

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Wednesday 2nd October 2024

At 7.30pm at Powick Pavilion, Hospital Lane.

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

24.45 Apologies: J. Foy, J. Stanton

24.46 Declarations of Interest and Applications for Councillor Dispensations: None.

DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC TIME: 1 member of the public attended.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
24.47	Approval of the minutes and planning report of meetings held 18th September 2024 – Cllr S Underwood proposed minutes, seconded Cllr S Mealings. All agreed.	
24.48	District & County Councillor Reports: Report received and circulated.	
24.49	Highways Matters: Lengthsman – The lengthsman has confirmed they will provide a quote to remove the 2 bins and install new ones. The clerk presented bin option from Glasdon which is the same as the bin at the Pavilion, price £95 each. Bus stop – Manor Farm, outside Daybrook House – Cllr Underwood reported that the bus shelter requires sweeping out and the general area around the shelter needs clearing of brambles and ivy. The clerk updated that MHDC have been contacted regarding the lack of bin emptying around The Pound, Callow End. MHDC have confirmed that this will be checked and emptied regularly going forward. Streetlighting – WCC have confirmed that various street light columns around the Parish require upgrading. The clerk will present a proposal of timescales, costs and an up to date budget at the next meeting. The clerk will also confirm if the current light fittings need to be changed to more energy efficient LED's. County Cllr T. Wells has received correspondence from local residents over the unfinished footpath on Upton Rd. The pathway is overgrown with vegetation and has	 The clerk to progress lengthsman quote The clerk to contact lengthsman The clerk to produce costings, budget and time plan.

	<p>asked that as this part of the path is within the 30mph zone the Parish Lengthsman can clear. Cllr Wells has also requested that the Parish Council write to local residents requesting that hedges etc be kept trimmed back</p> <p>Parish Paths Warden – Cllr S. Williams reported that he is progressing with the Way Marking around Priors Way. Tidying around walkway gates around the parish is also progressing.</p>	The clerk to contact the lengthsman.
24.50	<p>Financial & Governance Matters: Payments and receipts schedule as circulated – proposed Cllr Huckfield, seconded Cllr R. Willetts. All agreed. The clerk to arrange the removal of Colin Philips from Unity Bank.</p> <p>Councillor Recruitment. The Parish Council voted to Co-Opt Kerrie Thomas on to the Council, depending on the completed application form and declarations of interest being accepted by MHDC. Proposed Cllr S Underwood, seconded Cllr M Huckfield. All agreed.</p>	<p>Clerk to pay as agreed.</p> <p>The clerk to contact Unity Bank.</p> <p>Clerk to send relevant completed forms to MHDC.</p>
24.51	<p>Strategic Planning Matters: Proposed development – 80 houses – Cllr A Lamb will attend the site visit with MHDC on 7th October and the Planning Committee meeting on 9th October. Main concerns are that the proposed development site is on agricultural land which separates the two villages. There are also concerns around Highways issues and the previous traffic surveys that were carried out (one during Covid and one during a road closure). Highways have now confirmed support for the application based on an email from the applicant, details of which are not currently on the MHDC planning portal.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Development Planning – Cllr Huckfield has confirmed that the consultant, David Nicholson, is awaiting the draft design from AECOM which should be ready the first week in October.</p>	
24.52	<p>Parish Matters: A meeting will be arranged between Cllr Underwood, Cllr Stanton and the clerk to handover all aspects of the newsletter production.</p>	Clerk to arrange meeting
24.53	<p>PACE: The PACE meeting took place on 1st October. There will be a working party on 19th October for the hedge at Callow End Playing Fields, all welcome.</p>	

	<p>The E-Bike loan scheme has been used. There is now a second bike and connections have been made with neighbouring parishes to share bikes as required. A review of the Carbon Reduction Plan is now required.</p>	
24.54	<p>Playing Field Updates: Callow End – Hedge planting working group and general site maintenance has been organised. Burns Night event to take place in January. There is group of young people (aged between 12-16) who are interested in managing the jumps/ dirt track at the playing fields. A meeting will be arranged to discuss options.</p> <p>Hospital Lane – Cllr Lamb reports that the car park surfacing is complete and can now be used. There is still some tidying up work to be completed by the contractor which is ongoing. The contractor has carried out some tarmacing at the entrance and the Link Nurseries car park area. The Pavilion Booking system is fully up and running and there is a steady flow of bookings and enquiries. The caretaker has now been registered on the remote alarm system. The bicycle pump track design is currently under discussion. The clerk will investigate integrating the booking calendar into the website. The clerk will arrange for the insurance certificate to be displayed.</p>	<p>Cllr Underwood to arrange a meeting with the biking group.</p> <p>The clerk to arrange calendar integration and insurance certificate.</p>
24.55	<p>Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas: None to report.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.59pm</p> <p>Next Meeting 7:30pm Wednesday 6th November.</p>	