

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2022 at the VICTORY HALL LOWER PENN

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs B Southall - Chair
Cllr N Cox
Cllr Mrs V Barnes
Cllr Ms H Fuller
Cllr Mrs K Preece
Cllr Mrs C Taylor
Cllr Mr D Williams

District Cllr D Kinsey

8 Members of the public

		Action
180/22	APOLOGIES Received from Cllr Mrs Brazenell, District Cllr Reade, County Cllr Mrs Wilson, Staffs Police	
181/22	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Ms Fuller and seconded by Cllr Mrs Taylor and carried that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 November 2022 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.	
182/22	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None declared.	
183/22	POLICE REPORT 03/11/2022-01/12/2022 Received and circulated. Springhill Park – Burglary 12 November 2022. Nothing reported stolen.	
184/22	LOCAL PLAN The Meeting was advised that an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 7.15pm in the Victory Hall to discuss the Local Plan Consultation. The agenda will be published tomorrow and will include a public Q & A session. All documents received from the District Council are available to view in the Victory Hall.	
185/22	COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT No report available.	
186/22	DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Local Plan - details of District Council online and face to face sessions are listed on the Council's website and also posted outside the Victory Hall.▪ Community Lottery – the Council is looking for other community groups to support on this Scheme.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Christmas Activities – Free food/activities for children at Wombourne Leisure Centre over Christmas. 	
187/22	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION District Cllr Kinsey to look into Council's 5 year Land Supply plan on behalf of residents</p>	DK
188/22	<p>PLANNING App No: 22/01065/FUL Extensions 32 Market Lane No objection providing all planning and green belt policies are adhered to.</p> <p>Applications Mid-Meeting 22/01049/VAR Change of Condition 5 – Sandhills Day Nursery Springhill Lane The Parish Council objected strongly to this application.</p> <p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING App No: 22/00997/TTREE – Works to TPO trees Castlecroft House, Castlecroft Road App No: 22/00998/FUL – Proposed wall, fence, gate & shed – Lower Penn Farmhouse App No: 22/00952/FUL – Garage Conversion 106 Springhill Lane App No: 22/00794/FUL – Hillcroft Farm Drivefields App No: 22/00100/FUL – Robins Nest Farm</p> <p>APPLICATIONS APPROVED 22/00877/FUL Installation of dosing kiosk – Dimmingsdale Borehole Pumping Station</p> <p>APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN 22/00888/FUL 107 Springhill Lane</p>	Clerk Clerk
189/22	<p>MATTERS ARISING Enforcement Issues – reply received from Enforcement which was read to the meeting regarding the issues below: Access Road – Land adj Springhill Cottage Case Ref: 19/00192/BOC – Summons to be raised New Build 58A Springhill Lane- App 18/00022/FUL Case Ref: 22/00333/BOC –garage larger than approved. Enforcement to do site visit. Sandhills Nursery Conditions 4 and 9 – Breach of conditions soon to be issued. Sandhills Nursery Case Ref: 22/00401/UNDEV – unauthorised development ongoing at rear of building. District Cllr Kinsey to follow this matter up.</p>	DK
190/22	<p>Overgrown hedges/verges along Castlecroft Road D Cllr Kinsey to follow this up with Wolverhampton Council.</p>	DK
191/22	<p>Community Speedwatch/Speeding Issues Cllr Mrs Barnes advised that she had met with Mr Dunton and Michelle Shaker recently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shorter 1-hour sessions would be beneficial and would improve the running of the Scheme. ▪ Michelle will produce a monthly report to show the Scheme's activity and this can be published to enable residents to view the results ▪ Team members will now wear lanyards ▪ Wheelie bin stickers ordered for Langley Road and Radford Lane ▪ HGV's – Orton Lane – residents to contact Wombourne County Councillor Davies ▪ Weight Restriction signs Springhill Lane – County Cllr Mrs Wilson to be asked again if the sign can be replaced with a larger size and re-positioned nearer the island. 	Clerk
192/22	<p>Fly Tipping/Litter Incidents increasing along the Railway Walk and The Roughs – Cllr Mrs Preece to contact Ryan Taylor about camera/fly tipping signs.</p>	KP

193/22	<p>Victory Hall/Jubilee Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Water boiler has broken and a new one ordered. ▪ Discussion on type of bench required and amount of money left in the Jubilee Grant – Cllr Mrs Taylor to provide quotations for next meeting. 	DW/CT/ BS CT																		
194/22	<p>Climate Action Group Nothing to report at present</p>																			
195/22	<p>Castlecroft Playing Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ District Council part-owned land: bring forward to next meeting ▪ Concerns had been raised by a local resident that the turf left on the field following the provision of a wild flower area may encourage further tipping and Cllrs Ms Fuller and Mrs Preece agreed to check on this. Clerk to advise resident accordingly. 	HF/KP Clerk																		
196/22	<p>Drainage Issues/Kerbs Market Lane The Chair confirmed she had sent photos and videos to County Cllr Mrs Wilson regarding the flooding problems on Market Lane but to date had received no response and she will follow this up.</p>	BS																		
197/22	<p>Village Green – Oak Tree Work now carried out satisfactorily.</p>																			
198/22	<p>Warm Space Venue Cllr Ms Fuller agreed to obtain further information.</p>	HF																		
ANY OTHER BUSINESS																				
199/22	<p>Graffiti – Railway Walk It was reported that the original graffiti art on the railway arches has been defaced and it was agreed the District Council be asked to remove this.</p>	Clerk																		
200/22	<p>Parish Council E-mails It was agreed that e-mails sent from the Clerk that required a response would be marked 'Immediate Urgent Response' and replied to the Clerk only, rather than 'Reply All'.</p>	Clerk/ All																		
201/22	<p>ACCOUNTS The following accounts were presented for payment and cheques signed accordingly:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>BG Ground Maintenance</td> <td>November Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£135.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs J Footman- Bank Trf</td> <td>Reimb for Phoenix Web Solutions hosting fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs J Footman</td> <td>Office Accom. Sept-Nov 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£105.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs J Footman</td> <td>Qtrly Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1677.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DBS for HMRC</td> <td>Qtrly Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£209.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs J Footman – Bank Trf</td> <td>Reimb for payment to Cllr Mrs Taylor – tree works</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£50.00</td> </tr> </table>	BG Ground Maintenance	November Account	£135.00	Mrs J Footman- Bank Trf	Reimb for Phoenix Web Solutions hosting fee	£60.00	Mrs J Footman	Office Accom. Sept-Nov 2022	£105.00	Mrs J Footman	Qtrly Salary	£1677.40	DBS for HMRC	Qtrly Account	£209.50	Mrs J Footman – Bank Trf	Reimb for payment to Cllr Mrs Taylor – tree works	£50.00	Clerk Clerk
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<p>The draft budget for 2023/24 had been prepared and circulated to all councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Williams and unanimously carried that the budget be approved and a precept for the forthcoming year would be requested in the sum of £17,170.00. Clerk to advise DC accordingly</p>		Clerk																		
202/22	<p>FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT Budget 2023/24 approved.</p>																			
203/22	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING/S Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 7 December at 7.15pm in V Hall</p>																			
	<p>Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 2 February 2023 at 7.15pm in the Victory Hall</p>																			

Signed: **Chairman**

Dated:

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