

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

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ANNUAL MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 5 MAY 2022 at THE VICTORY HALL, LOWER PENN

PRESENT:

Cllr N Cox
Cllr Mrs B Southall
Cllr Ms Fuller
Cllr Mrs Preece
Cllr Mrs V Barnes
Cllr Mrs C Taylor
Cllr D Williams

District Cllr D Kinsey
County Cllr Mrs V Wilson
Staffordshire Police

4 Members of the public

		Action
30/22	<p>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN Nominations for the position Chairman were invited and it was proposed by Cllr Ms Fuller and seconded by Cllr Mrs Preece and carried that Cllr Mrs Southall be elected Chairman for the coming year. There were no other nominations. Cllr Mrs Southall accepted the position and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Council.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Southall and seconded by Cllr Cox and carried that Cllr Ms Fuller be elected as Vice-Chairman for the coming year. There were no other nominations. Cllr Ms Fuller accepted the position and signed her Declaration of Acceptance in the presence of the Council.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Southall, together with those residents present, thanked Cllr Cox for his commitment and work as chairman over the past 3 years.</p>	
31/22	<p>APOLOGIES Received from Cllr Mrs Brazenell and District Cllr Reade.</p>	
32/22	<p>MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Mrs Preece and seconded by Cllr Ms Fuller and carried that the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings (2) held on 7 April 2022 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.</p>	
33/22	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None recorded</p>	
34/22	<p>POLICE REPORT : 07/04/2022 – 05/05/2022: Received and circulated. Vehicle Crime: Springhill Park 14.04.2022 Attempted access to vehicle parked on drive.</p>	

	<p>ASB: Penn Common Road – litter/noise nuisance 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. Officers also discussed the problems of fly tipping and the provision of cameras.</p>	
35/22	<p>LOCAL PLAN Nothing further to report at present.</p>	
36/22	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weight restrictions – no update at present ▪ Market Lane Kerbs – Cllr Williams advised that following recent heavy rainfall, the problem appeared to have been reduced, due to drain clearance. ▪ Community Fund now live – applications invited. Climate Change Fund to go live imminently. ▪ Queens Jubilee – events to be notified to District Council. ▪ Pavements – Market Lane: Cllr Mrs Wilson said that the grass and weeds were extremely unsightly and potentially hazardous and will be asking for these to be treated as a priority. ▪ Chevrons – Dene Road/Penstone Lane: these will be treated with a new yellow backing to make them more noticeable. ▪ Devolution – Highways: This is being discussed at present with a view to being piloted in South Staffordshire and Cannock and which will involve more involvement with Parish Councils. ▪ Pot Holes: An independent inspector will be appointed to check the quality of the work currently being carried out by the contractors. 	<p>VW Council CT VW</p>
37/22	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ South Staffs Review Magazine – an in-depth review is being carried out to ensure all households receive a copy of the magazine. ▪ Council Offices Café – now open ▪ Blue Refuse Bags – being delivered to all households over the next month for the disposal of cardboard and paper. ▪ Green Refuse Bins – subscriptions now due and stickers will be attached by refuse collectors. 	
38/22	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Battery Farms – discussion on safety aspects. ▪ Andy Street Report – to be published imminently. 	
39/22	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Appeal: Battery Storage Facility – Langley Road/Railway Walk – confirmation of objections to be sent to Inspectorate. D Cllr Kinsey has spoken to Bhylls Acre School about this appeal</p> <p>Appeal: Removal of Condition No. 4 Sandhills Nursery – confirmation of objections to be sent to Inspectorate.</p> <p>App No: 22/00423/TTREE Land adj. Springhill Cottage, 58 Springhill Lane The Council agreed to respond by requesting the planners be mindful to act in the best interests of keeping the protected trees and healthy and in good condition and suggests their own arboriculturist oversees any work agreed.</p> <p>Planning Applications Approved 22/00257/ROOF Extensions Ivydene, Radford Lane</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk Clerk</p>

	<p>APPLICATIONS PENDING</p> <p>App No: 22/00044/FUL Battery Storage Facility – Field at (Penn 1) Penstone Lane</p> <p>App No: 22/00045/FUL Battery Storage Facility – Field at (Penn 2) Penstone Lane</p> <p>App No: 22/00146/TREE Pruning of Yew Tree – ‘Chimneys’ Springhill Lane</p> <p>App No: 21/01103/TREE Removal of Ash Tree, Charlton House</p> <p>App No: 22/00238/FUL Extensions 263 Castlecroft Road</p> <p>App No: 22/00243/FUL Extensions, Garage, Boundary Wall, Gates 59 Springhill Lane</p> <p>App No: 22/00321/FUL Ground Floor Rear Extension – ‘Lenchford’ Radford Lane</p> <p>App No: 22/00100/FUL New replacement dwelling – Robins Nest Farm, Dirty Foot Lane</p>	
	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	
40/22	<p>Enforcement Issues Access Road/58 Springhill Cottage</p> <p>A breach of condition notice has been served on both the owner and the developer who have been given until 12 May 2022 to comply.</p>	
41/22	<p>Overgrown hedges/verges along Castlecroft Road</p> <p>County Council has advised that this site is within the Wolverhampton boundary – reported to Wolverhampton Council.</p>	
42/22	<p>Community Speedwatch/Speeding Issues</p> <p>Cllr Williams said that at present volunteers are not given sufficient notice of when they are required and suggested a timetable could be prepared in conjunction with Mr Dunton.</p>	DW
43/22	<p>Fly Tipping/Litter</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Preece advised that she had met Ryan Taylor on site at The Roughs when they had identified the most problematic areas for fly tipping. The purchase of cameras was discussed and councillors were advised that the cost would be approximately £300 plus battery. The data is collected by the District Council for any action required, and the equipment is owned by the District Council. It was agreed that Ryan Taylor be asked for further information and invited to a Parish Council Meeting. It was also agreed that another litter pick would be organised to include Furnace Grange Road.</p>	KP/ Clerk
44/22	<p>Victory Hall</p> <p>AGM of the Management Committee 18 May 2022. Cllr Mrs Taylor advised that the accounts for the Victory Hall will be presented at this meeting, which is open to the public and that there are vacancies on the Committee available.</p>	
45/22	<p>The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – 2 June 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Victory Hall Committee event -Tea, Coffee & Cakes events on 3 mornings in the Victory Hall ▪ 2 June – Fete and lighting of the beacon (9.30pm) at Springhill Cricket Club – Cllr Mrs Taylor to advise event details ▪ BBC follow up call ▪ £675 grant received to be used for Jubilee celebrations 	CT NC
46/22	<p>Climate Change Group</p> <p>Parish Council owned land by telephone box – to be considered for flower planting. Cllr Williams also agreed to inspect the two bus shelters for a possible face lift.</p>	HF/KP/CT DW
47/22	<p>Castlecroft Playing Field</p> <p>Clerk to request a copy of the deeds for the 1960 Conveyance of land to the District Council and to make enquiries into transferring this land back to the Parish Council.</p>	Clerk
48/22	<p>Parish Council Noticeboards</p> <p>To be inspected and de-misted.</p>	DW/HF

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Change of Meeting Day
To be discussed further at next meeting.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Community Safety/Police: Cllrs D Williams/V Barnes
Finance Sub-Committee: Chair – Cllr N Cox, K Brazenell, D Williams,
B Southall
Victory Hall Representative: Cllr C Taylor
Planning: Cllrs K Brazenell, B Southall
Climate Change Sub-Committee: Cllrs K Preece, H Fuller, C Taylor
Communications: Cllr H Fuller

51/22

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None reported

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ACCOUNTS

The following account was presented for payment and a cheque signed accordingly.
BG Ground Maintenance April Account £270.00

Clerk

53/22

FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Annual Audit – audit documents now completed by Clerk to be given to internal auditor.

Clerk

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SECTION 17

Nothing to report

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9 June commencing at 7.15pm in the Victory Hall

Signed: **Chairman**

Date:

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