

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held remotely via Zoom on THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2020

PRESENT:

Cllr N Cox - Chairman
Cllr Mrs B Southall – Vice-Chair
Cllr Mrs K Brazenell
Cllr Ms N Davies
Cllr Mrs C Taylor
Cllr D Williams

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

6 Members of the public

		Action
98/20	APOLOGIES None received	
99/20	VIRTUAL MEETING The Meeting approved the substitution of a standard Council Meeting for a remote meeting due to the current Covid-19 restrictions.	
100/20	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Mrs Taylor and seconded by Cllr Mrs Brazenell and carried that the minutes of the remote Council Meeting held on 1 October be approved as a true and correct record.	
101/20	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS There were none	
102/20	RESIGNATIONS The Chairman advised that there were 3 vacancies on the Parish Council following the resignations of Rume Manoharan, Robert Reade and Richard Waltho and that these had been advertised accordingly. He encouraged anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor to apply to the Council for consideration.	
103/20	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION The Council welcomed members of the public to the meeting and the following issues were discussed: Enforcement Issues Members of the public expressed their dissatisfaction with the Enforcement team at the District Council due to policies not being followed and extremely long-standing breaches and issues not having been investigated and resolved. The Meeting discussed the breaches	

	<p>relating to the access road at Springhill Cottage and the District Council was reminded that this site is an entirely separate issue from the nursery development. District Cllr Kinsey confirmed that he had taken this matter up strongly with the District Council and was now waiting for a response from enforcement officers. Following a request from members of the public, it was agreed a formal complaint would be sent to the District Council, using the appropriate form, and Cllr Mrs Brazenell agreed to complete this on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>62 Springhill Lane – Septic Tank The owner of the property attended the meeting and said that he had not been aware of any septic tank issues when he had purchased the house and had only recently been advised by Enforcement of the problem. He has now submitted a planning application and apologised for the delay. He also advised that he will be submitting a revised planning application for the garage extension which will be 30% smaller than the original proposals and that he is planning to demolish the three stables. The Council thanked him for attending and welcomed him to the village.</p>	<p>KB</p>
<p>104/20</p>	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ‘Doing Our Bit’ - initiative from the County Council being offered to vulnerable adults and families – deadline for applications Monday 9 November. ▪ Locality 5 Meeting – 26 November via Teams at 5.00pm being chaired by County Cllr Mrs Wilson. The Chairman and Cllr Mrs Taylor agreed to attend. ▪ Covid-19 – the meeting discussed the various restrictions currently in place and Cllr Mrs Southall said that it would be useful if some form of advice could be provided that could be posted on social media clarifying the possible implications of the restrictions for the benefit of local businesses and venues. ▪ Volunteers – Cllr Mrs Wilson said that during this second lock-down, it was likely that there would be fewer volunteers available to help and the Chairman agreed to contact all previous volunteers to ascertain if they were able to offer their services again. ▪ Ex-Cllr Harry Brown: Following the recent death of Harry Brown, a long-standing member of the Parish Council, Cllr Mrs Wilson reported that she had attended his funeral and that a great number of friends and residents had lined the road to pay their respects. 	<p>NC/CT</p> <p>VW</p> <p>NC</p>
<p>105/20</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>App No: 20/00740/FUL 2 no. 3 bedroom bungalows – land adj. 60 Springhill Lane Cllr Mrs Brazenell had prepared a report which had been circulated to all councillors and it was unanimously agreed to object to this application on the grounds of inappropriate development in the green belt in line with GB1 Policy. It was also noted that this new application extends the access road even further into the green belt, although it is not contained within the red line development site. District Cllr Reade advised that the plans will be amended to include the access road.</p> <p>App No: 20/00910/FUL Replacement of septic tank – 62 Springhill Lane The Meeting agreed that there was no objection to the proposals, providing they comply with all current policies and planning procedures.</p> <p>App No: 20/00883/FUL Extension to form swimming pool and detached single storey guest house, new roof with accommodation within the roof – 119 Springhill Lane Cllr Mrs Brazenell advised that she had requested drawings of the previous application in 2003 to be made available on the Planning Portal before comments can be submitted.</p> <p>App No: 20/00869/TREE – removal of Silver Birch due to infection – Charlton House The Meeting agreed that there was no objection to the proposals.</p> <p>APPLICATIONS PENDING App No: 19/00986/AGRRES – Barn Conversion – Robins Nest Farm App No: 20/00772/FUL – Garage and stable conversion – 62 Springhill Lane</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>KB</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Planning Portal It was noted that requests were still having to be made for plans to be uploaded to the portal and also that the application number was no longer being identified on the introductory email – District Cllr Reade agreed to follow this up with the Planning Department.</p>	RR
106/20	<p>LOCAL PLAN Nothing to report</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	
107/20	<p>83/85 Springhill Lane: District Cllr Reade reported that he had received a response from Ms Kerry Bolister, Housing Development, who had confirmed that the Parish Council's comments had been taken on board and that she would be speaking to Cllr Reade further on the matter.</p>	RR
108/20	<p>Bungalow – Black Pitt Lane/Penstone Lane: District Cllr Reade advised that this issue had been checked and the District Council is satisfied that the concrete pad is in the correct position. No further action required.</p>	
109/20	<p>Arawak – Pikes Lane: District Cllr Reade confirmed that the garage being built is allowed within permitted development and that a certificate of approval has been issued.</p>	
110/20	<p>Community Speedwatch/Speeding Issues Cllr Mrs Southall reported that the Victory Hall had been opened up for the recent training session which had gone extremely well and two new volunteers had been recruited. Two further sites have now been identified for the Speedwatch Team – an extra one in Market Lane and one outside 62 Springhill Lane. It was noted that due to lockdown, all visits will be suspended but these would be resumed in December, weather permitting. The next training session is scheduled for 5 December 2020 and will be advertised.</p>	BS
111/20	<p>9 Springhill Park Cllr Ms Davies reported that work is now progressing steadily and Enforcement have closed the case. Take off minutes.</p>	
112/20	<p>Untidy Land adjacent Springhill Cottage Site (No 58) No further action – take off minutes.</p>	
113/20	<p>Springhill Cottage Permitted Development It was reported that enforcement action was not proceeding, as District Cllr Reade advised that it was not in the interest of the public purse to pursue this action.</p>	
114/20	<p>Flooding Market Lane/Radford Lane County Cllr Mrs Wilson reported that she is hoping for an update in December and Cllr Mrs Taylor agreed to speak to residents in Market Lane about the issue.</p>	CT
115/20	<p>Fly Tipping Nothing to report</p>	
116/20	<p>Victory Hall - Land Registration and Constitution Nothing to report</p>	
117/20	<p>Market Lane – Caravan/Radio Masts District Cllr Reade reported that there has been a delay in site visits due to the Covid-19 situation and that he will follow this up.</p>	RR
118/20	<p>Overhanging Oak Trees – Penstone Lane Cllrs Ms Davies and Mrs Taylor to follow this matter up with regard to the TPO's</p>	ND/CT

119/20	<p>Drug Issues – Lower Penn Cllr Williams reported that incidents appeared to have reduced recently in the village but he agreed to check on sites along Springhill Lane that had been brought to his attention and that an unspecific notice would be posted on social media.</p>	DW
120/20	<p>Government Rural Broadband Scheme Cllr Williams provided an update and advised that he has created a ‘Community’ and has spoken to 15 of the 88 addresses in the Parish that are eligible for the scheme. He gave details of the properties that were eligible to join and the information required and stressed that as many residents as possible were encouraged to enlist and it was agreed that a notice would be put on social media giving information to local residents. Cllr Williams said that there was a great deal of work to be done and that he was concerned any deadlines may not be met and County Cllr Mrs Wilson said she would speak to the Cabinet Minister to stress that Lower Penn was totally committed to this Scheme.</p>	DW/BS VW
121/20	<p>Pavements – Springhill Park Contractors now on site and progressing satisfactorily.</p> <p>The following issues will be temporarily suspended due to Covid-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Log Reports ▪ Horse Rider Warning Signs ▪ BT Red Telephone Box ▪ Notice Board – Radford Lane ▪ Crash Barrier – Dimmingsdale Bridge ▪ Defibrillator 	
ANY OTHER BUSINESS		
122/20	<p>Chairman’s Chain This had now been returned to the Clerk and would be given to the Chairman as soon as possible.</p>	Clerk
123/20	<p>Bank Mandate Requires updating to include Cllr Mrs Southall and Cllr Williams.</p>	KB
124/20	<p>Western Power Distribution Grant The Chairman gave details of the available funding and it was agreed that he would apply for this grant.</p>	NC
125/20	<p>Low Water Pressure – Springhill Park Cllr Williams reported that he had received a number of complaints about low water pressure and the meeting agreed that residents need to report each incident to Severn Trent. County Cllr Mrs Williams said she would also speak to Severn Trent about this.</p>	VW
126/20	<p>Ex-Cllr Harry Brown Cllr Mrs Southall suggested that some form of recognition should be given to Harry Brown for his longstanding work in the village and on the Parish Council, and the meeting agreed that a plaque could be purchased for the Victory Hall, when this was re-opened and restrictions were lifted. Bring forward to next Meeting.</p>	
127/20	<p>ACCOUNTS Details of the Council’s bank accounts were reported to the Meeting. The Clerk reported that cheque nos. 200710 and 200711 (September PC Meeting) had had to be re-issued due to an error on the part of the Clerk, and that all bank correspondence relating to this error had been checked and authorised by Cllrs Ms Davies and Mrs Brazenell and two further cheques issued accordingly.</p>	

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Taylor and seconded by Cllr Mrs Southall and carried that the following accounts be authorised for payment and cheques would be circulated for signature:

Phoenix Solutions	Web Site Licence 28/11/20 – 27/11/21	£40.00
	Payable by Bank Transfer and Clerk reimbursed	
BG Ground Maintenance	October Account	£405.00

Clerk

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ANY ISSUES ARISING FROM DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS

128/20

District Cllr Kinsey reported that the District Council is currently working on a 'Community Recovery Action Plan' and Cllrs Kinsey, Reade and Mrs Wilson would continue to update councillors at forthcoming meetings.

DK/RR/
VW

FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

129/20

In place and up to date

SECTION 17

130/20

Nothing to report

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

131/20

The Meeting will be held via Zoom unless otherwise stated on:

Thursday 3 December 2020 commencing at 7.15pm

Signed: Chairman

Date:

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