formal updates received. Cllr Wells gave a verbal update.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Development Planning – the survey went out as planned with a closing date of 29th Feb. Also went in the newsletter as a flyer and on the front cover. Approx 350 supplies so far. Some hard copy responses to be added at the end of the survey. Cllr Huckfield is meeting with the Design Code people from AECOM on Monday and an update is awaited on the housing needs survey. Next steps – draft plan for consideration and then publish to residents for comment / public meetings etc.</p>	<p>Cllr Huckfield to report on SWDPR as required.</p> <p>Cllr Huckfield to progress NDP as required and liaise with the Planning Consultant and re the survey and next steps.</p>
23.116	<p>Parish Matters: Newsletter – the work for this will be included in the Clerk interviews. Thanks to all on the recent edition. Accessibility of newsletter to be considered in the future.</p> <p>BT Kiosk Powick – no further update.</p>	<p>Cllr Underwood to help the new Clerk with future newsletters.</p> <p>Cllr Lamb to progress Powick BT kiosk.</p>

23.117	<p>PACE: Cllrs Stanton and Underwood reported on a meeting held. E-bikes and the Car Share Scheme are being promoted locally including a film night to be held in May. Cllr F. Williams reported on hedgerow planting via the Woodland Trust. An application for 420 saplings has been made for autumn planting. Preliminary investigations into the Coronation Living Heritage Fund are being made for community orchards and mini forests in Worcs. Migrating the website is being looked at and the new Clerk may be asked to assist.</p>	
23.118	<p>Playing Field Updates: Callow End – Cllr Underwood reported on the AGM held. Minutes to follow.</p> <p>Hospital Lane – Cllr Lamb is to chase BT re the wifi. Cllr Phillips reported that groundworks outside have been delayed due to the weather. The building is still not fully commissioned due to the wifi not working. We are unable to take bookings until these matters have been resolved. The Steering Group and Caretaker need to be confirmed. Car park works have gone to tender via MHDC for work this summer.</p>	Cllr Phillips / Cllr Lamb / Clerk to progress pavilion matters.
23.119	<p>Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas: The Clerk reported that the memorial clock is being ordered.</p> <p>Cllr Huckfield reported that newsletter deliveries in Wheatfield Park have not been done and that this needs to be resolved for next time.</p> <p>Cllr Lamb updated the meeting on recent vandalism at the pavilion. Images are to be posted on Facebook asking for information for the Police.</p> <p>Cllr Wells gave an update on Old Powick Bridge but it seems that any work will be a long time in the future.</p> <p>The Clerk reported a vacancy on Malvern Hills Trust for the Powick area with effect from end April.</p>	<p>Clerk to progress memorial clock.</p> <p>Cllr Huckfield to look into Wheatfields newsletter deliveries.</p> <p>Cllr Lamb to progress vandalism matters.</p> <p>All to consider the vacancy on MHT.</p>

	Cllr Stanton gave apologies for the next meeting.	Apologies noted by the Clerk.
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm	