

- Field View Barn, Newton Burgoland planning consultation 21/01422/FUL. No reply received from N.W.L.D.C. regarding the P.C. objections.

Resolution: Clerk to contact N.W.L.D.C. for an update.

668/2021 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Schedule of Payments were agreed for on-line payment.

- Newsletter
- Clerk's Expenses
- N.W.L.D.C. daffodil bulbs
- Geoff Cantwell – removal of dead tree & refurbishment of Newton planter

Councillors heard the current balance and agreed payment of invoices.

669/2021 PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered the following applications:

21/01407/FUL Aylesbury Gardens, Newton Road, Swepstone – continued use of land as a residential caravan site with 6 touring caravans & retention of amenity block, toilet building, parking area & surfacing

Cllr. Makin reported the difficulties he was experiencing with obtaining any further information from N.W.L.D.C. regarding the legalities of the above planning application.

Resolution: Clerk to invite District Councillor Richard Blunt to the January meeting.

670/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

Email had been received from Denstone Parish Council in Staffordshire requesting support to fight a large development which is outside the agreed settlement boundary in the Neighbourhood Plan and had been approved by their Borough Council.

Resolution: It was agreed the clerk obtain Denstone Parish Council's barrister's legal advice, to be discussed further at the January meeting.

Information had been received from L.C.C. regarding their GigaHubs Project to connect rural public buildings to the internet with long term costs involved.

Resolution: It was agreed there was not enough requirement to justify the long-term costs.

Email had been received from N.W.L.D.C. regarding the need to decide what precept would be required for the next financial year. (In case future P.C. meeting could not be held due to possible further Covid restrictions).

Resolution: It was agreed to request £18,168 if meetings were to be cancelled. The budget and precept request be further discussed and ratified at the January meeting.

- 671/2021 VEGETABLE SOCIETY INSURANCE / COMPETITION SPONSORSHIP**
The Parish Council and the Vegetable Society representative discussed insuring the trophies for the very short period prior to the show.
Resolution: It was agreed the short period of insurance was not required. Discussion took place regarding whether the trained volunteers who erect the marquees for the Vegetable Show were covered by the P.C. insurance.
Resolution: Clerk to contact the P.C. insurance company for clarification. The Parish Council offered to sponsor a trophy at the Vegetable Show.
Resolution: It was agreed all the existing trophies had sponsors and the Vegetable Society would inform the P.C. if any further sponsorship was required.
- 672/2021 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT**
Cllr. Cook informed the meeting that a £350 grant was available from N.W.L.D.C. for community parties organised by the Parish Council.
Cllr. Sumner had contacted the Melbourne Band to perform at the event.
Resolution: Clerk to apply for the grant. Cllr Sumner to contact Melbourne Band to suggest an afternoon performance.
- 673/2021 HANGING BASKETS**
It was agreed to reduce the height of both hanging baskets structures.
Resolution: Clerk to request handyman contacts Cllr. Coleman to agree the height and to carry out the work. It was agreed to delay ordering further hanging basket structures until height issue had been resolved.
- 674/2021 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE REVIEW**
It was agreed to discuss the above item at the next meeting.
- 675/2021 COVID COMMEMORATION 2022 INITIATIVE**
The Parish Council discussed the proposal of installing a commemorative bench and tree supplied by N.W.L.D.C.
Resolution: Clerk to contact the Wraggs Yard Trustees to request the bench and tree be installed on Wraggs Yard by the renovated pond area.
- 676/2021 FOREST FESTIVAL**
Cllrs. Milner and Coleman attended a meeting with other local bodies to discuss the proposed Forest Festival licence (expecting 40,000 people to attend over a 4 day period) for the event to take place at Cattows Farm, Ibstock. Following advice from interested public bodies it was agreed to object to the licence on the grounds of possible crime, public safety and incidents of public nuisances experienced during previous events held by the licence applicants at other venues. The meeting was informed that the events committee had been too late to apply for the licence. Therefore, it would seem the event would not go ahead.
- 677/2021 LAND ADOPTION**
David Wilson Homes proposed the Parish Council adopt a small piece of land on Nethercote, Newton Burgoland.
Resolution: It was agreed to contact N.W.L.D.C. to investigate whether a section 106 agreement existed on the small area of verge.

678/2021 TRAINING COURSES FOR PARISH CLERK

The clerk requested she attend LRALC three training courses at a cost of £45 per course.

Resolution: The meeting agreed to the training.

679/2021 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Cook attended a Parish Liaison meeting and informed the Parish Councillors about the N.W.L.D.C. grant available for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Cllr. Cook reported the HS2 Birmingham to East Midlands Parkway is to go ahead in the mid 2030s. Cllr. Cook also informed the meeting about the GigaHubs project which was discussed earlier on the agenda.

Cllr. Milner informed the meeting the Belpher Arms beech hedge had not been cut back following reporting the problem.

680/2021 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None requested.

Chairman Milner thanked everyone for their contributions, wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year and closed the meeting.