

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2022

At THE VICTORY HALL, LOWER PENN

PRESENT:

Cllr N Cox – Chairman
Cllr Mrs V Barnes
Cllr S Bradley
Cllr Mrs K Brazenell
Cllr Mrs K Preece
Cllr Mrs C Taylor
Cllr D Williams

District Cllr D Kinsey
5 Members of the Public

		Action
268/22	APOLOGIES Received from Cllr Mrs Southall, Cllr Ms Fuller, District Cllr Reade, County Cllr Mrs Wilson and Staffordshire Police	
269/22	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Mrs Taylor and seconded by Cllr Williams and carried that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 December 2021 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.	
270/22	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None recorded	
271/22	POLICE REPORT :02/12/2021 – 02/02/2022 Received and circulated. Vehicle Crime: Greyhound Public House car park 15.01.2022 – Power tools stolen Vehicle Crime: Springhill Park 10.12.2021 Power tools stolen ASB; No repeat locations Operation 'Cable' – targeting ASB hotspots Operation 'Lightening' – targeting vehicle crime Thanks to the Speedwatch Team – more volunteers required Incidents can be reported on 101 or on a private message on Facebook/Twitter pages, rather than phoning 101 to queue.	
272/22	LOCAL PLAN The meeting was opened to the public. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Parish Council confirmed its submission had been sent to the District Council both by email and handed in person.▪ Gerald Kells Report: donations received to date were from Kinver Parish Council (£400) and the Lower Penn Action Group (£620).	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ District Cllr Kinsey confirmed that all the Council's comments regarding the difficulties experienced during the submission process had been noted by the officers and also raised at Full Council. ▪ District Cllr Kinsey confirmed that following enquiries made, it had been established that the distribution of the Review Magazine had not been totally successful and that the District Council would be reviewing this method of conveying information to residents for future use. ▪ District Cllr Kinsey advised that the approximate number of submissions (not including stakeholders) across the district was 2,500 with about 500 from Lower Penn. He noted that of these 500 responses approximately 250 were pro-forma responses and may not count as they are identical. There was some discussion around this and he said he would ask for clarification from the Local Plans Team. He also said that following recent Government announcements regarding a £1.5 billion brownfield site fund, the District Council may re-examine the numbers, although advice given from 2 planning experts stated that the Local Plan is proceeding as expected. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to officers regarding a provisional review of numbers and time. ▪ The meeting discussed the issue relating to the number of submissions received against the number of relevant objections they contained and District Cllr Kinsey agreed to ascertain what constitutes a pro-forma submission and the District Council's stance on collating these. ▪ The Chairman enquired as to what information the Parish Council would receive regarding the analysis that the submission process produced and District Cllr Kinsey agreed to make enquiries into this. 	<p>NC/ Clerk</p> <p>DK</p> <p>DK</p>
273/22	<p>Battery Storage Facility – land off Penstone Lane/Blackpit Lane District Cllr Kinsey confirmed that there are two different sites but that a present, no planning application had been received.</p>	
274/22	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Street Party – Market Lane: Cllr Mrs Taylor agreed to contact County Cllr Mrs Wilson regarding the closure of the road. ▪ Raised kerbs – Market Lane: update required from Highways. 	<p>CT Clerk</p>
275/22	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT No report available</p>	
276/22	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Covid 19: As of last week, 80 cases reported in Wombourne North/Lower Penn ward with numbers this week already at 52. Pop-up vaccination centre at Wombourne Fire Station 15 February 11.30am – 4.30pm – all doses available. ▪ Application for a battery storage facility at Castlecroft was narrowly refused with a 9-7 majority. Applicant likely to go to appeal. ▪ Planning application for Dimmingsdale Road has been called in on the basis that the development is substantially above the permitted amount at 80%. 	
277/22	<p>PLANNING App No: 21/01356/FUL (Retrospective) New Home office and extension to side outbuilding – The Barns Pool Hall Trescott Application circulated to all councillors with no objections received.</p> <p>APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED MID-MEETING App No: 21/01240/FUL Extensions 5 Dimmingsdale Road</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Councillors had no objection in principle although as the property lies within the green belt, officers were asked to ensure that all relevant policies are adhered to.</p> <p>App No: 21/00869/FUL – 1 no 5 bedroom detached replacement dwelling at Springhill Farm, 70 Springhill Lane Councillors responded that there were a number of issues to be taken into consideration, together with the Council's previous concerns to the original application.</p> <p>APPLICATIONS PENDING 21/00947/VAR Removal of Condition No. 4 Sandhills Nursery 21/00869/FUL 5 Bedroom Detached Dwelling – Springhill Farm, 70 Springhill Lane 21/01103/TREE Removal of Ash Tree, Charlton House 21/01240/FUL Extensions 5 Dimmingsdale Road 21/01356/FUL (Retrospective) Extensions The Barns, Pool Hall</p> <p>APPLICATIONS REFUSED 21/00440/FUL – Battery storage plant, land off South Staffs Railway Walk</p> <p>APPLICATION WITHDRAWN 21/00863/FUL Amended Detached garage – Three Ridings Radford Lane</p> <p>APPLICATIONS APPROVED 21/01118/FUL Alterations 119 Springhill Lane 20/01029/FUL Temporary Consent for Caravan – The Lindens, Penstone Lane 21/01126/ROOF 107 Springhill Lane 21/01168/FUL The Gables, 5 Radford Lane</p> <p>APPEAL 21/00836/VAR 119 Springhill Lane – 2 no. conditions – reinstatement of PDR's</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Sandhills Nursery – Discharge of Conditions Decision awaited</p> <p>Enforcement Issues Access Road/58 Springhill Cottage District Council has now served a breach of condition notice requiring the developer to remove the relevant section of road and comply with approved plans by 12 May 2022.</p> <p>Overgrown hedges/verges along Castlecroft Road Clerk to write a further letter to Wightwick & Finchfield Cricket Club asking for hedges to be cut.</p> <p>Temporary Barrier – Railway Bridge Greyhound Lane Now reinstated – take off minutes</p> <p>Willow Trees – Greyhound Lane District Council Ranger to arrange for removal or cutting back during the winter period. To be kept under observation.</p> <p>Trees – Castlecroft Playing Field Copy of Insurance policy to be sent to Cllr Williams for appraisal. The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to County Cllr Mrs Wilson asking for recommendations for tree specialists which she had forwarded to Highways Officer. Cllr Mrs Barnes suggested that a Tree Risk Identification and Management Survey be considered and councillors agreed this would be a sensible way forward.</p> <p>Market Lane Flooding Update on raised kerbs required.</p>	
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285/22	<p>Community Speedwatch/Speeding Issues No Speedwatch visits being carried out due to weather conditions and poor visibility.</p>	
286/22	<p>Fly Tipping/Litter Incident at The Roughs regarding industrial plastic containers – Cllr Williams to check and report.</p>	DW
287/22	<p>Victory Hall Bookings are good – Thursday 2 June for Jubilee Tea Party – meeting to be held with Cricket Club regarding beacon sites. Cllr Mrs Taylor to reply to District Council with list of proposed events.</p>	CT
288/22	<p>Plaque for Ex-Cllr Harry Brown Carry forward to next meeting.</p>	BS
289/22	<p>Weight Limit Restrictions – Springhill Lane Cllr Williams said that he would formulate a plan for signage and present to the Parish Council before liaising with County Cllr Mrs Wilson.</p>	DW
290/22	<p>BT Red Phone Box Cllr Williams to arrange for disconnection of electricity supply and for transportation of the phone box to the Victory Hall.</p>	DW
291/22	<p>The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – 2 June 2022 Tea Party at Victory Hall, lighting of beacons – being organised by Cllr Mrs Taylor and Cllr Williams.</p>	CT/ DW
292/22	<p>Climate Change Group Cllr Mrs Preece advised that a recent meeting had been held to discuss future projects and that a meeting had been arranged with the Forest of Mercia to discuss tree planting at the Castlecroft Playing Field, along with various other suggestions for this area. She confirmed that residents whose properties back onto the field will be given a courtesy letter outlining plans. This will also be posted on the field gate, on the nearest Parish noticeboard (Radford Lane) and online. In addition, there will be opportunities for volunteers to become involved with the project, such as the planting of trees at the site.</p>	
	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	
293/22	<p>Bus Service Update County Cllr Mrs Wilson to be asked for an update on this project.</p>	Clerk
294/22	<p>Staffordshire Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2022-27 Information Circulated to all councillors. The Chairman and Cllr Mrs Taylor agreed to respond to this on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>	NC/CT
295/22	<p>Spring Newsletter Cllr Ms Fuller suggested the publication of a Spring Newsletter which could include items as outlined in her recent email. The Parish Council agreed to this.</p>	HF/All Cllrs
296/22	<p>Ice Breakers County Cllr Mrs Wilson to provide an update.</p>	VW/ Clerk
297/22	<p>Locality 5 Meeting – 10 February 2022 The Chairman agreed to feedback any relevant information.</p>	NC
298/22	<p>EV Charging Points Parish Council to express an interest in this project and would welcome further discussions.</p>	

	<p>ACCOUNTS</p> <p>299/22 The following account was presented for payment and a cheque signed accordingly:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Bluelight Design</td> <td>Annual Website Maintenance</td> <td>£370.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Monies Received</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Kinver Parish Council</td> <td>Donation to G .Kells Report</td> <td>£400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LP Action Group</td> <td>Donation to G. Kells Report</td> <td>£620.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT</p> <p>300/22 Nothing to report</p> <p>SECTION 17</p> <p>301/22 Nothing to report</p> <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>302/22 Thursday 3 March 2022 commencing at 7.15pm in the Victory Hall</p> <p>Signed: Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	Bluelight Design	Annual Website Maintenance	£370.00	Kinver Parish Council	Donation to G .Kells Report	£400.00	LP Action Group	Donation to G. Kells Report	£620.00	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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