

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2023 at the VICTORY HALL LOWER PENN

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs B Southall - Chair

Cllr Mrs K Brazenell

Cllr N Cox

Cllr Mrs V Barnes

Cllr Mrs K Preece

Cllr Mrs C Taylor

District Cllr D Kinsey

PCSO Paula Wilkes – Staffordshire Police

10 Members of the public

		Action
209/23	APOLOGIES Received from Cllr Ms Fuller, Cllr Williams, District Cllr Reade	
210/23	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Mrs Taylor and seconded by Cllr Mrs Preece and carried that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 December 2022 be approved and signed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Mrs Preece and carried that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 7 December 2022 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.	
211/23	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Cllr Cox – Bhylls Acre School Cllr Mrs Taylor – Planning App No: 23/00039/FUL	
212/23	POLICE REPORT 02/12/2022-31/1/2023 Received and circulated. Vehicle Crime: Langley Road – Land Rover Discovery stolen- now recovered Showell Lane – Range Rover Sport stolen – vehicle outstanding Burglary Residential/Business : None reported PCSO Paula Wilkes responded to questions from the public.	
213/23	LOCAL PLAN Local Plan Paused – District Cllr Kinsey advised that the District Council is waiting for clarity from the Government before proceeding any further.	
214/23	COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT No report available.	
215/23	DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT	

	<p>Preparations for the forthcoming elections are now taking place and District Cllr Kinsey reminded the meeting that Voter ID will now be required.</p>	
216/23	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Contained within Planning and Enforcement minutes to follow.</p>	
217/23	<p>PLANNING App Nos: 22/01193/VAR & 22/01194/VAR Fields 1 & 2 Battery Storage Penstone Lane The meeting was opened to the public and the applications were discussed at length. It was noted that residents who had objected to the previous applications had not been notified of the above applications and the Parish Council agreed to contact the District Council to request an extension of time for responses to be made. Cllr Mrs Brazenell also agreed to prepare a letter of objection based on the Council's previous objections together with issues raised at this evening's meeting.</p> <p>App No: 23/00029/VAR (21/00869/FUL) Addition of Basement Level – Springhill Farm 70 Springhill Lane The Parish Council has concerns as the proposals could affect the openness of the green belt and could be harmful to its aspect at the rear of the property.</p> <p>App No: 23/00039/FUL Resubmission of 22/00998/FUL Pedestrian Access, Gate and Shed – Lower Penn Farmhouse, Dirtyfoot Lane The Parish Council has concerns on the grounds that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The property is in the conservation area and surrounded by green belt land ▪ The proposed access is located on an extremely narrow stretch of Dirtyfoot Lane ▪ The property is a listed building and as such the curtilage of the property should also be taken into account and protected <p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING 22/01049/VAR Change of Condition 5 – Sandhills Day Nursery Springhill Lane</p> <p>APPLICATIONS APPROVED App No: 22/00997/TTREE – Works to TPO trees Castlecroft House, Castlecroft Road 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 App No: 22/01065/FUL – Extensions 32 Market Lane</p> <p>APPLICATIONS REFUSED App No: 22/01066/ROOF (now 22/01066/BUHOEX) – Refusal of Prior Approval</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>KB</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
218/23	<p>Enforcement Issues – update received from District Cllr Reade which was read to the meeting regarding the issues below:</p> <p>Sandhills Nursery – 2 x Breach of Condition Notices 4 & 9 Case Ref: 22/00132/BOC – Notices drafted and being signed off by Legal and will be issued within 7 days.</p> <p>Access Road – Land adj Springhill Cottage Case Ref: 19/00192/BOC – Legal are now raising a summons for failure to comply with the Enforcement Notice</p> <p>New Build 58A Springhill Lane- App 18/00022/FUL Case Ref: 22/00333/BOC –Site visit has been carried out to assess the balcony and size of detached garage. Further work is required to investigate the degree of non-compliance with approved plans.</p>	

	In addition Enforcement notified of large deposit of debris covering tree roots (TPO) and pavement safety hazard. Sandhills Nursery Case Ref: 22/00401/UNDEV – unauthorised development ongoing at rear of building. District Cllr Kinsey to follow this matter up.	DK
219/23	Overgrown hedges/verges along Castlecroft Road D Cllr Kinsey to follow this up with Wolverhampton Council.	DK
220/23	Community Speedwatch/Speeding Issues Cllr Mrs Barnes reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CSW monthly report to be published on Council’s website. Cllr Mrs Barnes to liaise with Cllr Ms Fuller ▪ Wheelie bin stickers Radford Lane – will be delivered by Cllr Mrs Barnes ▪ Wheelie bin stickers Langley Road – Cllr Mrs Barnes to ask for delivery volunteers via social media ▪ Speed Cameras – The Chair agreed to obtain information and costings ▪ 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. 	VB/HF VB VB BS Clerk
221/23	Fly Tipping/Litter Cllr Mrs Preece reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fly tipping appeared to have reduced slightly over the past few weeks in some areas. ▪ District Council has ordered additional surveillance cameras ▪ Dog Poo Bins – no further bins will be provided but existing can be re-located if required. ▪ Litter picks will be arranged as weather improves. 	 KP
222/23	Victory Hall The Parish Council gave its approval for Cllr Mrs Taylor, on behalf of the Parish Council, to apply for a grant from the National Lottery Commission to improve/re-build the Victory Hall. If the grant is approved, the Victory Hall Committee will then consider the proposals.	 CT
223/23	Climate Action Group Nothing to report at present	
224/23	Castlecroft Playing Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Chair confirmed that she had responded to an email from a resident regarding issues concerning the field – copy to be sent to all councillors ▪ The meeting agreed that the field required tidying up and Cllr Mrs Preece agreed to follow this up ▪ Cllr Mrs Preece agreed to meet the grounds maintenance contractor on site to discuss the mowing of the grass between the newly planted trees. 	 Clerk KP Clerk/ KP
225/23	Drainage Issues/Kerbs Market Lane This matter to be followed up with County Cllr Mrs Wilson.	 Clerk
226/23	Warm Space Initiative- Parish Council Support for Residents The Parish Council considered ways in which residents could be supported if required and it was agreed this would be discussed further at the next Meeting	
227/23	ANY OTHER BUSINESS Bhylls Acre Primary School Proposed change to age range – no comment required	
228/23	Accidents Dene Road/Orton Lane A number of accidents had occurred at the above location and it was noted that the chevron sign requires replacement and request for bend warning sign to be re-positioned.	 Clerk
229/23	King’s Coronation	

- Cllr Mrs Taylor to apply for grant funding, to be added to existing Jubilee funds, in order to purchase 2 commemorative benches for both the late Queen and King Charles.
- Red Telephone Box – Cllr Mrs Preece to arrange for disconnection of electricity.
- Discussion on proposals for celebrations – to be carried forward to next meeting

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230/23

Mandatory Training for Section 106 Requests and Spend

Cllrs Mrs Southall, Mrs Brazenell, Mrs Taylor and Cllr Cox to attend in person on 15 March 2023. Clerk to arrange.

Clerk

231/23

ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were presented for payment and cheques signed accordingly:

▪ Lower Penn Victory Hall	Hire of Hall 2022	£250.00
▪ DBS Ltd	Qtrly Account	£54.00
▪ Cllr Mrs Brazenell	Reimb-Local Plan printing	£24.00

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FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nothing to report

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING/S

Thursday 2 March 2023

Signed: **Chairman**

Dated:

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