

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2022 At THE VICTORY HALL, LOWER PENN

PRESENT:

Cllr N Cox – Chairman
Cllr Mrs V Barnes
Cllr Ms H Fuller
Cllr Mrs K Preece
Cllr Mrs C Taylor

District Cllr D Kinsey
10 Members of the Public

		Action
3/22	APOLOGIES Received from Cllr Bradley, Cllr Mrs Brazenell, Cllr Mrs Southall, Cllr Williams, District Cllr Reade, County Cllr Mrs Wilson and Staffordshire Police.	
4/22	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Mrs Preece and seconded by Cllr Mrs Taylor and carried that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 March 2022 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.	
5/22	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None recorded	
6/22	POLICE REPORT :04/03/2022 – 05/04/2022: Received and circulated. Vehicle Crime: Springhill Lane 04.04.2022 Tools stolen from van ASB: Boundary way, off Drivefields & Dirty Foot Lane – disturbing livestock and starting fires ASB; No repeat locations Operation 'Cable' – targeting ASB hotspots Operation 'Lightening' – targeting vehicle crime Thanks to the Speedwatch Team – more volunteers required Incidents can be reported on 'Digital 101' service or on a private message on Facebook/Twitter pages, rather than phoning 101 to queue. It was agreed the Clerk would forward the Chairman's contact details to PC Paula Wilkes to discuss this project further.	
7/22	LOCAL PLAN The meeting was opened to the public. Submissions & Feedback: D Cllr Kinsey confirmed the public responses to the 2021 Consultation will be summarised in the Consultation Statement at the next stage of the Review. He provided a link from the 2019 Consultation which gives the public an idea of how this will be set out. Individual responses will be available to view in due course on the Local Plan portal.	

	<p>D Cllr Kinsey said that a number of respondents had questioned the validity of the figures (2014) used in the Local Plan and he referred to the publication of a Report in January 2022. The meeting discussed this at length, together with the Gerald Kells' Report, and Cllr Kinsey was asked if more up to date figures would be appropriate. Cllr Kinsey said that he would follow this up and also ascertain from officers who had commissioned this latest report. The Chairman said that he would discuss this matter further with D Cllr Kinsey.</p> <p>Time Scales: The District Council is now working towards the next public Consultation stage which is likely to be in the autumn, followed by inspection of the Plan by the Inspector.</p> <p>District Council Surgery – a very successful surgery was held on 2 April and another planned for 1 May 2022.</p> <p>Green Space Designation: The Chairman reported that the Parish Council owned 3 parcels of land – Castlecroft Playing Field, The Roughs and the Village Green. He said that these have been registered as local green spaces and that the Parish Council is totally committed to no development or building whatsoever on these pieces of land.</p>	DK/NC
8/22	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT Not available</p>	
9/22	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Covid-19: infection rates rising ▪ Awards: District Council won 2 awards at a recent Awards Ceremony in London and also a special award as UK Council of the Year. ▪ The Chairman thanked D Cllr Kinsey for his recent surgery held. 	
10/22	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Pot Holes A449: D Cllr Kinsey reported that a programme of works is planned for patching the carriageway this year and that full resurfacing will be carried out in 2023. Councillors felt that this stretch of road was a very serious danger to road users and asked D Cllr Kinsey to relay these concerns to County Cllr Mrs Wilson.</p>	DK
11/22	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>App No: 22/00243/FUL Extensions, Garage, Boundary Wall, Gates 59 Springhill Lane Cllr Mrs Brazenell had circulated her comments to all councillors, and it was agreed to object to this application on the grounds that it will impact upon the street scene and take away the character of the property and also the positioning of the garage will set a precedent.</p> <p>App No: 22/00321/FUL Ground Floor Rear Extension – ‘Lenchford’ Radford Lane Cllr Mrs Brazenell had circulated her comments to all councillors and it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection providing all planning policies are adhered to.</p> <p>App No: 22/00100/FUL New replacement dwelling – Robins Nest Farm, Dirty Foot Lane Cllr Mrs Brazenell had circulated comments to all councillors and it was agreed to object on the grounds of inappropriate development within the Green Belt, out of keeping with the prevailing character and appearance of the locality and due to its size does not qualify as a replacement dwelling but is considered a new building within the Green Belt.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Brazenell for all her work on these applications.</p> <p>Plans Considered mid-Meeting App No: 22/00257/ROOF Extensions ‘Ivydene’ Langley Road – no objection App No: 22/00238/FUL Extensions 263 Castlecroft Road – no objection</p> <p>Planning Applications Approved 22/00150/TREE ‘Chimneys’ Springhill Lane 21/01240/FUL Extensions 5 Dimmingsdale Road 21/00869/FUL Replacement Dwelling 70 Springhill Lane</p> <p>Planning Applications Refused</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk

	<p>App No: 21/01356 (Retrospective) Home office and extension – The Barns, Pool Hall</p> <p>APPLICATIONS PENDING</p> <p>App No: 22/00044/FUL Battery Storage Facility – Field at (Penn 1) Penstone Lane</p> <p>App No: 22/00045/FUL Battery Storage Facility – Field at (Penn 2) Penstone Lane</p> <p>** Preliminary Ecological Appraisal now available to view</p> <p>App No: 21/00440/FUL Battery Storage Facility – Langley Road/Railway Walk</p> <p>Appeal status awaited (APP/C3430/W/22/3292837)</p> <p>App No: 21/00947/VAR Removal of Condition No. 4 Sandhills Nursery</p> <p>Appeal status awaited (APP/C3430/W/22/3293616)</p> <p>App No: 22/00146/TREE Pruning of Yew Tree – ‘Chimneys’ Springhill Lane</p> <p>App No: 21/01103/TREE Removal of Ash Tree, Charlton House</p> <p>App No: 22/00238/FUL Extensions 263 Castlecroft Road</p> <p>App No: 22/00257/ROOF Extensions ‘Ivydene’ Radford Lane</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	
12/22	<p>Sandhills Nursery – Discharge of Conditions</p> <p>Notification awaited as to Appeal status– no officer yet appointed</p>	KB/NC
13/22	<p>Enforcement Issues Access Road/58 Springhill Cottage</p> <p>D Cllr Kinsey reported that due to the continued non-compliance of the developer, a breach of condition notice has been served on both the owner and the developer who have been given until 12 May 2022 to comply.</p>	
14/22	<p>Overgrown hedges/verges along Castlecroft Road</p> <p>Clerk to contact County Council about this matter.</p>	Clerk
15/22	<p>Willow Trees – Greyhound Lane</p> <p>Now removed and/or lopped. Take off minutes.</p>	
16/22	<p>Market Lane Flooding - Raised Kerbs</p> <p>County Council report that no work is necessary – Cllr Mrs Southall to liaise with County Cllr Mrs Wilson</p>	BS/VW
17/22	<p>Community Speedwatch/Speeding Issues</p> <p>Speedwatch visits have now re-commenced, weather permitting. Next training event to be held at Kinver on either 21st or 28th May at 10.30am.</p>	
18/22	<p>Fly Tipping/Litter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Chairman confirmed he had spoken to PC Paula Wilkes regarding cameras ▪ Cllr Mrs Preece to speak to Rachael Porter at District Council regarding surveillance options ▪ Cllrs Mrs Preece, Ms Fuller and D Cllr Kinsey to meet with Ryan Taylor on site at The Roughts 22 April at 4.00pm to look at problem locations in this area and to discuss what is currently being done in South Staffordshire and what further actions can be taken to resolve this, including the possibility of some Parish Council funding for cameras. ▪ D Cllr Kinsey to make enquiries into the process of prosecution ▪ Next litter pick at Radford Lane – Sunday 10 April 	<p>KP</p> <p>KP/HF/ DK</p> <p>DK</p>
19/22	<p>Victory Hall</p> <p>AGM of the Management Committee 18 May 2022 – open to the public – vacancies on the Committee are available.</p>	
20/22	<p>The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – 2 June 2022</p> <p>Event details and timings required – Cllr Mrs Taylor to advise and arrange advertising.</p>	CT

21/22	<p>Climate Change Group/Castlecroft Playing Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 500 now trees planted – next project wildflower patch, either Spring or Autumn ▪ Notice board required – Cllr Mrs Taylor to obtain quotations ▪ The Parish Council gave permission for a member of the public to apply for TPO's on existing trees owned by the Parish Council on the Playing Field. ▪ A copy of the 1960 Conveyance had been received from the District Council, which showed that a small section of the field had been conveyed to the District Council from the Parish Council. Clerk to follow this matter up. <p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	CT Clerk															
22/22	<p>Dispensation – Cllr Bradley Dispensation for absence for 6 months was given to Cllr Bradley due to work and family commitments.</p>																
23/22	<p>Parish Notice Boards The Meeting agreed to consider the replacement of all parish notice boards and Cllr Mrs Taylor to obtain quotations.</p>	CT															
24/22	<p>Bus Services – Staffordshire Report received from Cllr Mrs Wilson advising that due to lack of funding, some reduction or removal of unprofitable services may occur in the near future.</p>																
25/22	<p>Western Power – Community Matters Fund This grant is available to assist those suffering with mental health issues due to loneliness and/or social isolation.</p>																
26/22	<p>ACCOUNTS The following accounts were presented for payment and the Clerk agreed to obtain signatures for the cheques as soon as possible:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>BG Ground Maintenance</td> <td>March Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£135.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zurich Insurance</td> <td>Annual Premium</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£564.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DBS Ltd</td> <td>Quarterly Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£24.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Victory Hall</td> <td>Hire of Hall Jan-Dec 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs J Footman</td> <td>Petty Cash</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£250.00</td> </tr> </table>	BG Ground Maintenance	March Account	£135.00	Zurich Insurance	Annual Premium	£564.53	DBS Ltd	Quarterly Account	£24.00	Victory Hall	Hire of Hall Jan-Dec 2022	£250.00	Mrs J Footman	Petty Cash	£250.00	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
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27/22	<p>FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT Annual Audit – Documents now received from Audit Commission.</p>	Clerk															
28/22	<p>SECTION 17 Nothing to report</p> <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>																
29/22	<p>The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 5 May 2022</p> <p>Signed: Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>																

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