

LOWER PENN PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5 SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT:

Cllr N Cox - Chairman
 Cllr Mrs Beccy Southall – Vice Chair
 Cllr S Bradley
 Cllr Mrs K Brazenell
 Cllr Ms N Davies
 Cllr R Manoharan
 Cllr R Reade
 Cllr Mrs C Taylor
 Cllr R Waltho

District & County Cllr Mrs V Wilson
 PCSO J Buzzard and Colleague
 Members of the Public

Minute No		Action
151/19	APOLOGIES Received from District Cllr Dan Kinsey	
152/19	MINUTES Proposed by Cllr Mrs Brazenell and seconded by Cllr Mrs Taylor and carried that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 July 2019 be signed as a true and correct record.	
153/19	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Cllr Cox declared an interest and said that he had spoken to Ms Lorraine Fowkes at the District Council regarding his intention to make a public statement that he has an interest in a business called Little Pippins but this is not a nursery.	
154/19	POLICE REPORT 1 July – 31 August 2019 PCSO Jamie Buzzard and his colleague attended the meeting and reported that there had been an increase in vehicle crime in the Locality 5 area, the details of which were given on his report. The Meeting discussed the proposed siting of a S.I.D along Springhill Lane and PCSO Buzzard asked if he could be informed when this was likely to be in place. It was agreed that PCSO Buzzard would hold a 'Smart Alert' surgery on Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 5.30 – 6.30pm in the Victory Hall to enrol interested residents to sign up to this scheme.	BS
	Safer Neighbourhood Panel County Cllr Mrs Wilson said that she would be attending this meeting on 25 November and asked Councillors to let her have any questions that they would like her to raise.	All
155/19	COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Budget decision delayed until further information received from Central Government ▪ Information given on 'Ice Buster' initiative which involves volunteers supervising the use 	All

<p>156/19</p>	<p>of grit in icy weather conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Volunteer Groups can be set up to assist with works involving Public Rights of Way – funding is available for some training and equipment providing the Parish Council bids for this once a group has been formed. <p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – MATTERS DISCUSSED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Litter ▪ Pavements – Springhill Park ▪ Noise Pollution/Smoke ▪ Overgrown Hedges Springhill Lane ▪ Springhill Cottage Site (No 58) 	
<p>157/19</p>	<p>PLANNING CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS There were none</p> <p>APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED MID-MEETING</p> <p>App No: 19/00293/FUL Extensions 116 Springhill Lane No objection providing it meets appropriate planning and building regulations and local policies</p> <p>App No: 19/00048/FUL Retrospective Nursery Application The Parish Council objected to this additional application on 26 July 2019.</p> <p>App No: SS.19/02/627M Application for extension of time for Seisdon Quarry The Parish Council objected to this further time extension on 21 August 2019</p> <p>Appeal Ref: APP/C3430/W/19/3232500 – Robins Nest Farm The Parish Council objected to this appeal on 27 August 2019</p> <p>PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED App No: 19/00520/FUL Extensions 49 Springhill Park – 19/08/2019 with conditions App No: 19/00234/FUL Replacement Tower W'ton Rugby Club with conditions 25/07/2019</p> <p>APPLICATIONS PENDING App No: 19/00048/FUL – Retrospective Nursery application – Springhill Cottage (Sandhills) App No: 19/00493/FUL Extensions – 65 Springhill Lane</p> <p>OTHER PLANNING MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Land Owned by Orton House – tree lopping work on 2 trees protected by TPO's ▪ Veterinary Practice – Castlecroft – a number of complaints had been received about the noise from barking dogs and Cllr Reade reported that this is now being investigated by both the Environmental Officer and the Enforcement Officer. ▪ App No: 19/00441/UNDEV – Caravan at The Lindens Penstone Lane – this has been allocated to an Enforcement Officer to investigate. <p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Open Meeting To be reviewed – bring forward to next meeting.</p>	<p>RR</p>
<p>158/19</p>	<p>Litter Pick Cllr Mrs Southall reported that residents had undertaken a litter pick along Market Lane the</p>	
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	previous week. Cllr Manoharan said that he was currently waiting for equipment and jackets to be provided before he could arrange a session.	RM
160/19	Pavements – Springhill Park The situation had worsened as weeds were breaking up the pavements in some areas and making conditions dangerous. The Chairman said he would speak to the District Council as a resident of Springhill Park.	NC
161/19	Noise and Smoke Pollution The Meeting discussed the problem of anti-social incidents occurring outside of office hours and Cllr Mrs Southall said that extreme noise during the early hours should be reported to the Police. The Chairman agreed to request guidelines on other incidents that may occur outside of office hours.	NC
162/19	Overgrown Hedges – Springhill Lane Cllr Mrs Brazenell reported overgrown hedges which made it difficult for pedestrians to use the footpaths. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways about this issue.	Clerk
163/19	Land adjacent to Springhill Cottage Site (No 58) Cllr Mrs Southall reported that this site was constantly being used as a dumping ground with beds and mattresses in evidence and was in an appalling state. Cllr Ms Davies said that she had reported this to Enforcement some weeks ago and the Clerk was asked reiterate the problem to the District Council. Cllr Reade stated that the District Council is in the process of checking the access issue and will report back to next meeting.	Clerk RR
164/19	No 9 Springhill Park Cllr Ms Davies reported that no work has been carried out in recent months and Cllr Reade agreed to follow this up again with the District Council regarding a Section 215.	RR
165/19	Sandhills Nursery Cllr Reade stated that the application is likely to go to the Planning Committee in October and that a planning barrister will be inspecting the application in depth to ensure its legality. An application has been submitted to the Environment Agency regarding the foul water drainage and highways matters have been dealt with. Cllr Reade also said that the Officer's Report and Agenda will be available on the District Council's web site at least 5 days before the Committee Meeting and agreed to advise the Clerk when a definite date for the meeting is available.	RR
166/19	No 62 Springhill Lane (Jays Farm) Cllr Reade reported that the District Council will be issuing a final warning for the owners to submit a planning application for the septic tank and if this is not done, then it will be passed to Enforcement for action.	
167/19	Victory Hall Cllr Waltho explained the role of the Trustees to the Hall and the Clerk was asked to forward a copy of Minute No: 283/18 to all councillors for information. Cllr Waltho said that a programme of ongoing works is being considered for the Hall and this will be presented and agreed at the next Management Committee Meeting, to which all Trustees will be invited. Land Registration – Being discussed with District Council's Legal Department	Clerk RR/RW
168/19	Poor Water Quality – Lower Penn/Penn areas The Chairman reported that he had contacted Severn Trent Water but had not received a satisfactory response and has written again – to be brought to next meeting.	NC
169/19	Stolen Post Box – Langley Road Will be re-installed in its original location within 10-18 weeks. Community Speedwatch	

170/19	Cllr Mrs Southall distributed Speedwatch statistics covering the period December 2018 to 4 September 2019 and said that the Team had recruited 5 new members. Cllr Mrs Taylor reported that a number of JPE lorries and landfill lorries are travelling along Springhill Lane outside normal working hours and County Cllr Mrs Wilson said that dashcam evidence needs to be collected in order for it to be followed up.	CT/ All
171/19	Poor Broadband Service Nothing to report	
172/19	Defibrillator Cllr Mrs Taylor reported that West Midlands Ambulance Service is willing to assist in obtaining 3 quotations for the provision of a defibrillator and that the WMAS will also train volunteers (minimum of 12) free of charge in the use of the equipment. The meeting discussed the cost of such equipment and Cllr Mrs Taylor was hopeful that some funding would be available from other sources.	CT
173/19	Drain and Gully Jetting – Lower Penn County Cllr Mrs Wilson advised that some of the gullies had been jetted about a month ago and that the more problematic gullies would be jetted within the next few weeks.	
174/19	Log Reports July - August 2019 Castlecroft Playing Field Nothing to report	
	Village Green Some problems had been experienced regarding vehicles parked around the Green and Cllr Mrs Taylor agreed to speak to the complainant about this.	CT
	The Roughts/Bus Shelters Nothing to report	
175/19	Horse Rider Warning Signs Cllr Mrs Southall agreed to make enquiries into the provision of these signs.	BS
176/19	BT Red Telephone Box Nothing to report	
177/19	Railway Walk Issues currently reported to Baggeridge Ranger: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Broken fencing Greyhound Lane and Langley Road ▪ Lop and thin trees on north side of Railway Walk from bridge at Greyhound Lane to Market Lane ▪ Motorbikes/quads continue to use the Railway Walk Further letter to be sent to Baggeridge Ranger/thanks for removing tyres.	Clerk
178/19	Notice Board Radford Lane Clerk to obtain a quotation from original supplier for a replacement oak post.	Clerk
179/19	Bus Service Cllr Reade to provide update of passenger numbers using the bus service.	RR
180/19	Environmental Group Cllr Bradley reported on the group's first meeting which was well attended and said that he had obtained a copy of the deeds for the Castlecroft Playing Field in order to ensure that this area could be developed to incorporate new environmental schemes. He agreed to forward the deeds to Cllr Ms Davies for inspection and said that the next meeting of the group will be held on Thursday 19 September on the Castlecroft Playing Field.	SB/ ND
	Annual Parish Summit – Friday 11 October 2019 at District Council Offices	

181/19	<p>Attending: Cllrs N Cox, Mrs B Southall, S Bradley, Ms N Davies and Mrs C Taylor</p>																
182/19	<p>Code of Conduct Session – Monday 23 September at Perton Civic Centre Attending: Cllrs N Cox, Mrs B Southall, S Bradley, Mrs K Brazenell and Ms N Davies</p>																
183/19	<p>Locality 5 Police Meeting – Wednesday 30 October 2019 at Swindon Comm. Centre Attending: Cllr N Cox and Cllr Mrs K Brazenell</p>																
184/19	<p>Proposed Road Closure – Dene Road : 3 October 2019 9.30am – 3.30pm Length of Dene Road from Greyhound Lane to junction with Penstone Lane</p>																
185/19	<p>Dog Fouling – Pool Hall It was reported that a number of dog walkers were using residents' wheelie bins to dispose of their bags and the Clerk had contacted the Street Scene Team about the provision of a dog litter bin in this area, and also at Dimmingsdale. The Street Scene Team will monitor this and advise if they consider new bins are necessary. Dog Fouling Notices were distributed to the Parish Council.</p>																
186/19	<p>Parish Council Web Site Cllr Ms Davies had provided a quote for the provision of a new web site and the meeting discussed whether to utilise the chargeable services of the District Council or to provide its own web site. Cllr Reade agreed to enquire as to the possible costs of the District Council.</p>	RR															
187/19	<p>ACCOUNTS Details of the Council's account balances for June and July were given to the meeting. The Clerk advised that a VAT refund for £133.33 had been received and banked. It was proposed by Cllr Ms Davies and seconded by Cllr Reade (dispensation requested and agreed by Clerk) that the following donations be made and cheques were signed accordingly:</p> <table data-bbox="287 1232 893 1433"> <tr> <td>Victory Hall</td> <td>£2000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Anne's Church</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wombourne Volunteer Bureau</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SS Citizens Advice Bureau</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wombourne Special Needs</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SS Work Clubs</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> </table>	Victory Hall	£2000.00	St Anne's Church	£50.00	Wombourne Volunteer Bureau	£50.00	SS Citizens Advice Bureau	£50.00	Wombourne Special Needs	£50.00	SS Work Clubs	£50.00	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk			
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	<p>It was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Mrs Taylor and carried that the following accounts be paid and cheques were signed accordingly:</p> <table data-bbox="287 1736 1292 1915"> <tr> <td>Staffordshire County Council</td> <td>Radar Device</td> <td>£254.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BG Ground Maintenance</td> <td>July Account</td> <td>£405.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BG Ground Maintenance</td> <td>August Account</td> <td>£270.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs J Footman</td> <td>Clerk's Qtrly Salary</td> <td>£1191.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs J Footman</td> <td>Office Accommodation</td> <td>£70.00</td> </tr> </table>	Staffordshire County Council	Radar Device	£254.00	BG Ground Maintenance	July Account	£405.00	BG Ground Maintenance	August Account	£270.00	Mrs J Footman	Clerk's Qtrly Salary	£1191.75	Mrs J Footman	Office Accommodation	£70.00	Clerk Clerk Clerk
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188/19	<p>FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT Clerk's salary increased</p>																
189/19	<p>ANY ISSUES ARISING FROM DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS Cllr Reade said that all issues had been reported within above minutes.</p> <p>SECTION 17</p>																

190/19 Nothing to report

191/19 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Thursday 3 October 2019 commencing at 7.15pm

Signed: **Chairman**

Date:

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