

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2022 at the VICTORY HALL LOWER PENN

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs K Brazenell – Acting Chair
Cllr S Bradley
Cllr N Cox
Cllr Mrs K Preece
Cllr Mrs C Taylor

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

Members of the public

		Action
131/22	APOLOGIES Received from Cllr Mrs Southall, Cllr Ms Fuller, Cllr Mrs Barnes and Cllr Williams	
132/22	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Mrs Preece and seconded by Cllr Cox and carried that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 September 2022 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.	
133/22	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS District Cllr Reade declared an interest in any discussion on the Local Plan and on Planning App. 22/00794/FUL.	
134/22	POLICE REPORT 02/09/2022 – 06/10/2022 Received and circulated. Clerk to contact police regarding 2 recent incidents in Radford Lane, not shown on above report, and the difficulty being experienced when reporting crimes on properties which lie on the border between South Staffordshire and West Midlands.	Clerk
135/22	LOCAL PLAN County Cllr Mrs Wilson left the room, along with D. Cllr Reade, and chose to take no part in the discussion. No dates for public consultation have yet been published and public responses to the Plan are not displayed on the Council's website. Due to changes in the Black Country Plan, a brief discussion took place regarding the duty to co-operate. D. Cllrs Kinsey and Reade to provide any updates as soon as possible.	DK/RR
136/22	COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lower Penn site visit held by C Cllr Mrs Wilson and Highways Officer – work to be carried out on mini-island location at bottom end Radford Lane/Castlecroft.▪ Springhill Park pavements being damaged by City Fibre. Parish Council to advise Cllr Mrs Wilson when works are complete so that an inspection by the County Council can be made to ensure that pavement damage has been made good.	All/VW

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 98% of the County now has superfast broadband – 2% (Lower Penn) not yet available. 	
137/22	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Summit 20 October 2022 – councillors encouraged to attend. Cost of Living Crisis – increased number of benefit applications being received. 	
138/22	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery Storage Facility Penstone Lane: The Parish Council and residents were extremely disappointed with the approval given and D. Cllr Reade said that the District Council has little control over this type of application and has contacted the MP regarding the lack of policy. He also confirmed that the District Council will be maintaining a close vigilance on the numerous conditions relating to this application. May Elections: residents stressed that Lower Penn would continue to require a strong representation on the Local Plan following the May elections. Dene Road Pavements: Cllr Mrs Wilson said that unfortunately due to County Council financial restraints, work on the pavements will not be considered a priority. 	
139/22	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>App No: 22/00794/FUL Change of Use – Farm building to single residential dwelling within Hillcroft Farm, Drivefields Parish Council had no objection providing it complies with all Green Belt, Change of Use and Planning policies.</p> <p>App No: 22/00877/FUL Installation of Phosphate Dosing Kiosk – Dimmingsdale Borehole Pumping Station The Parish Council did not wish to comment on this application.</p> <p>App No: 22/00888/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling – 107 Springhill Lane Due to insufficient information and scaled drawings, together with a lack of Design and Access statement, the Parish Council felt unable to comment and it was agreed that the District Council be contacted about this.</p>	
	<p>APPLICATIONS PENDING</p> <p>App No: 22/00100/FUL Replacement dwelling – Robins Nest Farm, Dirty Foot Lane</p>	Clerk
	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED</p> <p>App No: 22/00724/FUL Replacement dwelling – ‘Winander’ Radford Lane App No: 22/00775/FUL Extensions 104 Langley Road App No: 22/00044/FUL Battery Storage Facility – Field at (Penn 1) Penstone Lane App No: 22/00045/FUL Battery Storage Facility – Field at (Penn 2) Penstone Lane</p>	Clerk
	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Enforcement Issues Access Road/58 Springhill Cottage District Cllr Kinsey advised that the court case process is ongoing.</p>	Clerk
140/22	<p>Enforcement Issues New Build 58A Springhill Lane- App 18/00022/FUL Case Ref: 22/00333/BOC – velux window, rear balcony, garage larger than approved – Cllr Kinsey to provide an update.</p>	
141/22	<p>Enforcement Issues – Sandhills Nursery D Cllr Kinsey to provide an update as soon as possible.</p>	DK
142/22	<p>Overgrown hedges/verges along Castlecroft Road Photos to be sent to D Cllr Kinsey to follow this up with Wolverhampton Council.</p>	DK
143/22	<p>Community Speedwatch/Speeding Issues Calendar of site visit dates now available.</p>	DK

144/22	Fly Tipping/Litter													
145/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incidents of fly tipping appear to have reduced in recent weeks Cllr Mrs Preece has ordered further supplies of 'Dog Fouling' signs. 													
146/22	Victory Hall/Jubilee Grant	KP												
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Mrs Taylor to obtain quotes for commemorative bench as soon as possible. A number of incidents involving property damage had occurred recently during the hiring of the Hall and it was agreed the Management Committee needed to discuss this further. 	CT												
147/22	Climate Action Group Cllr Mrs Preece gave details of the recent 'Small Changes' event held on 24 September and advised that there was now an excellent free online Carbon Literacy Course which she encouraged other councillors/residents to access. Free Carbon Literacy Training Opportunity (birmingham2022.com)	CT												
148/22	Castlecroft Playing Field	All												
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Council part-owned land: bring forward to next meeting Forest of Mercia – plans to plant a wild flower meadow early November Aldwyck Drive – councillors to check if any turfing/planting has taken place on Council owned land. 	All												
149/22	Bhylls Acre School – Academy Cllr Cox expressed his strong concern regarding a number of issues relating to the above proposal including lack of consultation, possible transfer of County Council land and possible conflict of interest issues with school governors and it was agreed that he would contact County Cllr Mrs Wilson with these concerns for further research and feedback.	NC/ VW												
150/22	Finance Sub-Committee Budget/Precept Meeting Will be arranged October/November to present budget/precept requirements for approval at December Parish Council Meeting.	Fin SC												
	ANY OTHER BUSINESS													
151/22	Drainage Issues/Kerbs Market Lane Due to recent flooding issues, it was confirmed that Cllr Mrs Southall had spoken to the residents affected and asked that further evidence is provided for submission to the County Council.	BS												
152/22	Village Green – Oak Tree It was reported that some of the lower branches of the tree required removal and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Taylor would contact Tree Patrol and Street Scene to obtain quotations for this work. Clerk to contact a third contractor for a quote.	CT Clerk												
153/22	Warm Space Venue To be considered													
154/22	ACCOUNTS The following accounts were presented for payment and cheques would be given to Cllr Mrs Brazenell/Cllr Mrs Southall for signature.													
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155/22	FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT Nothing to report													

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 3 November 2022 at 7.15pm in the Victory Hall

Signed: **Chairman**

Dated:

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