

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2024 at the VICTORY HALL, LOWER PENN

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs B Southall - Chair
Cllr Ms H Fuller – Vice-Chair
Cllr Mrs K Brazenell
Cllr K Crane
Cllr D Everett
Cllr S McEwen

District Councillor R Reade

8 Members of the Public

3/24	APOLOGIES Received from Cllr Mrs Taylor and Staffordshire Police	
4/24	AMENDMENT TO MINUTES Minute No: 225/24 – 107 Springhill Lane: Care Home Resident numbers should read an age range from 16-64 years old.	
5/24	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Ms Fuller and seconded by Cllr Mrs Brazenell and carried that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 March 2024 be approved and signed as a true and correct record incorporating the above amendment.	
6/24	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS D. Cllr Reade declared an interest in any discussions relating to Battery Storage Sites.	
7/24	POLICE REPORT 07/03/2024 – 06/04/24 Received and circulated. No reported residential or business burglaries. Vehicle Crime: 17/3/24 delivery car stolen Langley Road 30/3/24 Land Rover Defender stolen on Langey Road	
8/24	LOCAL PLAN The Chairman reported that all sites in Lower Penn have been removed and the public consultation period will run from 18 April 2024 to 31 May 2024. District Cllr Reade urged the Parish Council to speak to District Cllr Mrs Wilson prior to the consultation period for any questions or queries they wish to raise and this would be arranged accordingly. It was agreed that, following discussions with Cllr Mrs Wilson, the Parish Council would formulate a response as soon as possible.	VW/BS All

9/24	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT No report available.</p>	
10/24	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT Sandhills Nursery – BREEAM Condition 4: District Council Officers will be speaking to the owners direct in terms of their responsibilities. 20 Springhill Park – Wall/Pillars: Revised Enforcement Notice is being prepared. 23/01011/FUL:107 Springhill Lane – Care Home: Clarity on the need and use has been requested from the agent. 24/00048: 83 Springhill Lane – refused: Reasons - impact on neighbouring properties 24/00095: 85 Springhill Lane – refused: Reason – external appearance. 58a Springhill Lane: Appeal outbuilding and boundary fence – no decision as yet. The Lindens, Penstone Lane- Temporary Caravan: Following non-compliance, this is now an enforcement case and the Council will be considering its enforcement position. Interested parties will be updated.</p>	
11/24	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Local Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In response to a resident’s concerns, Cllr Mrs Brazenell confirmed that no Tier 5 villages will have any building apart from in-filling. ▪ District Cllr Reade advised that any concerns or clarification can be resolved by residents making an appointment with a District Council Officer to discuss these. 	
12/24	<p>PLANNING App No: 24/00235/FULHH: Extensions 77 Springhill Park The Council had no objection to the proposals.</p> <p>App No: 24/00208/VAR: (App No: 21/00849/FUL) Removal of Condition 12 – Springhill Farm, 70 Springhill Lane The Council has concerns regarding the removal and asks that this condition is retained.</p> <p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING App No: 23/01036/VAR – Removal of Conditions, Battery Farm, Land off Railway Walk App No: 23/01011/FUL C2 Care Home – 107 Springhill Lane App No: 22/00724/VAR Vary Condition 2 - Winander, Radford Lane App No: 24/00042/VAR Change of Condition 5 to increase pupil numbers to 150 – Sandhill Day Nursery, Springhill Lane App No: 24/00107/FUL Erection of new Score Box – Old Wulfrunians Club, Castlecroft App No: 24/00173/FULHH Extensions/Outbuilding – 43 Springhill Park</p> <p>APPLICATIONS APPROVED App No: 23/00928/FULHH Ashmore Nurseries, Radford Lane App No: 24/00065/TREE – Keepers Cottage, Springhill Lane</p> <p>APPLICATIONS REFUSED App No: 24/00048/BUHOEX Additional storey – 83 Springhill Lane App No: 24/00095/BUH0EX Additional storey – 85 Springhill Lane</p> <p>APPEALS 58A Springhill Lane: Appeal for Outbuilding and boundary fence</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13/24	<p>MATTERS ARISING Enforcement Issues: Sandhills Nursery (19/00048)– Breach of Condition Notice 4 Case Ref: 22/00132/BOC Unauthorised Wall/Pillars – 20 Springhill Park Notice is being served on householder. Three Ridings Radford Lane – Case Ref: 23/00176/UNDEV</p>	

	<p>Nothing to report</p> <p>Springhill Lane – Access Road to Nowhere A section has been restored as part of the plan – wait for outcome of bungalow appeal before considering any further action.</p> <p>The Lindens, Penstone Lane – Temporary Caravan. District Council considering its enforcement position.</p>	
14/24	<p>Severn Trent Water Projects Councillors expressed concern regarding the amount of very large lorries using Dene Road/Market Lane, rather than Langley Road and both Cllr Everett and District Cllr Reade said they would speak to STW about this.</p>	DE/RR
15/24	<p>Battery Storage Facilities District Cllr Reade left the room during this discussion. Cllr McEwen said that residents need to be assured that all risks are being considered and managed correctly and it was agreed that Cllrs McEwen and Everett would compile a relevant fact sheet for presentation and agreement at the next Council Meeting and that the name of the Chief Fire Officer at Staffordshire Fire Service would be obtained for contact purposes.</p>	SM/DE
16/24	<p>Community Speedwatch Cllr Ms Fuller said she had produced a form to gather applications for Speedwatch training and will contact District Cllr Mrs Wilson to request that this is distributed to all other parishes in the ward to ascertain if there are enough prospective volunteers to arrange a training session.</p>	HF
17/24	<p>Speed Indicator Device The Clerk reported that a SID and 2 posts had been ordered from the District Council at a total cost of £2636 and it was agreed that the necessary licences be applied for.</p>	Clerk
18/24	<p>Fly Tipping/Litter Cllr Ms Fuller had arranged a litter pick on Radford Lane for 6 April 2024 at 11.00am.</p>	
19/24	<p>Victory Hall Nothing to report.</p>	
20/24	<p>Castlecroft Playing Field Nothing to report.</p>	
21/24	<p>White Posts – Springhill Cross Roads Cllr Ms Fuller is obtaining further quotes.</p>	HF
22/24	<p>Penstone Lane Footpaths Cllr Crane advised that he had contacted County Cllr Mrs Wilson regarding repairs to the footpath and would continue to report problems as they arise.</p>	KC
23/24	<p>Signage – Market Lane/Dene Road Cllr Ms Fuller agreed to report the poor 'Give Way' signage to County Cllr Mrs Wilson.</p>	HF/VW
24/24	<p>Robins Nest Cllr Mrs Taylor reported the damage being caused to the road, verges, hedges, etc. during past and current building works. Photo evidence required. Bring forward to next meeting.</p> <p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	CT
25/24	<p>Street Scene – Additional Crew Councillors to give urgent consideration as to any additional works required in the Parish.</p>	All
26/24	<p>Additional Pot Hole Funding- Priority Sites</p>	

The Council has advised County Cllr Mrs Wilson of the priority sites in Lower Penn requiring urgent attention.

27/24

Notice Boards

Cllr Crane offered to inspect the notice boards in the Parish to ascertain whether any maintenance work could be carried out.

KC

28/24

ACCOUNTS

The following account was presented for payment and a cheque signed accordingly.

DBS (Midlands) Ltd:	Quarterly wages account	£24.00
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Clerk

29/24

FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk reported that the external Auditors had now forwarded the necessary audit papers for the 2023/24 audit and that our internal audit would be carried out by DBS (Midlands) Ltd.

Clerk

30/25

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be re-arranged due to local elections being held.

BS

Signed: **Chairman**

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