

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2023 at the VICTORY HALL, LOWER PENN

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs B Southall – Chair
Cllr Ms H Fuller – Vice-Chair
Cllr Mrs K Brazenell
Cllr D Everett
Cllr S McKewen
Cllr Mrs C Taylor

District/County Councillor Mrs V Wilson
District Councillor R Reade

9 Members of the Public

		Action
135/23	APOLOGIES Received from Staffordshire Police.	
136/23	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Mrs Brazenell and seconded by Cllr Mrs Taylor and carried that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 October 2023 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.	
137/23	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS D. Cllr Reade declared an interest in any discussion relating to the Local Plan	
138/23	POLICE REPORT 05/10/2023 - 02/11/2023 Received and circulated. No burglary, vehicle crime or anti-social behaviour reported. Due to the increase in vehicle theft/crime in the area, the Operation Bormus team have been covering Wombourne and surrounding areas over the past week.	
139/23	LOCAL PLAN D Cllr Reade left the room. D Cllr Mrs Wilson confirmed that the Plan remains on Pause at the moment but that hopefully within 2 months there will be a further update and that the District Council continues to work hard behind the scenes. Concern was expressed regarding the length of time the Plan has been paused and that no further information is available.	
140/23	COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT	

141/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pot Holes: some urgent works have been carried out in Radford Lane, Market Lane and Dene Road. ▪ Dimmingsdale Bridge: County Cllr Mrs Wilson read a report from SCC to the meeting and advised that any new barriers will be of an alternative type and design and will need to encroach further into the road. She also gave details of the costs involved in providing permanent traffic lights. ▪ Details of gully and pot hole works carried out this year by Highways were given to the Meeting. ▪ The scheduled pot hole repair scheme has now ceased, apart from urgent issues and the Council is concentrating on gritting and flooding work. ▪ It was reported that drains in Greyhound Lane were blocked and obscured by overgrowth which was causing severe flooding problems. County Cllr Mrs Wilson agreed to follow this matter up. 	VW
142/23	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sandhills Nursery: Condition 4 BREEAM - agent has been in talks with the District Council Planning Department and has been given an extension of time to mid-January 2024 to demonstrate how he intends to satisfy the BREEAM issue. ▪ Three Ridings: No retrospective application yet submitted. ▪ Railings – Dimmingsdale: these have been broken by Severn Trent Water and D. Cllr Reade is liaising with County Cllr Mrs Wilson to have them repaired/replaced. ▪ Radford Lodge: Approved. ▪ 58 Springhill Lane: Outbuilding and Fencing have gone to Appeal. ▪ Ashmore Nurseries, Radford Lane: It was reported that some building work was taking place to the rear of the property and D. Cllr Reade advised that he would follow this up. <p>Sandhills Nursery: The Chair advised the meeting that 3 officers from the District Council will be attending the December Parish Council Meeting to answer questions from Parish Councillors only and this will not be open for public participation.</p>	RR/VW RR
143/23	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pot Holes Springhill Lane: These have been reported numerous time and County Cllr Mrs Wilson agreed to follow this matter up. ▪ Battery Storage Facilities: Cllr McKewen said he would make some cautious research into this. 	VW SM
144/23	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>App No: 23/00853/FULHH – Extensions 125 Springhill Lane To comply with all green belt and planning policies.</p> <p>App No: 23/00897/FULHH – Extensions and hip to gable roof extension – 86 Springhill Lane To comply with all green belt and planning policies particularly with regard to openness of the greenbelt when assessing the impact of the roof height.</p> <p>App No: 23/00893/FULHH – Hip to Gable roof conversion in loft space – 119 Springhill Lane To comply with all green belt and planning policies especially with regard to loss of openness of the green belt in relation to the bulk and height of the roof line.</p> <p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING App No: 23/00464/FUL Replacement Dwelling – Radford Lodge, Radford Lane App No: 23/00782/FUL Replacement Single Dwelling – 83 Springhill Lane</p> <p>APPLICATION APPROVED 23/00708/TREE: 128 Springhill Lane - Crown reduction to 3 no. TPO's</p>	KB/ Clerk KB/ Clerk KB/ Clerk

	<p>APPEAL REFUSED 22/01049/VAR Change of Condition 5 Sandhill Day Nursery</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Enforcement Issues: Sandhills Nursery (19/00048)– Breach of Condition Notice 4 Case Ref: 22/00132/BOC Condition 4 BREEAM – given to mid-January 2024 to comply.</p> <p>New Build 58A Springhill Lane- App 18/00022/FUL Case Ref: 22/00333/BOC Outbuilding (retrospective) – Cllr Reade advises this has gone to Appeal</p> <p>Three Ridings, Radford Lane Unauthorised structure under investigation.</p> <p>Wolverhampton Rugby Club, Castlecroft Road Case Ref: 23/00234/UNDEV Advised by District Council that the building in question has been in situ for 10 years. This is disputed by residents and it was agreed to follow this up.</p> <p>AFC Wulfrunians, Castlecroft Road District Council has been asked to re-visit the premises to locate the building works.</p> <p>Severn Trent Water-Expansion of Drainage Scheme – Lower Penn/Railway Walk The District Council has advised that major works are due to start to build a pumping station to replace the treatment site and also that Severn Trent has met with officers to discuss the application for a Badger Licence to protect the welfare of any badgers. District Cllr Reade was asked if the expansion programme could serve further large residential development in Lower Penn and Cllr Reade replied that the current system is incapable of dispensing foul water from the Warstones Estate and that Severn Trent have to provide the facility of dispensing the foul water wherever development takes place in Wolverhampton. District Cllr Reade was then asked if planning permission is required to build a pumping station and he replied that he would make enquiries about this and report back.</p>	
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154/23	The Clerk reported that she had received no response from other local parishes and Cllr Mrs Wilson said she would follow this up.																
	<p>Heritage Assets Cllr Mrs Wilson explained the reasoning behind the request for councils to provide a list of heritage assets and it was agreed that a list would be prepared for circulation to all councillors. The meeting also discussed whether to allocate provision in the 2024 precept for this matter and it was agreed to finalise this at the December Parish Council Meeting.</p>	Clerk KB															
155/23	<p>White Posts – Springhill Cross Roads Cllr Ms Fuller agreed to obtain quotes for the provision of new posts for this site.</p>	HF															
	ANY OTHER BUSINESS																
156/23	<p>Rough Sleepers Survey Night of 2 November 2024</p>	All															
157/23	<p>ACCOUNTS VAT Refund of £210.38 paid into Council's account.</p>																
	<p>The following accounts were presented for payment and cheques signed accordingly:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Phoenix Web Solutions</td> <td>Domain.co.uk - Bank Transfer</td> <td>£12.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Cheque paid to Mrs J Footman</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>BG Ground Maintenance</td> <td>October Account</td> <td>£330.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DBS (Midlands) Ltd</td> <td>Quarterly Account</td> <td>£24.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs J Footman</td> <td>Clerk's Petty Cash</td> <td>£250.00</td> </tr> </table>	Phoenix Web Solutions	Domain.co.uk - Bank Transfer	£12.00		Cheque paid to Mrs J Footman		BG Ground Maintenance	October Account	£330.00	DBS (Midlands) Ltd	Quarterly Account	£24.00	Mrs J Footman	Clerk's Petty Cash	£250.00	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
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158/23	<p>FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT Nothing to report</p>																
159/23	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Thursday 7 December 2023 at the Victory Hall commencing at 7.15pm Cllr Mrs Taylor gave her apologies for non-attendance at the above meeting.</p> <p>Signed: Chairman</p> <p>Dated:</p>																

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