

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Wednesday 8th January 2025

At 7.30pm at Powick Pavilion, Hospital Lane.

PRESENT: Cllr A. Lamb (Chairman), M. Huckfield (V/Chairman), F. Williams, S. Underwood, S. Mealings, S. Williams, J. Foy, J. Stanton, K. Thomas

24.78 Apologies: R. Willetts

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

DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC TIME: No public attended

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
24.80	Approval of the minutes and planning report of meetings held 4th December 2024 – Cllr S. Underwood proposed minutes, seconded Cllr F. Williams. All agreed.	
24.81	District & County Councillor Reports: District and County Councillor reports circulated and uploaded to the website. Cllr T. Wells added to the report; Footpath repair and resurfacing on the old service road at Bastonford is to be carried out. The route from Sparrowhall Lane to the traffic lights is due to be sided out to check the condition of the footpaths. Buses are now running on a Sunday, every hour and every half an hour during the week. The Parish council were urged to promote the service to locals.	The clerk to upload report The clerk to create a facebook post promoting the bus service.
24.82	Highways Matters: Lengthsman – A report was circulated and will be uploaded to the website. Cllr M. Huckfield asked who instructs the Lengthsman to rotate the VAS machines, and also if a VAS machine can be relocated to Upton Rd. Road Closures: Road closure report circulated and uploaded to the website. Parish Paths Warden – Cllr S. Williams reported that Upton Rd, brickwork along the footpath has collapsed – Cllr M. Huckfield has reported. Fallen trees have been reported on footpaths 566 & 538.	The clerk to upload report The clerk to ask lengthsman about VAS rotation and moving a machine to Upton Rd. The clerk to upload report.

	Highways: Cllr K. Thomas raised the issue that there have been several reports of cars going through the red lights regularly at the crossroads (Hospital Lane – Old Malvern Rd). It was suggested that this could be added to the policing priorities for the quarter to be monitored by the police.	The clerk to add to quarterly policing priorities.
24.83	Financial & Governance Matters: Payments and receipts schedule as circulated – proposed Cllr J. Foy, seconded Cllr M. Huckfield. All agreed. Budget/ Precept – The clerk circulated a draft budget and precept request for 2025-26 for councillors prior to the meeting. After discussion, it was agreed to increase the precept to £86,076.00, which is a 4.5% increase to cover rising costs and essential maintenance work that is required in the Parish along with the updating of streetlights.	Clerk to pay as agreed. Clerk to submit precept request to MHDC
24.84	Strategic Planning Matters: Neighbourhood Development Planning – Cllr M. Huckfield reported that we are awaiting the Environmental Assessment from MHDC. It is forecasted that we will be in a position to request feedback in Spring.	Cllr M. Huckfield to draft article and flier for the Parish Newsletter.
24.85	Parish Matters: Newsletter – the next newsletter is due in January. The clerk is to collate the following articles; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vicar/ church (Cllr A. Lamb to arrange) - NDP (Cllr Huckfield) - Cllr S. Underwood new adventure (Cllr. Underwood) - Chairmans Comments (Cllr Lamb) - Parish Councillors info (Clerk) - Pavilion Flier and info (Clerk) - CEPF (Cllr. Underwood) - Pavilion Eco (Colin Philips/ Cllr Lamb to arrange) The clerk and Cllr S. Underwood have discussed the transfer of design to a new software package (Canva) and work has been started by Cllr S. Underwood to set the template up in the new software.	The clerk to collate articles
24.86	PACE: The PACE meeting will take place next week. Cllr J. Stanton attended the Colwall Eco Festival and is now looking into setting up a similar event in the Parish in November time this year.	Cllr J. Stanton to produce a proposal for Eco Event.
24.87	Playing Field Updates: Callow End – Burns Night at Stanbrook Hotel, Saturday 25 January. The current committee is stepping down in spring 2025 and are still looking for new members.	

	<p>Hospital Lane – the Interim Management Group is meeting next week.</p> <p>There is a steady flow of enquiries for children's Birthday parties and regular weekly bookings.</p> <p>The clerk is working on creating a maintenance manual for the building.</p>	
24.88	<p>Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas:</p> <p>Cllr A. Lamb – has been approached regarding a donation to the church to help with the upkeep of the graveyard. Cllr Lamb has requested that the church provide a breakdown of what the costs are for, to bring to the Parish Council for approval</p> <p>Cllr S. Underwood – has volunteered to review the Parish Council Website.</p> <p>Newsletter distribution – Cllr M. Huckfield to share a copy of the distribution list with Cllr S. Underwood. Cllr S. Mealings will take over distribution in Callow End.</p> <p>Cllr F. Williams – some of the hedge saplings from Callow End have been kept back in case any fail. It has been noted that the Powick playing fields need some hedge fillers to Cllr F. Williams proposed the excess saplings be donated. All agreed.</p> <p>Cllr M. Huckfield – would like to arrange a Police Engagement Event, possibly to coincide with a PACE event. The clerk to include in the police priorities.</p> <p>Cllr S. Mealings – issue with overflowing bins on Lower Ferry Lane. The clerk to report.</p>	<p>Cllr A. Lamb to review church donation requirement.</p> <p>The clerk to send website login details.</p> <p>Cllr M Huckfield to send distribution list.</p> <p>Cllr F. Williams to arrange donating the hedge saplings.</p> <p>The clerk to request police engagement event.</p> <p>The clerk to report bins</p>
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:26pm</p> <p>Next Meeting 7:30pm Wednesday 5th February 2025</p>	