

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

3 OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT:

Cllr N Cox - Chairman
Cllr Mrs B Southall – Vice Chair
Cllr S Bradley
Cllr Ms N Davies
Cllr R Manoharan
Cllr R Reade
Cllr Mrs C Taylor

District & County Cllr Mrs V Wilson
District Cllr D Kinsey
Sgt J Dorrington
Members of the Public

Minute No		Action
192/19	APOLOGIES Received from Cllr Mrs Brazenell and Cllr Waltho.	
193/19	AMENDMENT TO MINUTE NO. 165/19 Sandhills Nursery Cllr Reade asked that it be made clear that issues relating to the foul water drainage and highways are still in the process of being dealt with by the relevant Authorities, namely the Environment Agency and Highways Department at County Council.	
194/19	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Mrs Taylor and seconded by Cllr Bradley and carried that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 September 2019 be signed as a true and correct record, incorporating the above amendment.	
195/19	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Cllr Cox declared an interest in a business called Little Pippins and that this is not a nursery.	
196/19	POLICE REPORT 1 September – 2 October 2019 Received and circulated. Sgt Dorrington attended the meeting and residents were given the opportunity to speak on any matters of concern. Residents were encouraged to enrol in the Smart Alert scheme to enable them to be made aware of local crime incidents.	
197/19	COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Gulley/Drain Work - County Cllr Mrs Wilson said that the recent gully and drain cleaning work carried out will not be charged for. On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Wilson and the County Council for this gesture. It was reported that a number of the gullies along Greyhound Lane were still blocked and County Cllr Mrs Wilson agreed to follow this up with Highways.▪ Seisdon Quarry – extension of time to continue working until end of November has been agreed with a condition that no more than 15 loads importing and 15 loads exporting per	VW

	<p>day is permitted. Cllr Mrs Wilson said that there is now very little importing and exporting being carried out on site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shipleigh Quarry – a judicial review will be carried out in December 2019 ▪ Landfill Site – this is now full and an application for 48 dwellings has been submitted, although this is likely to be refused. 	
<p>198/19</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – MATTERS DISCUSSED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gullies & Drains ▪ Footpaths – Springhill Park ▪ Footpaths – Market Lane and Langley Road ▪ Local Plan ▪ Sandhills Nursery ▪ 62 Springhill Lane ▪ My Account 	
<p>199/19</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>App No: 19/00656/FUL – Single storey extension – Springhill Cottage It was agreed that objections would be made relating to the TPO, access, walls and railings – Cllr Waltho to be consulted before submission is made.</p> <p>App No: 19/00187/FUL – Change of Use of Stable Block – 229 Castlecroft Road Cllr Reade advised that he would be calling this application in. The Meeting agreed to object on the following points: Green Belt Land, construction of 2 wooden summer houses, likelihood of noise from barking dogs and opening hours unknown.</p> <p>App No: 19/00441/UNDEV – Caravan at The Lindens Penstone Lane Site visit carried out by Enforcement Officer – construction on site is currently behind schedule so caravan continues to be used as a residence. Touring caravan and mobile home are on site temporarily but are not being used as additional residences. The case will be kept open and monitored and will be reviewed in 3 months' time.</p> <p>PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED App No: 19/00293/FUL Extensions 116 Springhill Lane – 20/08/19 with conditions App No: 19/00493/FUL Extensions 65 Springhill Lane – 10/09/19 with conditions</p> <p>APPLICATIONS PENDING App No: 19/00048/FUL – Retrospective Nursery application – Springhill Cottage (Sandhills)</p>	<p>RW/ Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>200/19</p>	<p>LOCAL PLAN</p> <p>Cllr Reade explained the process which comprises the various stages of the Local Plan and said that those parcels of land submitted that had been deemed not suitable for a number of reasons had now been filtered out. Cllr Mrs Southall advised that all site locations are available to view on the District Council's web site and that although the date for public consultation has not yet been set, residents can register for further information and alerts by completing the form found on: https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/planning/local-plans-recent-news.cfm or email localplans@sstaffs.gov.uk</p> <p>The Parish Council advised residents that as soon as a date for the Public Consultation has been confirmed, the Council will hold a public review meeting at the Victory Hall to allow residents to view and discuss the applications and plans that have been submitted for consideration in the Lower Penn area</p> <p>Cllr Reade also undertook to ascertain where the Local Plan had been advertised previously.</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	<p>RR</p>

201/19	<p>Open Meeting No further action at present.</p>	
202/19	<p>Pavements – Springhill Park The Chairman confirmed he had spoken to the Highways Officer but due to lack of funding, no definite date can be given for work to be carried out. However, residents were encouraged to continue to report any road/footpath defects or incidents of people being hurt due to the poor condition of the footpaths.</p>	
203/19	<p>Pavements – Market Lane/Langley Road It was reported that sections of these roads were in a poor condition and the Chairman advised residents to report these defects via the County Council's web site.</p>	
204/19	<p>Sandhills Nursery Cllr Reade stated that the Planning Department is still awaiting reports from both the Environment Agency and Highways Department and that it is unlikely that the application will be heard at October's Planning Committee. Cllr Ms Davies advised that should a Section 104 be sought from STWA, then this could take up to 12 months and the Chairman agreed to speak to the appropriate officer at the District Council regarding the time scale for this application.</p>	NC
205/19	<p>Land adjacent to Springhill Cottage Site (No 58) It was reported that further items had been discarded and that a fire had been started which had necessitated the attendance of the Fire Service. Cllr Reade advised that all items should be cleared by Friday 4 October and that if this did not happen then both he and the Chairman would follow this up with the Enforcement Officer. Cllr Reade stated that the District Council is in the process of checking the access issue and will report back to next meeting.</p>	RR/NC RR
206/19	<p>No 9 Springhill Park The Chairman said that he would make a personal complaint regarding the state of the property and Cllr Reade reiterated that the District Council considers that a Section 215 will only be used as a last resort.</p>	NC
207/29	<p>No 62 Springhill Lane (Jays Farm) Cllr Reade reported that the Enforcement Officer is following this matter up although the owner is disputing the need for a septic tank.</p>	RR
208/19	<p>SSDC – My Account A number of residents reported that they did not appear to be receiving alerts through this service and Cllr Reade agreed to follow this matter up.</p>	RR
209/19	<p>Noise and Smoke Pollution The Chairman advised that a list of 'Out of Hours' contact numbers had been posted on the Parish Council's Facebook page.</p>	
210/19	<p>Victory Hall Members of the Parish Council were advised that the next Management Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 10 October 2019 commencing at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall. Cllr Ms Davies asked if a copy of the Hall's structural survey could be made available and Cllr Reade agreed to arrange for this to be provided. Land Registration – Being discussed with District Council's Legal Department</p>	RR
211/19	<p>Poor Water Quality – Lower Penn/Penn areas The Chairman reported that he had submitted a Freedom of Information request and that he will be following up the contents of STW's reply.</p>	NC
212/19	<p>Stolen Post Box – Langley Road</p>	

	Nothing to report	
213/19	<p>Community Speedwatch Cllr Mrs Southall reported that the team had only been out 3 times during the last month due to adverse weather conditions. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Southall would circulate regular Speedwatch statistics provided by Mr Dunton to Councillors by email when available.</p>	
214/19	<p>Poor Broadband Service Nothing to report</p>	
215/19	<p>Defibrillator Bring forward to next meeting.</p>	CT
216/19	<p>Log Reports September 2019 Castlecroft Playing Field Cllr Bradley advised that the Environmental Group had met on the Playing Field on 19 September and had discussed various options for improving the area, including a wild flower meadow and woodland. A long discussion took place regarding the next course of action to be taken and it was agreed that Cllr Bradley would provide a draft plan of the area with current suggestions and this would be circulated to all councillors for discussion at the next meeting. It was also agreed that Cllr Bradley and volunteers would approach neighbouring properties as soon as possible to ascertain their views and ideas on the suggestions for improving the Playing Field. The Meeting agreed that an invitation would be issued to Alan Preece, Senior Ranger at Saltwells Nature Reserve, to attend a Parish Council meeting when the Council had discussed the various options available.</p> <p>Village Green Nothing to report.</p> <p>The Roughts/Bus Shelters Nothing to report</p>	
217/19	<p>Horse Rider Warning Signs Ongoing.</p>	
218/19	<p>BT Red Telephone Box Nothing to report</p>	
219/19	<p>Railway Walk Cllr Reade reported that there was a large amount of vegetation growing around some of the bridges which were in a poor condition and that there was a leak on the bridge at Greyhound Lane. The Clerk was asked to report these matters to the Baggeridge Ranger.</p>	Clerk
220/19	<p>Notice Board Radford Lane Cllr Mrs Southall agreed to arrange for a replacement post to be provided.</p>	BS
221/19	<p>Bus Service Cllr Reade to provide update of passenger numbers using the bus service.</p>	RR
222/19	<p>Parish Council Web Site The District Council will no longer be providing a website and IT service to Parish Councils after 31 December 2019 and Cllr Ms Davies agreed to obtain a further quotation for the provision of its own website from the County Council.</p>	ND
223/19	<p>Divisional Parish Council Meeting The Chairman advised that he had been invited to the above meeting and would report back in due course.</p>	NC

224/19

ACCOUNTS

Details of the Council's account balances for September were given to the meeting.

The Clerk advised that the September Precept of £6000 had been received and banked.

The Clerk reported that the cheque for HMRC in the sum of £65.00 had been authorised and signed by Cllrs Ms Davies and Mrs Brazenell mid-meeting and given to DBS Ltd.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Taylor and seconded by Cllr Ms Davies and carried that the following accounts be paid and cheques were signed accordingly:

BG Ground Maintenance	September Account	£330.00
DBS Ltd	Quarterly Fees	£24.00

**Clerk
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Elections

The Clerk advised that she had been contacted by the Elections Team at SSDC who were willing to meet with members of the Council to explain a breakdown of the costs involved in the invoice which would shortly be prepared. Cllr Ms Davies suggested this was not necessary as the Parish Council were already aware of the cost implications and the Clerk was asked to contact Becky Harris from Elections about this decision.

225/19

FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nothing to report

226/19

ANY ISSUES ARISING FROM DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS

No issues to report

227/19

SECTION 17

Nothing to report

228/19

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 7 November 2019 commencing at 7.15pm

Signed: **Chairman**

Date:

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