

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Wednesday 5th February 2025

At 7.30pm at Powick Pavilion, Hospital Lane.

PRESENT: M. Huckfield (Chair), F. Williams, S. Underwood, S. Mealings, S. Williams, J. Foy, J. Stanton, K. Thomas, R. Willetts

24.89 Apologies: A. Lamb - approved

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

DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC TIME: 1 member of the public attended

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
24.91	Approval of the minutes and planning report of meetings held 8th January 2025 – Cllr S. Underwood proposed minutes, seconded Cllr J. Foy. All agreed.	
24.92	District & County Councillor Reports: District and County Councillor reports circulated and uploaded to the website.	The clerk to upload report
24.93	Highways Matters: Lengthsman – The clerk to review lengthsman contract. It was noted that the Parish Council would like to see what schedule of works the lengthsman currently works too and to review in the future 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. White Gates – The Parish Council has white gates that are ready to be installed. Tanya Crake of Worcestershire County Council to advise location, Cllr Tom Wells is meeting with Tanya next Tuesday, 11 th February and will request then advise on location. Traffic Lights (Hospital Lane Crossroads) – It has been reported to the Parish Council that there is an issue with persistent red light jumping at the crossroads at Hospital Lane. Cllr M Huckfield is in contact with West Mercia Police regarding the problem. It has also been reported that the light sequence is not working correctly at these traffic lights.	 The clerk to review lengthsman contract, request schedule of works and liaise regarding VAS schedule. Cllr Tom Wells to liaise with Tanya Crake

	<p>Speeding – Local police have confirmed they will be trying out a new camera to monitor speeding on Upton Rd.</p> <p>Cracked/ bulging Wall – Virginia House – It was noted that the issue with the bulging wall at Virginia House is now being investigated and followed up with Building Control and Enforcement.</p> <p>Upton Rd - Cllr S. Underwood has requested monitoring of the average speed in this section of the road. Cllr S. Underwood has also requested signage to advise cyclists where to exit the main road. Cllr S. Underwood to advise Cllr T. Wells of requirements by email.</p> <p>Road Closures: Road closure report circulated and uploaded to the website.</p> <p>Parish Paths Warden – Cllr M. Huckfield raised an issue with PROW at Moathouse Farm and the incorrect positioning of a newly installed Gate. The clerk will write to PROW to advise.</p>	<p>The clerk to upload report.</p> <p>The clerk to write to PROW</p>
24.94	<p>Financial & Governance Matters: Payments and receipts schedule as circulated – proposed Cllr S. Underwood, seconded F. Williams. All agreed. Recruitment – Cllr S. Underwood requested a flier to be printed for councillor recruitment that can be distributed at upcoming meetings. All agreed</p>	<p>Clerk to pay as agreed.</p> <p>The clerk to arrange printing.</p>
24.95	<p>Strategic Planning Matters: Neighbourhood Development Planning – Cllr M. Huckfield reported that the draft plan has been submitted to MHDC for initial review. Regulation 14 (consultation with the community) is likely to take place in early March.</p>	
24.96	<p>Parish Matters: Newsletter – the newsletter is near finalising. The clerk is to include an article on the bus service, information to be provided by Cllr T. Wells. Police Surgery – Cllr M. Huckfield has organised a Police Drop In surgery for the community on 21/03/2025, 7-8pm. The clerk to arrange a Facebook/ website post.</p>	<p>The clerk to arrange a Facebook/ website post.</p>
24.97	<p>PACE: The PACE meeting was on 30th January. Cllr S. Underwood has confirmed that Oliver Parker will take over the E-Bike loan scheme when he leaves. Cllr F. Williams confirmed that the leftover trees from the hedge planting will be used at Powick Playing Fields.</p>	

24.98	<p>Playing Field Updates:</p> <p>Callow End – Oliver Parker attended the meeting and confirmed that following a recent meeting, volunteers have agreed to form a 'User Forum' made up of current users of the field who will oversee the day-to-day running of the Playing Field whilst liaising with the Parish Council.</p> <p>The updating and maintenance works required at the Callow End Pavilion were also discussed, and it was agreed that Powick Parish Council would make a contribution of £7000 towards the work required.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr F. Williams, seconded by Cllr S. Mealings – all agreed.</p>	
24.99	<p>Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas:</p> <p>Cllr S. Underwood – Website - has reviewed the Parish Council website and noted that there are items that are not showing in the correct place. The clerk to review.</p> <p>Noticeboards – require standardising layout. Clerk to add to next month's agenda.</p> <p>Cllr S. Mealings – requested correspondence received from Citizens Advise regarding funding to be added to next month's agenda.</p> <p>Notes correspondence received from a resident regarding the parking on the grass verge in front of Startins. Cllr M. Huckfield will speak to the owners.</p>	<p>Clerk to add noticeboards to agenda.</p> <p>Clerk to add citizens advise funding to agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Huckfield to liaise with Startins owners</p>
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:05pm</p> <p>Next Meeting 7:30pm Wednesday 5th March 2025</p>	