

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6 FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs B Southall – Vice-Chair

Cllr S Bradley

Cllr Mrs K Brazenell

Cllr Ms N Davies

Cllr R Reade

Cllr Mrs C Taylor

Cllr R Waltho

District Cllr D Kinsey

Sgt. J. Dorrington & PCSO Paula Wilkes

Mr Ryan Taylor - SSDC

Members of the Public

Minute No		Action
305/20	APOLOGIES Received from Cllr Cox, Cllr Manoharan and County Cllr Mrs V Wilson	
306/20	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Ms Davies and seconded by Cllr Mrs Taylor and carried that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 December 2019 be signed as a true and correct record.	
307/20	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None declared.	
308/20	POLICE REPORT December 2019/January 2020 PCSO Wilkes reported that there were 4 PCSO's covering Locality 5 and gave details of recent incidents in Lower Penn including burglaries, attempted burglaries and vehicle crime. Sgt Dorrington said burglary and car crime appeared to be on the increase, particularly the theft of Ford vehicles, throughout South Staffordshire and having increased night patrols recently, a gradual decrease in night vehicle crime was in evidence. Sgt Dorrington also gave details of tools that are commonly used to commit break-in offences and said that all incidents of suspicious activities should be reported on the Staffordshire Police website.	
309/20	MR RYAN TAYLOR – STREETSCENE Mr Taylor gave a brief outline of the work currently being carried out by the District Council regarding the maintenance of verges, which are cut 11 times per year, and produced a map showing the verges within the Parish. He explained the options of leaving some of the verges as meadow grass which are extremely valuable for wild life, but can be problematic with litter or possibly as a fire hazard during particularly dry and hot weather. Cllr Bradley agreed to post the map on Facebook and organise an Environment Group meeting as soon as possible to obtain feedback from local residents as to their preferred options and report back to the April Parish Council Meeting.	SB

<p>310/20</p>	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT County Cllr Mrs Wilson had sent a written report on the following issues.</p> <p>Seisdon Quarry Landfill work has been completed and the quarry is now officially closed with only a small number of vehicles using the site for restoration purposes, so HGV traffic should decrease noticeably. Shipleigh quarry has now been approved and JPE will be moving to this site in due course and the Seisdon land will be sold.</p> <p>Weight Restriction Signs Will be erected as soon as permission is received from Wolverhampton and Shropshire Councils.</p>	
<p>311/20</p>	<p>Speeding Issues/Community Speedwatch Cllr Mrs Taylor reported that there continued to be an increase in traffic and speeding issues throughout the parish and said that Staffordshire Police would be carrying out spot checks next week in various locations. An event was also being organised in March between the community and Staffordshire Police and details would be given when available.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Southall reported that the Community Speedwatch team had been very active over recent weeks and data from all visits was distributed to the Council. Cllr Mrs Southall agreed to chase up the CSW signs for Market Lane when the CSW organiser was available.</p> <p>She also reported that an email had been received from a resident concerned about the crossroads at Dene Road which has been the site of a number of minor accidents recently. The meeting agreed that traffic in general had increased substantially, particularly around the Nursery site and Severn Trent site vehicles working in Dirtyfoot Lane.</p>	<p>BS</p>
<p>312/20</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Notice Board – Radford Lane Cllr Mrs Southall reported that this was ready to be erected as soon as new posts had been obtained. It was also noted that the noticeboards on Langley Road and Wynne Crescent were in a poor condition.</p> <p>Litter – Dimmingsdale A resident reported that there was a large amount of litter in evidence and that she would report this to the Canals & Rivers Trust.</p> <p>Crash Barrier – Dimmingsdale Bridge It was reported that the broken barrier had still not been removed and was a danger to motorists and motor cyclists. The Clerk was asked to contact both Highways and CRT about this.</p> <p>Collection of Green Waste Charges Cllr Reade explained the situation regarding the charge being introduced for the collection of garden waste.</p> <p>Parish Council Precept Details would be given at the Annual General Meeting in April.</p> <p>Sandhills Nursery Residents expressed their frustration at the continued delays regarding this application and Cllr Reade said that it is now likely to go to the April Planning Committee and that he had requested an urgent site visit. Cllr Waltho confirmed that the Officer's Report will be available 5 days before the application is heard, when residents will have the opportunity to comment.</p>	<p>BS</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>ND</p>

	<p>The meeting discussed the various issues raised by residents and Cllr Reade confirmed he had received a response from the District Council which would be circulated to all councillors and residents.</p> <p>Cllr Waltho agreed to draft a letter to the Planning Officer asking for confirmation that officers are in full possession of all facts, including the background history, to ensure that they are aware of all the misleading and mis-information of facts that have been submitted, and taking into account the resident's latest report. He will also submit the Parish Council's objections to the latest retrospective application 19/00048/FUL.</p>	
<p>313/20</p>	<p>PLANNING Cllr Reade took no part in the discussion of current planning applications</p> <p>CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS App No: 19/00048/FUL – Sandhills Nursery Springhill Lane Parish Council to object on previous grounds</p> <p>App No: 19/00953/FUL 2 New dormer windows, The Arawak Blackpit Lane No objection in principle providing it complies with all Council green belt policies</p> <p>App No: 19/00986/AGRRES Conversion of Barn to Dwelling and associated building operations – Robins Nest Farm, Dirtyfoot Lane Parish Council to object as the development does not appear to comply with policies for use of agricultural buildings and development within green belt. There are also concerns that the nature of the proposals may lead to further development in the future.</p> <p>App No: 19/00883/FUL New Detached Garage – The Lindens Penstone Lane The Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of (a) inappropriate development within the green belt, (b) contravention of green belt policies relating to the current house footprint and (c) the design and specification of the proposed building raises concerns regarding use of the building and significant intensification of use on this site.</p> <p>App No: 19/00441/UNDEV – Enforcement - Caravan at The Lindens Penstone Lane Will be reviewed early 2020</p> <p>APPLICATIONS PENDING App No: 19/00048/FUL – Retrospective Nursery application – Springhill Cottage (Sandhills) App No: 19/00187/FUL – Change of Use of Stable Block – 229 Castlecroft Road</p> <p>PERMISSION GRANTED App No: 19/00768/FUL Extensions 'Inglenook' Langley Road – approved 10/01/20 App No: 19/00656/FUL Extensions Springhill Cottage – approved 24/12/19 with conditions</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>RW</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>314/20</p>	<p>LOCAL PLAN Cllr Mrs Southall confirmed that the Parish Council's response had been sent in December in line with the outcome of the Open Evenings held. She also confirmed that the site at Radford Lane had been re-submitted by another developer. She also reported on a recent meeting she had attended on behalf of the Chairman and distributed documentation received from Perton Parish Council to all councillors for their consideration and discussion at next meeting.</p>	<p>All Cllrs</p>
<p>315/20</p>	<p>MATTERS ARISING Land adjacent to Springhill Cottage Site (No 58) Further waste was in evidence and Cllr Ms Davies had reported this to enforcement.</p>	
<p>316/20</p>	<p>No 9 Springhill Park</p>	

	Some work had now re-commenced on this property and this was being monitored by Enforcement. Cllr Ms Davies said that the boundary fencing was very insecure and this had been reported to Enforcement who will speak to the owner regarding safety issues.	
317/20	No 62 Springhill Lane (Jays Farm) Property now sold and Enforcement will be contacting the new owner regarding permission for the septic tanks.	
318/20	Missing Road Sign – Market Lane The Clerk advised that this had been reported on-line.	
319/20	Dimmingsdale Sub-Station – HGV’s using Showell Lane The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to the contractors.	
320/20	Pavements – Springhill Park Residents were encouraged to continue to report any road/footpath defects or incidents of people being hurt due to the poor condition of the footpaths.	
321/20	Flooding Market Lane The site has been inspected and Amey has confirmed that the gullies in this location will be cleansed on the next routine visit but will continue to be monitored. Cllr Mrs Southall reported that County Cllr Mrs Wilson will be assessing the gully cleaning schedule.	VW
322/20	Victory Hall Trustees A Standing Order has been made to allow parish councillors who are also trustees of the Victory Hall dispensation to speak on all matters relating to the Hall at Parish Council Meetings. This dispensation will run until the end of the municipal year. Land Registration – Being discussed with District Council’s Legal Department	
323/20	Stolen Post Box – Langley Road Cllrs to check if this has been replaced.	All
324/20	Poor Broadband Service Nothing to report	NC
325/20	Defibrillator Cllr Mrs Taylor to clarify the up to date position.	CT
326/20	Log Reports December/January 2020 Castlecroft Playing Field Cllr Bradley to provide a draft plan of the area with current suggestions and this would be circulated to all councillors for further discussion. It was also agreed that Cllr Bradley and volunteers would approach neighbouring properties to ascertain their views and ideas on the suggestions for improving the Playing Field. Cllr Ms Davies suggested that TPO’s could be requested for all trees bordering Castlecroft Road and the Clerk was asked to provide previous paperwork on this matter and contact Mr Dores from the District Council about this.	SB
	Village Green Nothing to report.	Clerk
	The Roughts/Bus Shelters Nothing to report	

327/20	<p>Horse Rider Warning Signs Ongoing.</p>							
328/20	<p>BT Red Telephone Box It was agreed that suggestions for the use of the telephone box be asked for on the Council's web site.</p>	KB						
329/20	<p>Railway Walk All items reported to Baggeridge Ranger.</p>							
330/20	<p>Bus Service Cllr Mrs Brazenell advised that the service had been advertised on the Lower Penn F/B page in order to encourage more residents to use this facility.</p>							
331/20	<p>Parish Council Web Site Now live and secure – www.lowerpennpc.co.uk</p>							
332/20	<p>Free Tree Offer Cllr Reade agreed to obtain a list of suitable sites and Cllr Bradley be asked to offer suggestions as to appropriate sites.</p>	RR/SB						
333/20	<p>CORRESPONDENCE – Received and Circulated Parish Summit: Cllrs agreed the preferred option for future Parish Summit meetings would be Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays 9.00am – 1.00pm</p>	Clerk						
	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>							
334/20	<p>Rat Problem – Village Green Cllr Mrs Taylor be asked for an update on this issue.</p>	Clerk/ CT						
335/20	<p>GDPR Cllr Ms Davies said that in order to avoid a breach of GDPR, councillors should sign a declaration to consent to their e-mail addresses being included in group e-mail correspondence. The meeting agreed to this action and all councillors present signed a Consent Form for this purpose.</p>							
336/20	<p>Severn Trent Water – Balancing Lake The Clerk was asked to contact STW again regarding the HGV's causing damage to the area.</p>	Clerk						
337/20	<p>Three Tier Working Programme The Clerk confirmed she had attended this meeting and had sent a brief report to all councillors.</p>							
338/20	<p>ACCOUNTS Details of the Council's current bank balances were given to the meeting. The Council Tax Base for Lower Penn for 2020/21 is 472.72</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Ms Davies and seconded by Cllr Reade and carried that the following accounts be paid and cheques were signed accordingly:</p>							
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339/20	<p>ANY ISSUES ARISING FROM DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS All information contained within above minutes.</p>							

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FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nothing to report

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SECTION 17

Nothing to report

342/20

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5 March 2020 commencing at 7.15pm

Signed: **Chairman**

Date:

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