

# SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Held at:** Church Hall, Swebstone

**Date:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm

**Present**

**Councillors:** B. Sumner, N. Makin,  
J. Coleman, P.Cook

**Chair:** A. Milner

**Clerk:** K. Stirk

**Other:** Member of the public

**700/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**701/2022 LOCAL POLICING REPORT**

No incidents had been reported to the police.

**702/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public raised concerns about boy racers using Main Street in Swebstone driving recklessly causing a danger to other road users and disturbing the residents. Also, the resident wanted an update about the problem of speeding traffic on Main Street, Swebstone and suggested the use of handheld speed guns. The resident was advised to record registrations before reporting the problems to the police. The Chairman explained the purchase of average speed cameras was impossible due to the cost of £100,000

**Resolution:** Clerk to research the use of handheld speed guns by volunteers.

The resident requested long handled litter pickers as a regular litter picker.

**Resolution:** Clerk to source long handled litter pickers.

**703/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**704/2022 MINUTES**

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

**705/2022 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 January meeting.

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### MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

- Complaint about route used by Shackerstone Railway when moving trains to and from the station.  
**Resolution:** Clerk reported the route was due to avoiding bridges and the station would inform the councillors when movements were planned. Clerk to thank the Shackerstone Railway for the information.
- The potholes at the bottom of Francis Lane, Newton Burgoland still not repaired.  
**Resolution:** Clerk to report the problem again to LCC Highways and Fixmystreet website.
- Complaint about the lack of street lighting in Church Street, Swepestone. Clerk reported due to L.C.C budget restrictions, it would not add further lighting but maintain existing lighting.  
**Resolution:** Clerk to obtain L.C.C maintenance schedule of existing lighting.
- Clerk asked if any councillor would like any LRALC training.  
**Resolution:** Clerk to obtain information for Cllr. Coleman.
- Field View Barn, Newton Burgoland planning consultation 21/01422/FUL. Clerk reported that NWLDC planning officer would be recommending approval.  
**Resolution:** No further action to be taken.
- Planned hanging baskets structures for Swepestone and Newton Burgoland.  
**Resolution:** Clerk to obtain prices and chase LCC licence.
- Green Lane between Francis Lane, Newton Burgoland and Derby Lane damaged by 4x4 vehicles.  
**Resolution:** Clerk to contact footpaths officer for advice regarding installing a stile where the footpath changes into a public right of way.

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### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Schedule of Payments were agreed for on-line payment.

- Newsletter
- Clerk's Expenses
- LRALC Clerk Part 1 Training

Councillors heard the current balance and agreed payment of invoices.

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### PLANNING MATTERS

Aylesbury Gardens update.

No reply had been received from NWLDC as promised.

**Resolution:** Clerk to contact Councillor Richard Blunt.

22/00202/FUL Swepstone Hall, 15 Church Street, Swepstone – formation of new facing brickwork boundary wall with brickwork piers & double entrance gates.

**Resolution:** No objections.

**709/2022 CORRESPONDENCE**

Request received to include in next newsletter details of a walking website.

**Resolution:** Clerk to put article in newsletter.

Request received from LCC Urban Verge Wildlife Scheme, does the Parish Council wish to continue to take part.

**Resolution:** P.C. agreed to continue in the scheme.

An enquiry received from RCC Rural Coffee Connect Van Scheme about the PC plans for the Jubilee celebrations.

**Resolution:** Clerk to inform RCC that the W.I. providing refreshments at the Jubilee celebrations. Also, to request if the Coffee Connect Van could revisit the villages.

Email received from Treasurer of Swepstone Church requesting PC cover the cost of churchyard mowing for another year.

**Resolution:** PC to cover 75% of the cost, clerk to inform the Treasurer.

**710/2022 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Councillors discussed the need for a neighbourhood plan following the presentation at the January meeting. It was agreed not to go ahead at this time.

**Resolution:** Clerk to inform Mr Kirk and thank him for his presentation.

**711/2022 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT**

The councillors approved Cllr Coleman's suggestion of a subcommittee to organise the events with help from volunteers and local groups/organisations. It was agreed to book a live band with the authority to spend £1,000

**Resolution:** Clerk to put an article in the newsletter and Cllr. Coleman to set up a meeting for any volunteers.

**712/2022 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE REVIEW**

The councillors discussed the proposed new website and it agreed to the annual cost of £120.

**Resolution:** Chairman Milner to begin building the website.

**713/2022 N.W. RURAL POLICING TEAM – SHARE THE ROAD CAMPAIGN**

It was agreed to request Share the Road Campaign Signs at The Crown Inn junction and Main Street, Swepstone.

**Resolution:** Clerk to inform Rural Policing Team.

**714/2022 N.W. LEICESTERSHIRE PLANNING POLICY CONSULTATION**

The councillors agreed to look at the Consultation Hub and possibly submit their thoughts on what is good or not so good about the green and blue infrastructure across the district.

**Resolution:** Clerk to forward the email.

**715/2022    REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Coleman reported water flowing down Odstone Lane, Newton Burgoland.

**Resolution:** Clerk to report problem to L.C.C. and Fixmystreet.

Cllr. Coleman reported a leaning tree in the field behind the swap shop library.

**Resolution:** Clerk to report it to the landowner.

It was agreed to thank the Wraggs Yard Committee for the pond area improvements.

**Resolution:** Clerk to put thank you in newsletter.

Chairman requested a thank you to the volunteers for taking down the church xmas stars.

**Resolution:** Clerk to put thank you in newsletter.

Cllr. Cook confirmed the W.I. will organise refreshments at the Jubilee Party.

Cllr. Cook informed the meeting that the drainage on Swebstone Lane had been improved by gulleys being cut into the grass verges.

**Resolution:** Clerk to find out who had carried out the work so a thank you could be sent.

**716/2022    ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Chairman Milner requested 'Advent Calendar House Windows' be discussed at the October agenda.

Chairman Milner thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting.