

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held remotely via Zoom on THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2021

PRESENT:

Cllr N Cox - Chairman
Cllr Mrs B Southall – Vice-Chair
Cllr Mrs K Brazenell
Cllr T Solway-Blower
Cllr Mrs C Taylor
Cllr D Williams

District Cllr D Kinsey
District Cllr R Reade
County & District Cllr Mrs V Wilson

3 Members of the public

		Action
165/21	APOLOGIES Received from Cllr Ms Davies and PCSO M. Tromans	
166/21	VIRTUAL MEETING The Meeting approved the substitution of a standard Council Meeting for a remote meeting due to the current Covid-19 restrictions.	
167/21	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Mrs Taylor and seconded by Cllr Mrs Brazenell and carried that the minutes of the remote Council Meeting held on 3 December 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.	
168/21	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Cllr Mrs Brazenell – 2 planning applications as given below.	
169/21	PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES: CO-OPTION The Chairman reiterated that there were 2 further vacancies on the Council to be filled.	
170/21	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION The Council welcomed members of the public to the meeting and the following issues were discussed: Various Issues relating to Springhill Lane Email received from a resident asking for clarification on a number of issues on which the County Council's Highways Policy procedures do not appear to have been followed. County Cllr Mrs Wilson read a response she had been given from the County Council and Cllrs Mrs Southall and Mrs Brazenell agreed to formulate a response to the County Council accordingly on behalf of the Parish Council. Enforcement Issues	BS/KB

	<p>A further reply had been received from the District Council, which had been circulated to all councillors and Cllr Mrs Southall summarised the email for the benefit of members of the public, as follows:</p> <p>Sandhills Nursery Appeal Cllrs Mrs Southall and Mrs Brazenell agreed to briefly reiterate the Parish Council's objections as previously stated including any new information available.</p> <p>UPRN Reference Numbers Now given to Land adjacent Springhill Cottage, Sandhills Nursery, Land adjacent to Sandhills Nursery</p> <p>Springhill Cottage Requires planning permission and will be reviewed as soon as possible to establish if formal action is necessary.</p> <p>Land adjacent 58 Springhill Lane – Access Road Access Road – referred back to Planning Enforcement Trees – TPO's – no action required as trees have not been removed Hedge – TPO – Decision Report to be reviewed regarding removal of hedge Badger Sett – the District Council states there is no evidence of disturbance. However, Cllr Mrs Southall pointed out that a survey was carried out by the District Council to establish exact locations of the setts, and this should be highlighted.</p> <p>Cllrs Mrs Southall and Mrs Brazenell will respond to the District Council's email in due course.</p>	<p>BS/KB</p> <p>BS/KB</p>
<p>171/21</p>	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT Flooding Scheme: County Cllr Mrs Wilson said that the Council was working on a flooding scheme and she hoped that both District & County Councils could work together along with the relevant Water Authority to alleviate some of the problems being experienced. The Chairman reiterated that relevant forms had been distributed to those residents experiencing flooding issues.</p>	
<p>172/21</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>App No: 21/00053/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension – 60 Springhill Lane The Meeting agreed that there was no objection to the application, providing officers complied with all green belt policies and procedures.</p> <p>App No: 21/00092/FUL Two storey rear extension and 2nd floor extension over existing side garage – 27 Springhill Park Cllr Mrs Brazenell declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision. The Meeting agreed that there was no objection to the application, providing it complied with all green belt policies and procedures.</p> <p>App No: 21/00045/FUL New roof & loft conversion and rear extension (re-submission)- Brooklands, Penstone Lane The Parish Council agreed to object on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inappropriate development in Green Belt ▪ Does not comply with the 20-40% range of permissible extension on GB properties ▪ No very special circumstances have been submitted by the applicant <p>App No: 21/00080/FUL Single Storey extensions to rear and side. Replacement and enlargement of porch – 63 Springhill Park Cllr Mrs Brazenell declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision. The Meeting agreed to request sight of earlier applications regarding the conditions specified on previous applications.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Appeal Sandhills Nursery: APP/C3430/W/20/3253111 – 19/00048/FUL Cllrs Mrs Southall and Mrs Brazenell to compile a written representation on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>Decisions on Previous Applications</p> <p>App No: 20/00987/FUL – 8 Springhill Park, Lower Penn – Approved 18/12/20 App No: 20/01059/FUL – 21 Market Lane – Approved 20/01/21 App No: 20/01038/FUL – Robins Nest Farm – Approved 15/01/21 App No: 20/00772/FUL – 62 Springhill Lane – Approved 09/12/20 App No: 20/00883/FUL – 119 Springhill Lane – Refused 10/12/20 App No: 20/00869/TREE – removal of silver birch – Charlton House – Approved 08/12/20 App No: 20/00910/FUL Replacement of septic tank 62 Springhill Lane – Approved 15/12/20 App No: 20/00740/FUL - Bungalows 58 Springhill Lane – Refused 15/01/21</p> <p>APPLICATIONS PENDING</p> <p>App No: 20/00937/FUL – Extensions Springhill Farm, 70 Springhill Lane App No: 20/01092/TTREE – Walnut Tree Cottage App No: 20/00926/TTREE – 121 Springhill Lane</p> <p>Planning Portal</p> <p>Councillors said that there still appeared to be problems with the updating of the portal and asked District Cllrs Reade and Kinsey to look into this. It was also agreed that the Parish Council writes to suggest that any new plans received that were re-submissions of earlier applications, then the previous plans should be automatically uploaded in order to view and compare the two.</p>	<p>BS/KB</p> <p>RR/DK/ Clerk</p>
<p>173/21</p>	<p>LOCAL PLAN</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Southall reported that the 3 sites in Lower Penn are also identified in the Black Country Plan and District Cllr Reade said he would make further enquiries into this.</p>	<p>RR</p>
	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>174/21 Community Speedwatch/Speeding Issues</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Southall reported all CSW has been suspended until further notice.</p>	
<p>175/21</p>	<p>Fly Tipping/Litter</p> <p>It was noted that incidents of fly tipping were increasing in Lower Penn and surrounding villages. District Cllr Reade advised that a new officer has been appointed to be responsible for addressing these issues and he agreed to forward the officer's name to the Parish Council.</p> <p>There has been a number of residents who have expressed an interest in volunteering to collect litter and Cllr Mrs Taylor and Cllr Solway-Blower agreed to organise this when lockdown restrictions are lifted and weather permitting.</p> <p>The Meeting also expressed thanks to the Street Scene Team who work constantly to collect litter when reported. District Cllr Kinsey said that the Team would collect bags of rubbish (to be left on left hand side of road) that have been collected by volunteers if they are asked to. Contact Street Scene on: 01902 696000 or email info@sstaffs.gov.uk</p>	<p>RR</p> <p>CT/ TSB</p>
<p>176/21</p>	<p>Victory Hall</p> <p>Cllr Ms Davies advised that she was stepping away from the day to day running of the Victory Hall due to work commitments.</p>	
<p>177/21</p>	<p>Market Lane – Radio Masts</p> <p>It was reported that some residents were experiencing radio/tv interference and Cllr Williams agreed to contact Ofcom to ascertain whether the tenant has a licence for this property. Cllr Mrs Taylor agreed to obtain permission for photos to be taken at the rear of the property.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>CT</p>

178/21	<p>Drug Issues – Lower Penn Cllr Williams confirmed that he had a number of vehicle registration numbers which he would give to District Cllr Kinsey for submission to South Staffordshire Police.</p>	DW
179/21	<p>Government Rural Broadband Scheme Cllr Williams advised that he is currently unable to visit properties due to lockdown restrictions. He said that in order to access the Scheme, the majority of Springhill Park would need to become involved and Cllr Mrs Southall suggested a leaflet drop, whilst lockdown continues. He also gave details of the fibre cabling currently installed along Springhill Lane down as far as the Greyhound public house which can be accessed if required.</p>	DW
180/21	<p>Defibrillator Cllr Mrs Taylor agreed to forward a report to the Clerk.</p>	CT
181/21	<p>Chairman’s Chain/Plaque for Ex-Cllr Harry Brown To be deferred until lockdown restrictions are lifted.</p>	
182/21	<p>Roads/Pavements Market Lane County Cllr Mrs Wilson agreed to make enquiries into whether this work will be included in the next year plan for the County Council.</p>	VW
183/21	<p>Free Energy Audit Offer – Victory Hall The Chairman confirmed he had spoken to the provider and the situation will be monitored.</p> <p>The following issues will be temporarily suspended due to Covid-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Log Reports ▪ Horse Rider Warning Signs ▪ BT Red Telephone Box ▪ Notice Board – Radford Lane ▪ Crash Barrier – Dimmingsdale Bridge <p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	
184/21	<p>Railway Walk – Street Art A resident had written to express their objection to the paintings on the various bridges along the railway walk. District Cllr Reade advised that the Council had inspected the artwork and found it to be inoffensive. The Clerk was asked to contact the resident accordingly.</p>	Clerk
185/21	<p>Business Grants for Village Halls Cllr Mrs Brazenell confirmed she had received a grant for around £6000.</p>	
186/21	<p>Officer Visit re Climate Change The Chairman agreed to decline this offer.</p>	NC
187/21	<p>Weight Restriction Signage Cllr Mrs Southall reported a number of very large vehicles travelling along Springhill Lane through the village and County Cllr Mrs Wilson advised that the companies involved should be contacted with the relevant details. She also gave details of the criteria that were required to install additional weight restriction signs and Cllr Williams agreed to check various locations in the village to ascertain whether these criteria could be met.</p>	DW
188/21	<p>Blocked Gullies It was reported that several blocked gullies along Springhill Lane were causing flooding issues and Cllr Mrs Taylor agreed to report the problem to the County Council.</p>	CT
189/21	<p>Bin Collections It was reported that a number of black and green bin collections had been missed on Springhill Park and Cllr Mrs Brazenell agreed to liaise with District Cllr Kinsey on this.</p>	KB/DK

190/21

Police Report

Received and circulated.

191/21

ACCOUNTS

It was proposed and carried that the following accounts be authorised for payment and cheques would be circulated for signature:

Bluelight Design:	Annual Updates/Annual Website Maintenance	£370.00
Mrs J Footman:	Petty Cash	£250.00

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192/21

ANY ISSUES ARISING FROM DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS

District Cllr Kinsey reported on the forthcoming Boundary Commission review which will review the political representation within South Staffordshire and clarified that no changes to the South Staffordshire boundary will occur.

193/21

FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

In place and up to date

194/21

SECTION 17

Nothing to report

195/21

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 4 March 2021 commencing at 7.15pm

Signed: **Chairman**

Date:

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