

**Shimpling Parish Council**

**Minutes of Meeting of the Council**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 7:30pm at Shimpling Village Hall**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Katie Haselhurst (Chair), Gerry Shrimpton (Vice Chair), Nathalie Brown, Mike Atkins

**District Councillors:**

**County Councillor:** Cllr Richard Kemp

**Clerk:** Natasha Byford

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Brunwin and District Cllr Holt sent their apologies, these were noted and accepted.
2. **Declarations of Members Interest(s):**
  - a) **To receive disclosure of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest(s) including gifts of hospitality in excess of £25:** None received.
  - b) **To consider requests for dispensation for the agenda item(s) under discussion:** Cllr Haselhurst declared an interest in agenda item 15j, a planning application, as a family member was potentially involved with the building works, and it was agreed that she would not take part in the discussion on this application. It was discussed that all members lived in the Village and therefore were in close proximity to all planning applications, however it was agreed that members should discuss the applications otherwise the PC would be unable to comment.
3. **Public Participation session**

Two members of the public (MOP) attended. Nothing to add.
4. **Approval of minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved.

**Action: Clerk to publish these on the website and Social Media.**
5. **Chair's report:**

Chair Haselhurst gave the following report:

Nothing to add since the last meeting which was only a week ago.

6. **District Councillors report:** District Cllrs were absent so the Clerk read out a summary of their report and this is in Appendix A below.
7. **County Councillors report:** Cllr Richard Kemp read out a summary of his report, which was circulated to members prior to the meeting, and is in Appendix B below. Cllr Kemp added that he was at the meeting with regards to the Mount Farm licensing application and that the decision should be made within the next 5 day.
8. **Crime matters:**
- The new county wide newsletter available was dated March 2022 and is available online:  
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/snt-newsletters>
- The Clerk reported that the January newsletter was circulated to Councillors along with the papers for the crime update. Nothing Shimpling specific. The Community Engagement Officers visited Cockfield Primary School. Thomas spent his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday looking at the Police cars. There were 3 arrests, 90 wraps of heroin, cash and a knife were seized after a plain clothes Scorpion team paid a visit to an address. There is a new Responsible Car Wash Company, striving to promote compliance and raise standards in the car was industry.
9. **Village Hall:**
- a) **Village Hall Committee** – Update given from the VHC PC representative Cllr Brown was that they were busy planning the Jubilee weekend. They have the AGM next Monday. Marian plans to step down as Chair at the next meeting.
- b) The Clerk gave an update regarding Wifi in the Village Hall, some of the external works have been carried out and we expect the additional outside works to be carried out mid June, there will be a road closure.
- Action: Clerk to keep up to date and keep chasing these works**
- c) Members received a quote for further electrical works required in the Village Hall, the replacement of two new high-level lights for £275.25. Members agreed to go ahead with these works.
- Action: Clerk to let contractor know to go ahead**
- d) Members received two quotes for the redecoration of the Kitchen in the Village Hall, one for £295 for labour and materials and one for labour only at £450. It was agreed to go ahead with the quote for £295.
- Action: Clerk to let agreed contractor know this has been approved and the other quote was not.**

**10. Responsible Finance Officer's Finance Report:**

**10a)** The Clerk gave a finance report, details of which were circulated to members prior to the meeting and updated Members on the reserves figures which were incorrectly reported at the AGM. Members also agreed to move some reserves around.

**Action: Clerk to republish reserve figures.**

Members also discussed how they would potentially begin to spend some of the money the PC currently hold, it was noted that there is a round for CIL bids and that the PC should ask the District Councillors to assist. An idea regarding a revamp of the Village Hall was suggested, updating the parking at the Village Hall was also mentioned.

**Action: Clerk to put this on the agenda for the July meeting.**

The Clerk stated which invoices (please see below) needed to be paid.

Leaving balances as follows:

Treasurers Account	£6,182.40
Business Account	£35,980.82
Including CIL of	£3,941.26
Earmarked Reserves of	£5,850.00
General Reserves of	£4,655.09
COVID Grant of	£21,192.70

Clerk clarified to members that there was no expiry date for the covid grant money.

**10b)** To acknowledge payments made outside the meeting

• <b>Goal Post Anchors</b>	<b>£15.60</b>
(Public Health Act 1875, s.164)	
• <b>Business Rates for VH</b>	<b>£27.52</b>
(LGA 1972, s.133)	
• <b>ICO Registration</b>	<b>£35.00</b>
(LGA 1972, s.111)	
• <b>Zoom Subscription</b>	<b>£71.94</b>
(LGA 1972, s.111)	
• <b>Mortimer Contracts Layby Resurfacing</b>	<b>£1,500.00</b>
(Public Health Act 1875, s.164)	

- **Deposit for Bench** **£300.00**

(Public Health Act 1875, s.164)

**10c)** The following amounts were approved for payment:

- **Scribe Accounts Annual Subscription** **£154.80**

(LGA 1972 s 111)

- **SALC Membership Subscription** **£192.20**

(LGA 1972 s 111)

- **Bench** **£825.00**

(Public Health Act 1875, s.164)

- **Clerk's Net salary after Tax** **£404.80**

- **HMRC Tax payment** **£101.20**

- **Clerk's expenses (Fuel)** **£17.10**

LGA 1972 s. 111 (ancillary Powers)

The above payment schedule was approved by members.

**10d)** The Clerk noted that The Council have received money from bank interest 32p, £1,106.00 from Babergh for the Benches from the grant. £174.95 from Cllr Kemps Locality Budget for the Wifi. Received £1,970.63 in CIL and £5,206.50 for the first instalment of the precept.

**10e)** The Clerk presented the Council with the finance summary for 2021/22 and this was signed off as correct for 31/03/2022.

**Action: Clerk to publish this on the website**

Cllr Kemp left the meeting

**11. Clerks Report:** A full copy of the Clerk's report was circulated to members prior to the meeting. The following matters were considered for resolution:

**11a) Summary of Progress:** During the period (7th March – 1st May), I have worked 12 hours over the given time frame of 4 hours per week, this included organising all the paperwork for the Internal Audit and preparing for the three May meetings, minutes, agendas, actions from that, chasing of the WIFI, organising the recycling payment, as well as general administration. The Clerk's record of work was reviewed and accepted.

Item 23 was moved forward

**23. Councillor Vacancy:**

Members invited David Dunkley to talk about why he would like to join the PC as a Councillor. Members then voted to co-opt David. David Dunkley of Grovesbrook House, Gents Lane, Shimpling IP29 4HP was voted to serve on the council by unanimous vote.

**Action: Clerk to ensure acceptance of office and other mandatory forms are completed within 28 days and send any details required for new Councillors.**

**Action: Cllr Dunkley to set up a PC gmail account to use.**

**12. AGAR and Audits**

a) Members agreed and signed off the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the AGAR) for the 2021/22 year.

b) Members agreed and signed off the Accounting Statements (Section 2 of the AGAR) for the 2021/22 year with the variances explanation.

c) Members signed off the certificate of exemption for the external audit.

d) Members reviewed the 2021-22 Internal Audit Report. It was noted that the reserve figures were incorrect. These were the figures that the Clerk had reported to SALC as correct before Cllr Shrimpton pointed out at the Annual Parish Assembly that there was an error. It was noted that this is something for the Clerk to keep a closer eye on.

e) Members reviewed the Audit Action Plan which was produced by the Clerk following the audit. Members agreed that all actions from the recommendations were now complete. The additional comments had also been completed, Members decided not to add any additional policies with regards to data retention and that Members do want to look into getting a .gov.uk email address (as in Item f below).

**Action: Clerk to publish the AGAR, internal Audit and Audit Action Plan on the website and to send off the AGAR exemption certificate.**

f) Members discussed a .gov.uk domain name for the PC. Members decided this was a good idea and something they wanted to go ahead with.

**Action: Cllr Dunkley to look into what other Parishes do and Clerk to look into how to get a .gov.uk email address.**

**13. Footpaths:**

Members discussed improving the footpath (number 9?) that leads from Nigel's Way to the fields behind Halifax Place after having such success with Footpath 7 and it was agreed to look into this idea further. Chair Haselhurst had been trying to get quotations for this work, but we are still awaiting these.

With regards to liability, the Clerk checked with Highways and they are happy to send us a form for permission and said there shouldn't be any liability issues. This is to be brought to the July meeting.

**Action: Clerk to add this to the agenda for the July meeting**

It was also noted that the Nigels Way footpath was overgrown and the sign was now hidden due to the brambles.

**Action: Clerk to ask Chris Cook to trim this for us.**

**14. Recycling:**

Chair Haselhurst informed members that these works on the resurfacing next to the recycling banks were complete and looked great. The panels are not something the PC can go ahead with.

**15. Planning:**

The Chair gave an update on planning applications:

Planning Decisions:

- a. DC/22/00328 - 2 West View, Gents Lane, Shimpling, Suffolk IP29 4HP - Householder Application - Erection of single storey side and rear extensions, erection of single storey front extension with balcony, construction of front and rear dormers (following demolition of existing garage) – Withdrawn
- b. DC/22/00474 - Chadacre Estate, Chadacre, Shimpling, Suffolk IP29 4DT (In The Parish Of Hartest) - Planning Application - Erection of single storey extension to existing estate lodge – Granted
- c. DC/22/00672 - Giffords Hall, Hartest Hill, Shimpling, Suffolk IP29 4EX - Householder application - Conversion of existing garage to ancillary accommodation, replacement roof and new glazed frames to existing conservatory, erection of new covered way to link garage to main house and internal alterations. – Withdrawn
- d. DC/22/00673 - Giffords Hall, Hartest Hill, Shimpling, Suffolk IP29 4EX - Application for Listed Building Consent - Conversion of existing garage to ancillary accommodation, replacement roof and new glazed frames to existing conservatory, erection of new covered way to link garage to main house and internal alterations. – Withdrawn

- e. DC/22/00498 - Thorne Court, Shimpling Road, Shimpling, IP30 0JN - Application for Prior Approval for a proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for conversion. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q - Conversion of Barn to 1no self contained dwelling. – Prior approval refused
- f. AP/22/00010 Land Opposite To Stone Cottages, Bury Road, Shimpling, Suffolk - Appeal - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use or Operation or activity including those in breach of a planning condition. Town and Country Planning Act 1990: Section 191 as amended by section 10 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991. Town and Country Planning (General Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Conversion and use of former second world war building as a dwellinghouse – Awaiting Decision
- g. DC/22/01188 - Coppins House, Blooms Hall Lane, Stanstead, Suffolk CO10 9AY - Householder Application - Erection of detached 4 bay garage block. - Granted
- h. DC/22/01569 - Barn At Midway Farm Bury Road Shimpling Suffolk IP30 0JL - Non-Material Amendment sought following planning permission DC/20/02648 dated 27.08.2020 - Addition of photovoltaic solar panels to roof of south elevation – Granted
- i. DC/22/01730 - Land Adjacent The Bush The Street Shimpling Suffolk IP29 4HU - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/03069- Condition 7 (Landscaping Scheme) and Condition 9 (Agreement of Materials) – Awaiting Decision

**Planning Applications:**

- j. DC/22/02240 - Flint Barn, Thorne Court, Shimpling Road, Shimpling Bury St Edmunds Suffolk - Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for conversion. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q - Conversion of barn to form 1No. Dwelling.

Members discussed this application and asked whether any objections had been raised to the PC by the public, there were none and so Members decided not to comment on this application.

- k. DC/22/02190- Chadacre Hall Chadacre Shimpling Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4DT - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/22/00474 - Condition 3 (Landscaping Scheme)

Members decided not to comment on this application.

- I. DC/22/01834 - Aveley House, Aveley Lane, Shimpling, Part In The Parish Of Alpheton IP29 4HB - Planning Application - Erection of 1No detached holiday let

Members discussed this application and asked whether any objections had been raised to the PC by the public, there were none and it was felt that there were no near neighbours for this application so Members decided not to comment on this application.

**16. Covid19 Emergency Fund**

Members were updated from the Village Hall Committee regarding the donation towards the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. It was previously agreed to donate £500 towards the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The PC are awaiting receipts for this.

**17. Benches:**

The Clerk updated members that the bench had been ordered and there was a 14 week lead time but we hope to have the bench delivered around the end of June.

**18. Tree Planting:**

Chair informed members of the cherry tree to be planted on the Halifax Place corner. One near neighbour was very happy with this and suggested it may help with the flooding and offered to assist with looking after it. Cllr Haselhurst to check with the second near neighbour. This will be planted in the Autumn.

**19. Playground:**

Clerk reported that the playground had now had metal stakes to secure the football goals to the ground and Cllr Brunwin had cleaned all the algae off the play equipment. Items requiring work were all classed as low risk.

We have had a quotation from Eastern Play Services in order to complete the matting under the swing and a few other items that were picked up in the risk assessment. We are awaiting a quote from Mortimer Contracts. Caloo were also asked to quote but they declined.

Members agreed to wait until we had further quotes for these works.

**Action: Clerk to chase quotes and add to the July agenda.**

**20. Quiet Lanes:**

Clerk informed members that we were waiting on someone to install the post for the Quiet Lanes team to then be able to put up the sign. Members noted that the pole for the sign had gone up this week but was in the middle of the quiet lane!

**Action: Clerk to inform QLS that this is in the incorrect place.**



**21. Bridleway Signage:**

The Clerk gave an update to say that the PC would be required to install the horse warning signage ourselves and then be responsible for the maintenance of the sign. Cllr Kemp was happy to fund this out of his locality budget. It was noted it was required to be installed on private land, otherwise we would need a licence to install these. Members discussed this and agreed to go ahead.

**Action: Cllr Atkins to get quotes for the signage and report to Clerk with this.**

**22. Parking:**

a) Members discussed parking on the green next to the recycling banks and it was decided that the PC do not have any powers to do anything about this.

b) Members discussed parking at the Village Hall car park and it was decided that it would be impossible to enforce any such regulations.

**23. Councillor Vacancy:**

Was discussed after Item 11.

**24. Correspondence Received:**

None received that haven't been discussed within the above items.

**25. Urgent Matters to be brought to the attention of the council**

None received.

**There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9:05pm.**

## **Appendix A: District Councillors Report:**

### Changes to Babergh Cabinet

Babergh District Council's new Cabinet has now been announced:

- Cllr John Ward (Ind Con), leader and cabinet member for Economic Development
- Cllr Clive Arthey (Ind), deputy leader and cabinet member for Planning
- Cllr Dave Busby (Lib Dem), cabinet member for Finance, Assets and Investments
- Cllr Jane Gould (Green), cabinet member for Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Transport
- Cllr Liz Malvisi (Ind), cabinet member for Environment
- Cllr Alastair McCraw (Ind), cabinet member for Customers, Digital Transformation & Improvement
- Cllr Mary McLaren (Ind Con), cabinet member for Communities & Wellbeing
- Cllr Jan Osborne (Ind Con), cabinet member for Housing

### Playing our part to support Ukrainian refugees

Both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have pledged their full backing for the Ukrainian people, with support for refugees arriving in our districts as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Both councils are represented on Suffolk's Ukraine Task Group alongside representatives from the county's other local authorities, three Clinical Commissioning Groups, Health Outreach, Suffolk police, Suffolk Refugee Support, Anglia Care Trust and Community Action Suffolk.

Our officers are responsible for carrying out property inspections of homes once sponsors in Babergh and Mid Suffolk are matched with a Ukraine family or individual by the Home Office. We are working hard to ensure homes are appropriate and safe as quickly as possible. More information is available on our website, including how to sign up for a weekly email update.

### Payments of council tax energy rebates now underway

Payments of the Government's £150 energy rebate are now well underway for eligible households across Babergh and Mid Suffolk. Find out more

### Councils join forces with GPs to keep residents fit

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have expanded their GP referral schemes to include Hadleigh, providing tailored support for residents to improve their health and wellbeing.

### Councils announce more accessible facilities

Four new Changing Places facilities will be created in key visitor locations in Babergh and Mid Suffolk following a successful bid for grant funding for almost £200,000.

### Students find out more about film and TV careers

April saw the launch of the 2022 Careeriosity programme, with students in and around Sudbury invited to find out what career opportunities are available in the film and television sector at an exciting event by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils and Screen Suffolk.

## **Appendix B: County Councillors report:**

### **COVID-19 UPDATE - Summary**

Latest SCC information is available here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Latest Government advice is available here: [www.gov.uk/coronavirushave](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirushave)

### **No Government Funding for Bus Back Better**

The Department for Transport have confirmed Suffolk County Council will not receive any funding for their Bus Back Better strategy. The strategy was aimed to improve and expand bus services in Suffolk, connecting rural areas to local and important towns, as well as reduce carbon emissions in line with the goal to become net zero by 2050.

Central government confirmed that any bids that failed did not show enough ambition. We as a group have criticised the Conservatives at Suffolk County Council since the strategy was announced for playing it safe. Suffolk has paid the price for this. We will continue to hold the Conservatives to account on their policies, and push for a bus service that helps local, rural communities stay connected with Suffolk.

### **Cabinet Meeting 26th April**

The Cabinet met to discuss Suffolk County Council's Post-16 Travel Policy for 2022-23. The policy outlines all the support offered to those who struggle to afford the travel sending their child to education, training, or an apprenticeship. The Cabinet voted to freeze the increase in costs to parents/guardians, meaning the price remains at £930 per year for a Mainstream Seat, and £750 for a Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Seat.

Our Group welcomed the cap on travel costs, but asked the Council to lobby government to provide adequate funding for post-16 travel - especially when it was this government's decision to raise the mandatory age of education from 16 to 18.

The Cabinet discussed the positive report Suffolk County Council received from Ofsted's inspection into Care Leaver services. The report showed that Care Leavers were prioritised by the Council and successfully helped them transition to independence. The report highlighted emotional well-being as a point for improvement. Our Group will ensure the Council are held to account over their future action plan.

The Cabinet also discussed the 'Ipswich Garden Suburb' development. This is an Ipswich Borough Council project to develop more than 1,000 houses in North Ipswich, including a new primary and secondary school. As a consultee, Suffolk County Council voted to not endorse the plans. The project did not prioritise cycling/walking, did not mitigate sufficiently its effect on biodiversity, and failed to submit sufficient drainage that wouldn't increase flood risk or pollution.

### **County Deal - Key Communications**

Back in February, Suffolk was announced as one of nine county areas to be invited to negotiate a County Deal – a deal that would see Suffolk have more control over decisions in transport, education, skills, housing, and planning. The Conservatives announced Suffolk would be pursuing a deal without the recommendation of a Mayor. Our Group agrees with this position.

The Council has confirmed that discussions with ministers are expected soon, and they will be responding with their expectations of what Suffolk would achieve in terms of the government's Levelling-up strategy.

The Conservatives have confirmed they will work with all partners, including our Group, and so we will ensure that we help secure the best possible County Deal for Suffolk residents.

### **Suffolk County Council to freeze post-16 travel costs to schools and colleges**

Suffolk County Council is to freeze charges for travel for over 16s to schools and colleges from September.

The council's Cabinet agreed fares should remain at 2021/22 levels for another 12 months to help families faced with soaring living costs. The decision means costs for the 2022/23 academic year will remain at £930 per year for mainstream transport and £750 for SEND pupils.

The council had noted its charges were already in line with, or higher than, some neighbouring local authorities. The decision will be reviewed in 12 months' time. The Post-16 Travel Policy applies to full-time learners aged 16-18 years, and those aged 19 years and over if they are continuing the same course started before their nineteenth birthday. It also applies to continuing learners with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) aged 19-25 years.

To qualify for funding under the scheme young people need to continue to study or train in one of three ways:

- Study full-time in a school, college or with a training provider (at least 540 hours of planned learning per year)
- Full-time work or volunteering (20 hours or more per week) combined with part-time education or training leading to relevant regulated qualifications (at least 280 hours of planned learning per year)
- Be working in an apprenticeship, supported internship or traineeship

The council is not required by law to fund Post-16 Travel and does not receive any funding from central government to fund it. Applications for SCC Post-16 travel for the September term need to be made by May 31.

### **SUFFOLK GLI, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT REPORT - APRIL 2022**

This report is a summary of some of the big decisions our Suffolk MPs have voted on during the month. The report shows what each Suffolk MP voted for, as well as the upcoming Bills in May.

**20th April 2022**

#### **1) Nationality and Borders Bill, Clause 11 - Differential treatment of refugees (Lord's Amendment)**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> April, the Lord's voted to amend the Nationality and Border Bill to change Clause 11. Their amendment asked for the Secretary of State to guarantee 'Group 1' and '2' refugees have rights without distinction, ensuring their classification doesn't affect the ability to maintain the unity of that person's family.

The Conservatives voted to reject this amendment, as they believe it is possible to accord different treatment to refugees in a way that is compliant with the Refugee Convention. The Lords and Conservatives are currently going through Ping Pong – which is a process of back and forth until the Bill is passed.

**Peter Aldous** voted NO. **Matthew Hancock** voted NO. **Tom Hunt** voted NO. **Daniel Poulter** voted NO. **Therese Coffey** voted NO. **James Cartlidge** voted NO. **Jo Churchill** voted NO.

**2) Nationality and Borders Bill, Clause 37 - Refugee resettlement schemes (Lord's Amendment)**

This is a Lord's amendment to the Bill, which asks the Secretary of State to publish a numerical target for the resettlement of refugees in the United Kingdom each year. The amendment also states local authorities must be provided with appropriate resourcing to deliver target.

The House of Commons rejected this amendment, as the Conservatives considered this as neither necessary nor appropriate.

**Peter Aldous** voted NO. **Matthew Hancock** voted NO. **Tom Hunt** voted NO. **Daniel Poulter** voted NO. **Therese Coffey** voted NO. **James Cartlidge** voted NO. **Jo Churchill** voted NO.

**3) Nationality and Borders Bill, Clause 15 – Safe Third State**

This is a Lord's amendment to the Bill. The amendment relates to Section 11 of the Bill (Accommodation for asylum-seekers), which seeks to amend Section 22 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002.

Section 22 stipulates the Secretary of State may provide support by arranging provision of accommodation in an accommodation centre. The new Bill by Conservatives wishes to amend this to specify 'support' and 'temporary support'. The Lord's amendment wishes to add that "immigration rules implementing this provision must take due account of the best interests of children and the fundamental right to family unity in all cases".

The Conservatives voted to reject this amendment, as they believe the amendment was unnecessary.

**Peter Aldous** voted NO. **Matthew Hancock** voted NO. **Tom Hunt** voted NO. **Daniel Poulter** voted NO. **Therese Coffey** voted NO. **James Cartlidge** voted NO. **Jo Churchill** voted NO.

**26th April 2022**

**Judicial Review and Courts Bill, After Clause 42, Publicly funded legal representation for bereaved people at inquests (Lord's Amendment)**

The Bill is currently at its final stages, where amendments made by Lords are being considered by the Commons. This amendment states that a new clause should be added that allows those closely associated with an inquest of someone deceased to apply for public funded representation if needed.

The Conservatives rejected this amendment, because it would involve a charge on public funds.

**Peter Aldous** voted NO. **Matthew Hancock** did not vote. **Tom Hunt** voted NO. **Daniel Poulter** voted did not vote. **Therese Coffey** voted NO. **James Cartlidge** voted NO. **Jo Churchill** did not vote.

**Upcoming Bills in May 2022**

**Down Syndrome Bill: Royal Assent**

A Bill to make provision about meeting the needs of persons with Down syndrome, and for connected purposes. Both Houses have now agreed on the text of the Bill which now waits for the final stage of Royal Assent when the Bill will become an Act of Parliament. Royal Assent is yet to be scheduled.

**Plastics (Wet Wipes) Bill: Second Reading (6<sup>th</sup> May 2022):** A Bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of wet wipes containing plastic.

**Climate Change Bill: Second Reading (6<sup>th</sup> May 2022):** A Bill to place a duty on the Government to declare a climate emergency; to amend the Climate Change Act 2008 to bring forward the date by which the United Kingdom is required to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions; to place a duty on the Government to create and implement a strategy to achieve objectives related to climate change, including for the creation of environmentally-friendly jobs; to require the Secretary of State to report to Parliament on proposals for increased taxation of large companies to generate revenue to be spent to further those objectives.

**Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill: Second Reading (6<sup>th</sup> May 2022):** A Bill to place duties on the Secretary of State to decarbonise the United Kingdom economy and to reverse inequality; to establish a ten-year economic and public investment strategy in accordance with those duties which promotes a community- and employee-led transition from high-carbon to low- and zero-carbon industry; to require the Government to report on its adherence to the strategy; to establish higher environmental standards for air, water and green spaces; to make provision to protect and restore natural habitats; and for connected purposes.

**Plastic Pollution Bill: Second Reading (6<sup>th</sup> May 2022):** The Bill to set targets for the reduction of plastic pollution; to require the Secretary of State to publish a strategy and annual reports on plastic pollution reduction; to establish an advisory committee on plastic pollution; and for connected purposes.

**Bereavement Leave and Pay (Stillborn and Miscarried Babies) Bill: Second Reading (6<sup>th</sup> May 2022):** The Bill would extend entitlement to parental bereavement leave and pay to parents of babies miscarried or stillborn during early pregnancy; and for connected purposes.

**Mental Health Provision (Children and Young People) Bill: Second Reading (6<sup>th</sup> May 2022):** A Bill to require the Government to report annually to Parliament on mental health provision for children and young people

**Social Housing (Emergency Protection of Tenancy Rights): Second Reading (6<sup>th</sup> May 2022):** The Bill aims to give social housing tenants the right to continuity of secure tenancy in circumstances when they have to move because of a threat to the personal safety of the tenant, or someone in their household; to place associated responsibilities on local authorities and social housing providers; and for connected purposes.

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