

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes 12th August 2021

Held at: Swebstone Church Hall

Date: Thursday 12th August at 8:00pm

Present

Councillors: B. Sumner, N. Makin, J. Coleman

Chair: A. Milner

Parish Clerk: K. Stirk

Other: County Cllr. Dan Harrison, Mr & Mrs Eades

583/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Paul Cook

584/2021 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

No reported crimes.

585/2021 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An update was requested for 11 School Lane, Newton Burgoland.

Resolution: clerk reported a further notice of enforced sale had been served by NWLDC which ended on 11/08/21.

An update was requested for Aylesbury Gardens.

Resolution: clerk reported NWLDC had served a notice to come into effect on 26/08/21 to cease the unauthorised use of the land, period for compliance being 6 months. County Cllr. Harrison to verify law changes regarding any new planning applications

586/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

587/2021 MINUTES

The council confirmed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting in June 2021 were an accurate representation of the meeting.

588/2021 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 June meeting.

589/2021 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Councillors reviewed elements of the progress report of ongoing items and advised Clerk on next steps. The key points were:

- Aylesbury Gardens. **Resolution:** clerk to email County Cllr. Harrison about law changes regarding any further planning applications received.

- Information Boards. **Resolution:** clerk to chase licence.
- New hanging baskets. **Resolution:** clerk to chase licence.
- No Smoking signs for Wraggs Yard and Swepstone Play Area received. **Resolution:** clerk to request handyman installs signs.
- Defibrillator new pads and charger order update. **Resolution:** clerk informed delivery should be in August.
- Entrance gate to Newton Burgoland insurance claim update. **Resolution:** clerk liaising with L.C.C. Highways and P.C. insurance company.
- Marquee at Old Crown Inn, Snarestone obstructing sight at road junction. **Resolution:** clerk to inform Snarestone P.C. chairman about the complaint.
- Newton Burgoland wooden planter condition. **Resolution:** Handyman to repair and restore during winter months.
- Request for a 'Children Playing' sign on The Pinfold, Newton Burgoland. **Resolution:** clerk contacted L.C.C. Highways for advice.

590/2021 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Schedule of Payments were agreed for on-line payment.

- Newsletter
- Clerk's Expenses
- Wraggs Yard February Hedge Cutting
- Watering and Handyman Services

Councillors heard the current balance and agreed payment of invoices.

591/2021 PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered the following applications:

Appl. Ref. 21/01423/FUL, Field View Barn, Snarestone Road, Newton Burgoland
No objections.

Appl. Ref. 21/01422/FUL Field View Barn, Snarestone Road, Newton Burgoland
The Parish Council objected stating:-

'Planning permission has been granted for domestic use and to enable horses to be kept for that purpose. There was no mention in the original planning application of the necessity for other buildings such as ancillary storage. In all probability if there had been mention of these buildings the planning permission may not have been granted. This again is an example of creeping planning.

If the planning permission originally given would not have been granted if the buildings in this application were mentioned, then this application should be refused and no further consideration should be given.

It is not understood why, if this is a domestic use, it is necessary to have these other buildings. If it was necessary this should have been mentioned in the original planning application.

This is a further intensification of use of this site and as is recognised, intensive horse keeping for whatever reason is not an agricultural use and therefore this is a non-agricultural use in a rural area and should not as such be allowed. This of course may further be an attempt to develop a riding school or stables outside

of a village area and the development plan. If there are just a few horses required for domestic use then it is not apparent as to why machinery is required as it would not normally be required for domestic purposes of horse-riding. Accordingly there is no case made out for these buildings. The planning authority should also be wary of allowing unnecessary buildings in this area which is a particularly sensitive area from a planning point of view.

If there are buildings for further machinery it seems to indicate that there will be greater traffic movement than was originally contemplated in the first planning application and the effect of this on traffic and visibility at the site should be considered.

Whilst this council has no objection to skylights in buildings merely as a note where there is open countryside the effect of lights at night on the illumination of the area can lead to "light pollution" at night and is a recognised effect that the council may wish to take into account.

As a planning note the property was granted planning permission for a post and rail fence and now has a close boarded fence which restricts visibility to and from the road but more important, or at least as important, is that such a fence is out of character with the area and we consider enforcement should be taken to ensure that a post and rail fence is installed. The planning permission was granted on the basis that the construction should be strictly in accordance with the plans submitted in a close boarded fence is not as such in accordance with this.'

Appl. Ref. 21/00836/VCU Spinney Farm, Snarestone Road, Newton Burgoland
The Parish Council objected stating:-

'There appears on this site to be "creeping planning". The original planning consent was granted on a strictly limited basis taking into account the previous use of the property and each and every planning condition that was imposed was imposed for good reason without which planning consent would not have been given. For this reason alone the application should be refused.

This property is situated in a rural area which is subject to open countryside policies. It is outside the area for development and any further development would be an over intensification of use. No reason has been given to depart from existing planning policies and further development at the site is undesirable and will inevitably lead to further domestic development in open countryside it is likely that any housing will require gardens and other domestic usage.

Further domestic dwellings constructed on this site would be unsustainable and unsupported by local services. Dwellings should be in areas where there is the infrastructure and domestic services to support them including shops, post office, primary and secondary schools and appropriate bus services. This is particularly important in view of the necessity for ensuring reduction in energy usage to maintain the government's policy of attempting to achieve zero emissions.

From a transport policy point of view the access is inadequate and further intensification will lead to greater vehicular use which is not appropriate for this property.'

- 592/2021 CORRESPONDENCE**
Letter of objection received regarding Field View Barn, Snarestone Road, Newton Burgoland planning applications.
Resolution: clerk to advice resident that Parish Council has sent planning application objection letter to NWLDC.
- 593/2021 ROAD TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS**
The Parish Councillors requested advise and possible funding from L.C.C. for average speed cameras to reduce speeding traffic on Swepstone Road, Swepstone. Leicestershire County Councillor Harrison believed some funding/grants may also be available from other government bodies. Mr Eades suggested L.C.C. Highways remark the dog teeth road markings to Cllr. Harrison.
Resolution: Cllr. Makin to attend Cllr. Harrison's surgery at County Hall.
Clerk to source quotation for costs of average speed cameras
Clerk to investigate funds/grants available for improving road safety.
- 594/2021 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT**
It was agreed to hold a community event together with the Wraggs Yard Trustees on Friday 3rd June 2022.
Resolution: clerk to book band for the evening celebrations. To be discussed further at the next meeting in September.
- 595/2021 WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 90th BIRTHDAY DONATION REQUEST**
It was agreed to donate £50.
Resolution: clerk to organise the donation.
- 596/2021 NWLDC POPPY ARTWORK**
It was agreed to purchase further poppies for the villages' posts from the British Legion directly.
Resolution: clerk to obtain cost and whether poppies are made of recyclable materials.
- 597/2021 ROSPA REPORT – SWEPSTONE ROAD PLAY AREA**
Clerk informed the meeting that handyman would carry out maintenance jobs in October.
- 598/2021 PARISH FLORA**
It was agreed to purchase 2000 daffodil bulbs from NWLDC using the Green Shoots Grant.
Resolution: clerk to place the order.
It was agreed more trees in the villages would be beneficial.
Resolution: clerk to contact the tree inspector to help with locating suitable sites.
It was agreed the Newton Burgoland hanging baskets be more noticeable with more trailing plants.
Resolution: Chairman Milner to request trees are cut back around the hanging baskets.
It was agreed not to have a further planter in Swepstone.

599/2021 WRAGGS YARD VEGETABLE SOCIETY

It was agreed not to donate to this year's event but to discuss a sponsored competition/cup for future years.

Resolution: clerk to put on December's agenda.

600/2021 COFFEE CONNECT VAN

The Rural Community Council had offered six further dates for the Coffee Connect Van to visit Newton Burgoland, to help combat isolation and loneliness.

Resolution: clerk to book the dates and to contact Congregational Church Warden about interest in offering coffee mornings in Newton Burgoland.

601/2021 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

It was agreed to start future meetings at 7pm.

Chairman Milner informed the meeting about the future improvements to the Wraggs Yard and the date for the Wraggs Yard Barn Dance to be 25th June 2022.

602/2021 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Autumn filling of hanging baskets and planters.

Footpaths.