

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 7 JULY 2022 at the VICTORY HALL LOWER PENN

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs B Southall - Chair
Cllr Mrs K Brazenell
Cllr Ms H Fuller
Cllr Mrs K Preece
Cllr Mrs C Taylor
Cllr D Williams

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

6 Members of the public

		Action
81/22	APOLOGIES Received from Cllr Mrs V Barnes and Cllr N Cox.	
82/22	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Mrs Taylor and seconded by Cllr Mrs Preece and carried that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 June 2022 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.	
83/22	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS District Cllr Reade declared an interest in any discussion on the Local Plan.	
84/22	POLICE REPORT : 07/06/2022 – 06/07/2022: Received and circulated. Burglary: Springhill Lane 23 June – garden tools stolen Springhill Lane 23 June – power tools stolen Vehicle Crime: Penstone Lane 8 June – vehicle stolen without keys ASB: No repeat ASB locations Operation 'Cable' – targeting ASB hotspots Operation 'Lightening' – targeting vehicle crime Thanks to the Speedwatch Team – more volunteers required Incidents can be reported on 'Digital 101' service or on a private message on Facebook/Twitter pages, rather than phoning 101 to queue. Cllr Williams advised that there had also been 3 burglaries in Springhill Park during the month, none of which had been included in this latest report. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Staffordshire Police expressing concern that no follow up visits had been made on these 3 incidents, and that previous potentially serious incidents did not appear to have been followed up.	
85/22	LOCAL PLAN	Clerk

	Nothing further to report at present.	
86/22	COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT No report available	
87/22	DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT District Cllr Reade presented a report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Battery Farm, Castlecroft: Appeal ongoing ▪ Battery Farm, Penstone Lane: ongoing – concerns raised by Cadent Gas regarding a high pressure gas main in the area and Severn Trent Water regarding drainage issues ▪ Energy Rebates Bands A-D: these have been paid to approximately 25000 eligible customers who pay by Direct Debit. Those customers not paying by Direct Debit have been contacted and encouraged to apply for their rebate by the end of August as the scheme closes nationally on 30 September. ▪ Government Discretionary Scheme: to assist those customers who fall outside Bands A-D but could be eligible for other reasons. Parish Councils to help promote this scheme. 	KB/HF
88/22	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 Dene Road: the homeowner clarified details of his recent planning application and the Parish Council agreed to amend its comments to the Planners accordingly. ▪ District Council Representation: the Chairman clarified the arrangement for the attendance of District Councillors to Parish Council meetings and District Cllr Kinsey assured the meeting that he would continue to support the Council on matters relating to the Local Plan. 	Clerk
89/22	PLANNING No applications received this month. APPLICATIONS PENDING App No: 22/00044/FUL Battery Storage Facility – Field at (Penn 1) Penstone Lane App No: 22/00045/FUL Battery Storage Facility – Field at (Penn 2) Penstone Lane App No: 22/00146/TREE Pruning of Yew Tree – ‘Chimneys’ Springhill Lane App No: 21/01103/TREE Removal of Ash Tree, Charlton House App No: 22/00100/FUL New replacement dwelling – Robins Nest Farm, Dirty Foot Lane App No: 22/00423/TTREE – TPO’s Land adj. Springhill Cottage, 58 Springhill Lane – D Cllr Reade advised that a report from the arboriculturist was still awaited. App No: 22/00524/FUL Extensions 1 Dene Road PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED D. Cllr Reade advised that the following applications had been refused: App No: 22/00525/FUL Retrospective front boundary wall – 20 Springhill Park App No: 22/00478/FUL and 22/00482/ROOF – 119 Springhill Lane PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED App No: 22/00449/FUL Extensions 102 Langley Road App No: 22/00466/FUL Extensions ‘Habberley’ Radford Lane Appeal: Battery Storage Facility – Langley Road/Railway Walk - ongoing Appeal: Removal of Condition No. 4 Sandhills Nursery – Appeal dismissed. MATTERS ARISING	
90/22	Enforcement Issues Access Road/58 Springhill Cottage District Cllr Kinsey advised that the landowner is refusing to comply and casework is now being prepared to submit the case to court.	
91/22	Overgrown hedges/verges along Castlecroft Road No work carried out at present – to be kept under observation.	

92/22	<p>Community Speedwatch/Speeding Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CSW: Meeting held between Cllr Mrs Barnes and Mr Keith Dunton. 5 new volunteers awaiting confirmation of training dates available. ▪ Chevron signs – Dene Road: now erected. County Cllr Mrs Wilson to be asked if warning signs for the bend could be provided in advance along Orton Lane. 	Clerk
93/22	<p>Fly Tipping/Litter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fly Tipping Signs: to be erected at sites suggested by Cllr Mrs Preece ▪ Dog Fouling Signs: can be placed where there appears to be a problem. It was pointed out that the Council had previously requested a dog fouling bin outside the Victory Hall and District Cllr Reade agreed to follow this up with Mr Bob Taylor. ▪ Cameras: funds to be allocated in this year's budget and purchase of cameras to be re-considered in the New Year ▪ Fly Tipping: Ford at Trescott and The Roughts – District Cllr Reade has reported this. ▪ Litter Picks: 9 July – 24 July – 6 August – volunteers welcome. 	RR
94/22	<p>Victory Hall</p> <p>Confirmation of registration of the land on which the Victory Hall stands now received. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Ms Nicola Davies for all her hard work on this matter. Take off minutes</p>	Clerk
95/22	<p>The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations</p> <p>Event planned for bank holiday 28 August at the Cricket Club open to all the Parish with all functionality being provided by the Cricket Club. The Meeting discussed the Council's involvement regarding a bouncy castle and craft stalls and whether the Jubilee funds were to be used. The Meeting also discussed the purchase of a 'Jubilee' bench for the Victory Hall and Cllr Mrs Taylor agreed to obtain costings.</p>	RR CT
96/22	<p>Climate Action Group</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Preece confirmed a meeting of the sub-committee had been held in June and notes from this meeting had been circulated to all councillors. She briefly outlined the aims and objectives of the Climate Action Group and it was agreed to discuss this further before the next Parish Council Meeting.</p>	
97/22	<p>Castlecroft Playing Field</p> <p>The District Council is unwilling to provide a copy of the deeds for the 1960 Conveyance or to consider transferring the land back to the Parish Council. District Cllr Reade advised that he had spoken to the Legal Department on this matter which he stressed needs to be resolved and he agreed to follow this up and advise the Council accordingly as soon as possible.</p>	RR
98/22	<p>Change of Meeting Day</p> <p>Carry forward to next meeting.</p>	
99/22	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Collection of Shredded Paper</p> <p>The Council has been contacted by a resident regarding the new recycling policy with regard to shredded paper and it was agreed the District Council would be contacted about this and District Cllr Reade would also follow this up and the resident advised that extra blue bags can be applied for.</p>	RR Clerk
100/22	<p>20 Is Plenty</p> <p>The Meeting discussed this initiative and although it would not be possible to implement in Lower Penn, it was agreed that a presentation would be arranged for the next Climate Change Group Meeting.</p>	HF/KP
101/22	<p>Planning Application Delegation</p>	

In response to Cllr Mrs Brazenell, District Cllr Reade clarified the process on which he had commented on a previous application.

102/22

Circulation of Review Magazine

The Council agreed that the venues in Lower Penn that could be accessed for collection of the magazine would be The Victory Hall, The Greyhound and St. Anne's Church.

103/22

ACCOUNTS

Refund of VAT received in the sum of £347.00

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

BG Ground Maintenance	June Account	£330.00
Mrs J Footman	Bouncy Castle Jubilee event	£200.00

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(it was agreed that the Clerk would pay this by bank transfer from her account and be reimbursed by cheque accordingly)

104/22

Audit 2021/2022

All documents posted on website and available to view at the Clerk's home by appointment.

105/22

FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nothing to report

106/22

SECTION 17

Nothing to report

107/22

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 3 September 2022 at 7.15pm in the Victory Hall

Signed: **Chairman**

Date:

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