

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 2 MARCH 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 Ms Fuller
Cllr Mrs K Preece
Cllr Mrs C Taylor
Cllr D Williams

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

9 Members of the public

		Action
234/23	APOLOGIES Received from Staffordshire Police	
235/23	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Mrs Taylor and seconded by Cllr Cox and carried that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 February 2023 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.	
236/23	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS District Cllr Reade – any discussion relating to the Local Plan Cllr Mrs K Brazenell – Planning App No: 23/00110/FULHH	
237/23	POLICE REPORT 01/02/2023-02/03/2023 Received and circulated – nothing to report. Cllr Mrs Taylor reported a vehicle accident on Dirtyfoot Lane and County Cllr Mrs Wilson agreed to follow this up regarding site clearance.	VW
238/23	LOCAL PLAN Following the Parish Council's open letter to the District Council dated February 2023, the Chairman read Cllr T. Mason's response in full to the meeting. Cllr Mrs Brazenell said that the District Council's response was disappointing as there appeared to be no intention to amend plans already prepared and outlined the Parish Council's concerns regarding the contents of the reply. The Chairman advised that it was unlikely that the Parish Council would respond to Cllr Mason's email.	
239/23	COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT	

	<p>County Cllr Mrs Wilson apologised for non-attendance at recent meetings and gave the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The County Council's target to become carbon neutral by 2050 is proceeding well and changes to the Council's vehicle fuel using vegetable oil have already been made. ▪ The Parish Summit held recently discussed the health and well-being of the County's residents and the Parish Council agreed to consider formulating a plan to cover any identified needs. 	PC
240/23	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Asylum Seekers: The District Council is working hard with Staffordshire Police to ensure any protests are managed safely and efficiently. ▪ Cyber Security: A presentation was held at the recent Parish Summit to identify the risks and for measures to be rolled out through councils when possible. ▪ Everyone Health – Staffordshire: a programme to alleviate the pressure on GP surgeries – health checks being carried out in Wombourne on Sainsbury's car park. ▪ Local Plan: The District Council is awaiting clarity from the Government as to the way forward. 	
241/23	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elections: Residents were advised that any questions or comments relating to the elections should be emailed to District/County Cllrs privately. ▪ Dimmingsdale Bridge: Following a recent car accident, it was reported that the parapet had now been dislodged and County Cllr Mrs Wilson asked for this to be reported and that she would follow this up. ▪ Fly Tipping: Two builders' bags deposited on Castlecroft Playing Field – Cllr Mrs Preece agreed to report this. 	VW KP
242/23	<p>PLANNING App No: 23/00110/FULHH – Extension 'Archways' Wynne Crescent Cllr Mrs Brazenell took no part in the discussion. The Parish Council agreed that it had no objection to the proposals.</p> <p>APPLICATION MID-MEETING App No: 23/00011/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling – 'Ivydene' Radford Lane The Council objected to the proposals on inappropriate development within green belt. An ecology report is required before a decision can be made.</p> <p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING App No: 23/00011/FUL Replacement Dwelling – Ivydene, Radford Lane App No: 23/00039/FUL Pedestrian Access, Gate and Shed – Lower Penn Farmhouse App No: 23/00029/VAR (21/00869/FUL) Basement – Springhill Farm 70 Springhill Lane App Nos: 22/01193/VAR & 22/01194/VAR Fields 1 & 2 Battery Storage Penstone Lane</p> <p>APPLICATIONS REFUSED App No: 22/01049/VAR Change of Condition 5 – Sandhill Nursery Appeal Lodged</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	Clerk
243/23	<p>Enforcement Issues – update received from District Cllr Reade as follows:</p> <p>Sandhills Nursery – 2 x Breach of Condition Notices 4 & 9 Case Ref: 22/00132/BOC – Applicant to rectify outstanding work by November 2023 and Legal Department will be serving notice regarding the FWD scheme.</p> <p>Access Road – Land adj Springhill Cottage Case Ref: 19/00192/BOC – Case still with Legal Department re enforcement notice</p>	

	<p>New Build 58A Springhill Lane- App 18/00022/FUL Case Ref: 22/00333/BOC –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Site visit carried out in December 2022 to assess the balcony and size of detached garage. Report awaited. ▪ Access – pavement has been rebuilt to strengthen access ▪ Enforcement notified of large deposit of debris covering tree roots (TPO) and pavement safety hazard. <p>District Cllr Reade agreed to provide an up to date report on all issues.</p>	
	<p>Sandhills Nursery Case Ref: 22/00401/UNDEV – unauthorised development ongoing at rear of building. District Cllr Kinsey to follow this matter up.</p>	DK
	<p>The Lindens, Penstone Lane Application for a temporary caravan will be made for 10 months as owners are hoping all building work will be completed by November 2023. Some site clearance will be undertaken.</p>	
244/23	<p>Overgrown hedges/verges along Castlecroft Road D Cllr Kinsey to follow this up with Wolverhampton Council.</p>	DK
245/23	<p>Community Speedwatch/Speeding Issues Cllr Mrs Barnes reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CSW monthly report to be published. Cllr Mrs Barnes to liaise with Cllr Ms Fuller. ▪ Wheelie bin stickers now delivered to Radford Lane/Langley Road. Cllr Mrs Barnes to apply for Orton Lane and to report that stickers fade quickly in external conditions. ▪ Cllr Mrs Barnes explained the new booking system for volunteer duty. ▪ Training sessions for new volunteers to start in May 2023 ▪ Police have 2 new radar devices for use by the Constabulary. 	VB/HF VB
246/23	<p>Fly Tipping/Litter A number of incidents had occurred where fly tipping has been deposited on private land. County Cllr Mrs Wilson said that discussions were taking place to consider giving affected landowners permits to take fly tipping to the tip free of charge. Litter picks will be arranged over the coming weeks and the meeting discussed how to encourage volunteers to participate.</p>	
247/23	<p>Victory Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jubilee Grant – Going to Stage 2 ▪ Victory Hall AGM – 27 April 2023 ▪ The Hall is doing well financially and receiving many bookings. 	
248/23	<p>Climate Action Group Nothing to report at present</p>	
249/23	<p>Castlecroft Playing Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr Mrs Preece reported that she had removed some of the newly planted trees that had not survived and that she had cleared some of the site. ▪ Cllr Mrs Preece agreed to meet the grounds maintenance contractor on site to discuss the mowing of the grass between the newly planted trees. 	KP
250/23	<p>Drainage Issues/Kerbs Market Lane County Cllr Mrs Wilson had been unable to assist in resolving this issue.</p>	
251/23	<p>Springhill Lane – Dropped Manhole Cover Cllr Mrs Taylor to report.</p>	CT
252/23	<p>Warm Space Initiative- Parish Council Support for Residents</p>	HF

253/23	Cllr Ms Fuller has made an application to open the Victory Hall as a warm space for 2 hours on a Wednesday and is waiting to hear if the bid has been successful.																						
254/23	<p>Damaged Chevron Sign - Dene Road/Orton Lane This had been reported to the County Council and County Cllr Mrs Wilson agreed to follow this up.</p>	VW																					
255/23	<p>King's Coronation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. ▪ Cllr Williams confirmed that Cake and Coffee mornings will be arranged by himself and his wife. Further discussions to take place to agree any Parish Council events. 	CT DW All																					
256/23	<p>Red Telephone Box Cllr Mrs Preece confirmed she is waiting for a quote for the disconnection of electricity.</p> <p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	KP																					
257/23	<p>Elections 4 April 2023 deadline for submission of nomination forms.</p>																						
258/23	<p>Annual Parish Meeting Change of date due to elections – will now be held on Thursday 11 May 2023.</p>																						
259/23	<p>Depth Gauge – Trescott Ford This has disappeared – District Cllr Reade has ordered a new one.</p>	RR																					
260/23	<p>Meeting with Staffordshire Police Cllr Williams reported on his recent meeting with Chief Inspector Christ Cotton and gave details of the topics discussed.</p>																						
261/23	<p>Angus Dunphy – Lower Penn Author District Cllr Reade reported that the above author had recently written a further book on Lower Penn and agreed to make enquiries as to where the Parish Council could obtain a copy.</p>	RR																					
262/23	<p>ACCOUNTS The following accounts were presented for payment and cheques signed accordingly:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>▪ DBS (Midlands) Ltd</td> <td>Quarterly Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£24.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>▪ Bluelight Design</td> <td>Annual Website Maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£415.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>▪ Mrs J Footman</td> <td>Quarterly Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1677.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>▪ DBS (Midlands) Ltd</td> <td>HMRC Quarterly Payment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£209.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>▪ Mrs J Footman</td> <td>Qtrly Accommodation Invoice</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£105.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Standing Orders</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Defib Machines</td> <td>Annual charge for Defibrillator</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£464.28 (incl. VAT)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Defib Machines</td> <td>Annual charge for Defibrillator Cabinet</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£438.00 (incl VAT)</td> </tr> </table>	▪ DBS (Midlands) Ltd	Quarterly Account	£24.00	▪ Bluelight Design	Annual Website Maintenance	£415.00	▪ Mrs J Footman	Quarterly Salary	£1677.60	▪ DBS (Midlands) Ltd	HMRC Quarterly Payment	£209.30	▪ Mrs J Footman	Qtrly Accommodation Invoice	£105.00	Defib Machines	Annual charge for Defibrillator	£464.28 (incl. VAT)	Defib Machines	Annual charge for Defibrillator Cabinet	£438.00 (incl VAT)	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
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264/23	<p>FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT Parish Council annual accounts to commence in April 2023.</p>																						
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING/S</p> <p>Annual General Meeting - Thursday 6 April 2023 commencing at 7.15pm followed by Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 6 April 2023</p>																						

Signed: **Chairman**

Dated:

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