

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes 20th April 2022

Held at: Church Hall, Swebstone

Present Councillors: B. Sumner, N. Makin, J. Coleman
Vice Chair: P. Cook
Clerk: K. Stirk
County Councillor: D. Harrison
Members of the Public

001/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Chairman Milner sent apologies and they were accepted.

002/2022 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

No incidents had been reported to the police.

003/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported the Swebstone roads needed sweeping and a drain was blocked. Villager to send photos of problem to clerk.

Resolution: Clerk to report to LCC Highways & copy in Cllr. Harrison.

Many footpath signs missing and damaged in both villages.

Resolution: Clerk to identify the missing signs and report to LCC footpaths officer & copy in Cllr. Harrison.

Informed about a 'Speed Watch Organisation' to help with problem of reducing speeding traffic.

Resolution: Clerk to research & bring information to next PC meeting.

HGVs reported travelling through Swebstone, registrations supplied.

Resolution: Clerk to report to the Police.

004/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Councillors of any agenda items in which they have a personal or prejudicial interest.

005/2022 MINUTES

The council confirmed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting in March 2022 were an accurate representation of the meeting.

006/2022 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes that needed to be readdressed or placed as a formal agenda item from the March meeting.

007/2022

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

- Problem of slurry tankers speeding through the villages and causing damage to verges.
Resolution: Clerk to write to slurry tanker company requesting more care be taken by drivers.
- Concerns raised about possible increase of traffic along Main Street, Sweptstone following completion of large developments in nearby villages.
Resolution: Clerk to request LCC Highways install a vehicle counter to monitor the situation. Copy in Cllr. Harrison.
- Clerk reported David Wilson Homes confirmed they would pay PC solicitor costs for the transfer of the Nethercote land.
Resolution: Clerk to request PC solicitors forward final documents to PC for approval by Cllr. Makin.
- Cllr Makin reported the possibility of convex reflecting lights replacing existing lighting on Church Street, Sweptstone by LCC Highways. PC waiting a response from LCC.
Resolution: LCC response be copied to Cllr. Harrison.
- Clerk informed the meeting the quote for shorter hanging basket structures were cheaper than the full height ones previously purchased.
Resolution: Clerk to order the 2 hanging basket structures.
- Following the receipt of renewal information request from insurance company, the PC need information about whether the policy is new for old regarding equipment on the Wraggs Yard.
Resolution: Clerk to contact insurance company for information.
- Clerk informed the meeting that LCC footpaths officer was trying to find someone at LCC who could assist with the problems of damage on the Green Lane at the bottom of Francis Lane.
Resolution: Clerk to chase a response.
- Clerk required further details about the May Litter Pick.
Resolution: The Parish Council supplied details for the April Newsletter.

008/2022

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Schedule of Payments were agreed for on-line payment.

- Newsletter
- Clerk's Expenses
- Planter Primroses
- Church Mowing
- Handyman Jobs
- LRALC Membership Fees
- Queen's Jubilee Celebration Goods

Councillors heard the current balance and agreed payment of invoices.

Monthly bank reconciliation agreed and signed.

009/2022 PLANNING MATTERS

22/00459/VCI Spinney Farm, Snarestone Road, Newton Burgoland – conversion of agricultural building to form one dwelling & erection of detached outbuilding to form garages & store without complying with conditions 1 & 4 of planning permission 21/00836/VCU to retain post & rail fencing erected in field to rear of dwelling

Resolution: No objections were raised.

010/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

Notice of May playground inspections raised a query about frequency of play equipment being inspected.

Resolution: Clerk to contact the insurance company about the recommended frequency.

011/2022 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT

Cllr. Coleman reported the Friday Jubilee Celebration was well planned, and equipment purchased. Details were discussed and agreed. Cllr. Coleman reported the difficulties regarding Saturday events, and it was agreed the PC would focus on the Friday events. It was agreed the lamp post signs would go up toward the end of May.

Resolution: Jubilee Celebration flyer to be approved with the newsletter by Chairman and clerk to order enough flyers to be distributed with the newsletter and for the school children.

012/2022 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE REVIEW

No further progress to report.

013/2022 VERGES & FOOTPATH PROBLEMS

Cllr. Coleman reported a dangerous tree by the Newton Burgoland planter opposite to Meadow Close.

Resolution: Clerk to report to LCC Highways with photographs.

Cllr. Coleman requested details of areas maintained by villages' gardener and handyman.

Resolution: Clerk to get the information collated.

014/2022 AGAR 2021/2022 CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION

Parish Councillors agreed and signed document for the external auditors.

Clerk reported the internal audit had been successfully completed.

Resolution: Clerk to complete the AGAR documents for the external auditors.

015/2022 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Items had been discussed under previous agenda items.

016/2022 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None.

Vice Chairman Cook thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting.