

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes 19th January 2022

Held at: Congregational Church, Newton Burgoland

Date: Wednesday 19th January at 7pm

Present

Councillors:	B. Sumner, N. Makin, J. Coleman, P. Cook
Chair:	A. Milner
Clerk:	K. Stirk
Other:	G. Kirk & Cllr. R. Blunt Member of the Public

681/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

682/2022 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

Clerk had been unable to obtain the police incident report.

Resolution: Clerk to contact police for latest update.

683/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

All items raised to be discussed as agenda items.

A member of the public requested an update for 11 School Lane, Newton Burgoland.

Resolution: Clerk informed the meeting NWLDC were dealing with the enforcement case and an update to be obtained for the February meeting.

684/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

685/2022 MINUTES

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

686/2022 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 December meeting.

687/2022 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

- Previously reported potholes and overgrown verges on Francis Lane and Snarestone Road, Newton Burgoland were still unrepaired.

Resolution: Clerk to chase L.C.C. highways.

- David Wilson Homes requesting P.C. adopt piece of grassed land on Nethercote, Newton Burgoland.
Resolution: Clerk passed documents to Cllr. Makin for his professional opinion before making any further enquiries.
- Height of hanging basket tree structures.
Resolution: It was agreed Cllr. Coleman to obtain longer chains to reduce the height of the baskets. Clerk to chase NWLDC for the new hanging basket licences.
- NWLDC Covid Commemoration Bench and Tree application.
Resolution: Clerk informed the meeting the application had been received by NWLDC.
- 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 informed the meeting that NWLDC planning officer had not completed their report. Clerk to request a site visit with Planning Officer and a Parish Councillor.

688/2022 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Schedule of Payments were agreed for on-line payment.

- Newsletter
- Clerk's Expenses
- Church Stars Switch On Wine & Mince Pies
- Winter Plants for both Planters

Councillors heard the current balance and agreed payment of invoices.

689/2022 PLANNING MATTERS

Aylesbury Gardens, Newton Road, Swepstone.

Following an invitation to the Parish Council meeting, to discuss the above planning matters, the Leader of the Council Richard Blunt gave his report, following his meeting with NWLDC planning officers.

A decision is expected from the Secretary of State within the next three months. Cllr. Blunt reassured the meeting that all correspondence sent to NWLDC planning should receive a timely reply and that he wished to receive a copy of any future correspondence.

Chairman Milner thanked Cllr. Blunt for his report.

Resolution: Clerk to send a copy of any future correspondence to Cllr. Blunt.

690/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

A request to complete a survey from Leicestershire County Council about the Green Fox Community Energy Co-operative was discussed.

Resolution: It was agreed not to complete the survey.

Details had been received about the Mercia Park Community Fund.

Resolution: The councillors discussed the criteria and agreed not to apply in this round of funding.

An email had been received from a resident who had successfully used the website www.fixmystreet.com to get a leaning lamppost repaired by Leicestershire County Council on the day of reporting.

Resolution: The councillors agreed to thank the resident and put the website details in the January Newsletter for residents' information.

691/2022 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following an invitation to attend the meeting Mr Gary Kirk of YourLocale Ltd gave his presentation about the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan. It would offer some protection in keeping green spaces, protect special environmental areas, heritage sites and views. He confirmed grants would cover the costs of developing the plan. Mr Kirk believed it would take 2 years approximately to complete and he suggested a committee be formed to obtain the relevant information required.

Cllr. Blunt recommended having a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Chairman thanked Mr Kirk for attending.

Resolution: Mr Kirk to email the clerk statutory notices and references. Also, to provide Neighbourhood Plans of villages of similar size. Item to be on the February agenda for further discussion.

692/2022 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT

The councillors decided the afternoon of the event would be the best time for the Melbourne Musicians to perform.

Resolution: Cllr. Sumner to inform the musicians. Clerk to include the details of the event in the February newsletter and to ask if any other celebrations were planned. Also, to request in the newsletter residents decorate their properties for the occasion.

693/2022 VEGETABLE SOCIETY TO BECOME SUB COMMITTEE OF P.C.

Following previous discussions with the Vegetable Society it was proposed and agreed that the Vegetable Society was now a sub committee of the Parish Council.

Resolution: Clerk to inform the Vegetable Society and request a copy of its future meetings' minutes. Also, the Parish Council to be represented at any future Health and Safety risk assessments carried out by the subcommittee.

694/2022 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE REVIEW

Chairman Milner proposed a user-friendly website, showing the meeting an example, which would include useful information for the residents. The councillors agreed to move forward with the proposed website.

Resolution: Clerk to ask residents via the newsletter for their ideas of what would be useful to be included in the new website. The item to be discussed further at the February meeting.

695/2022 SNOW WARDEN SCHEME

The councillors discussed the Leicestershire County Council proposal of employing a local snow warden. Cllr. Coleman volunteered for the role.

Resolution: Clerk to complete the L.C.C. forms.

696/2022 DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL APPEAL

Following further discussions about the request from Denstone P.C. for donations towards the costs of fighting an approved development outside of the settlement boundary. It was agreed not to donate.

697/2022 2022/2023 BUDGET & PRECEPT REQUEST

The clerk presented the proposed budget and £18,168 precept request for 2022/2023. The councillors discussed and agreed the proposal.

Resolution: Clerk to request precept from North West Leicestershire District Council.

698/2022 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cook informed the meeting about the planting of the new wood at Minorca mine site.

Resolution: Clerk to include the planting details in the January Newsletter.

Cllr Coleman had received complaints about the routes which trains were being transported to and from the Heritage Railway, Shackerstone.

Resolution: Clerk to contact Heritage Railway for more information.

Cllr. Coleman informed the meeting about the damage being caused to the green lane between Francis Lane, Newton Burgoland and Derby Lane by many four-by-four vehicles. The councillors agreed to investigate the problem.

Resolution: Clerk to contact L.C.C. Highways and Footpaths for advice and information.

Cllr. Cook apologised on behalf of the Rotary Club for Santa not visiting the parish. It was hoped Santa would be visiting the villages in December 2022.

Chairman Milner reported the verge opposite the old Spade Tree site appeared to be turning brown.

Resolution: It was agreed to monitor the verge for possible causes.

699/2022 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None requested.

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