

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2023 at the VICTORY HALL LOWER PENN

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs B Southall - Chair
Cllr Mrs K Brazenell
Cllr Mrs V Barnes
Cllr Ms Fuller
Cllr Mrs C Taylor

District Cllr D Kinsey
County Cllr Mrs V Wilson

PCSO Paula Wilkes

12 Members of the public

		Action
3/23	APOLOGIES Received from Cllrs N Cox, Mrs K Preece, D. Williams and D.Cllr Reade	
4/23	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Mrs Taylor and seconded by Cllr Mrs Brazenell and carried that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 March 2023 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.	
5/23	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None recorded	
6/23	POLICE REPORT 03/03/2023-05/04/2023 Received and circulated. Burglary – Showell Lane; Large Cannabis Grow located and being investigated.	
7/23	LOCAL PLAN Nothing to report	
8/23	COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Amey will continue to carry out major structural works but pot holes will now be repaired by in-house operatives. Repairs will be carried where there are a cluster of pot holes in identified areas and a list of such areas should be sent to County Cllr Mrs Wilson for action. They can also be reported on the My Staffs app.▪ Community Fund – opens 8 May and grants can be applied for to C.Cllr Mrs Wilson.	
9/23	DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT Not permitted under purdah restrictions.	
10/23	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dimmingsdale Bridge: It was reported again that the parapet had been dislodged and there is no crash barrier in place. County Cllr Mrs Wilson said that she had spoken to Highways about this and will arrange for a site meeting to be held. ▪ Chevron Signs- Dene Road/Orton Lane: County Cllr Mrs Wilson confirmed that Highways are not prepared to re-position the signs. ▪ Enforcement Issues: as below <p>PLANNING App No: 23/00221/FUL Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and replacement dwelling, detached garage and detached gym – 107 Springhill Lane Lower Penn Councillors have concerns over the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The proposed property is considerably larger than the current small bungalow ▪ The replacement will be a great deal more visible as a house within the street scene ▪ The proposed property sits within the green belt ▪ Councillors would urge planners to ensure sustainability is incorporated into the design ▪ Councillors would ask that the existing trees have a protection order placed on them <p>PLANS CONSIDERED MID-MEETING App No: 23/00188/FULHH Extensions, 86 Springhill Lane Councillors have no objection in principle but as the property sits within GB1 green belt, planners are urged to ensure all relevant green belt and planning policies are adhered to when making their decision.</p> <p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING App No: 23/00011/FUL Replacement Dwelling – Ivydene, Radford Lane App No: 23/00161/FUL Temporary consent for caravan – The Lindens, Penstone Lane App No: 23/00188/FULHH Extensions 86 Springhill Lane</p> <p>APPLICATIONS APPROVED App No: 23/00039/FUL Resubmission Lower Penn Farmhouse, Dirtyfoot Lane App No: 23/00029/VAR Addition of basement level, Springhill Farm, 70 Springhill Lane App No: 23/00110/FULHH Extensions ‘Archways’ Wynne Crescent App Nos: 22/01194/VAR & 22/01193/VAR Battery storage Penstone Lane</p> <p>22/01049/VAR Change of Condition 5 Sandhill Day Nursery Appeal lodged.</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	<p>VW</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>11/23</p> <p>12/23</p>	<p>Enforcement Issues: The Parish Council agreed to contact Catherine Gutteridge to request urgent update on all enforcement issues, as follows:</p> <p>Sandhills Nursery (19/00048)– 2 x Breach of Condition Notices 4 & 9 – BREEAM/Foul Water Drainage Case Ref: 22/00132/BOC – Applicant to rectify outstanding work by November 2023 and Legal Department will be serving notice regarding the FWD scheme. Parish Council agreed to submit comments on the discharge conditions.</p> <p>Access Road – Land adj Springhill Cottage Case Ref: 19/00192/BOC – Case still with Legal Department re enforcement notice</p> <p>New Build 58A Springhill Lane- App 18/00022/FUL Case Ref: 22/00333/BOC –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Site visit carried out in December 2022 to assess the balcony and size of detached garage. Report awaited. ▪ Access – pavement has been rebuilt to strengthen access 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>KB</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement notified of large deposit of debris covering tree roots (TPO) and pavement safety hazard. <p>Sandhills Nursery Case Ref: 22/00401/UNDEV – unauthorised development ongoing at rear of building.</p>	
13/23	<p>Overgrown hedges/verges along Castlecroft Road D Cllr Kinsey to follow this up with Wolverhampton Council.</p>	
14/23	<p>Community Speedwatch/Speeding Issues Cllr Mrs Barnes reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stickers received for Orton Lane bins D. Cllr Kinsey to contact Michelle Shaker re the stickers fading. 	DK
15/23	<p>Fly Tipping/Litter Incidents of fly tipping appear to be on the increase. Litter Pick arranged for Radford Lane – 11.00am 16 April 2023- all volunteers' welcome</p>	
16/23	<p>Victory Hall The Hall is doing well financially and receiving many bookings. A jewellery evaluation and craft fair has been booked and coffee and cake mornings arranged for the Coronation.</p>	
17/23	<p>Climate Action Group Nothing to report at present</p>	
18/23	<p>Castlecroft Playing Field Cllr Mrs Preece agreed to meet the grounds maintenance contractor on site to discuss the mowing of the grass between the newly planted trees.</p>	KP
19/23	<p>Drainage Issues/Kerbs Market Lane County Cllr Mrs Wilson will arrange for a site visit.</p>	VW
20/23	<p>Warm Space Initiative- Parish Council Support for Residents Cllr Ms Fuller has made an application to open the Victory Hall as a warm space for 2 hours on a Wednesday and is waiting to hear if the bid has been successful.</p>	HF
21/23	<p>King's Coronation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Mrs Taylor to apply for grant funding, to be added to existing Jubilee funds, in order to purchase 2 commemorative benches for both the late Queen and King Charles. Cllr Williams confirmed that Cake and Coffee mornings will be arranged by himself and his wife. Further discussions to take place to agree any Parish Council events. 	
22/23	<p>Red Telephone Box Cllr Mrs Preece confirmed she is waiting for a quote for the disconnection of electricity.</p>	KP
23/23	<p>Elections - 2023 Notice of Uncontested Election for Parish Councillors for Lower Penn noted.</p>	
24/23	<p>Depth Gauge – Trescott Ford District Cllr Reade to arrange for a replacement.</p>	RR
25/23	<p>Health & Well Being Plan Cllr Ms Fuller to follow this up with County Cllr Mrs Wilson.</p>	HF/VW
26/23	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS Standards & Resources Committee – District Council Nominations for an elected councillors to sit on the above Committee – Cllr Mrs Taylor expressed an interest and this will be relayed to the District Council after the elections.</p>	

27/23

ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were presented for payment and cheques signed accordingly:

BG Ground Maintenance	March Account	£135.00
Zurich Insurance	Annual Premium	£617.31
Mrs J Footman	Reimb. Bank Trf – D Williams	£186.22
MrsJ Footman	Reimb. Bank Trf – H Fuller	£12.25

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The Clerk reported an amount of £414.00 paid into the Council’s current account but that no paperwork had been received to explain this. Cllr Ms Fuller agreed to follow this up, as she believed this could be a donation for the Warm Space Initiative.

HF

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FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Parish Council annual accounts to commence in April 2023.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting – 11 May 2023 at 7.15pm in the Victory Hall

Please note change of date.

Signed: Chairman

Dated:

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