

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes 16th March 2022

Held at: Congregational Church, Newton Burgoland

Present **Councillors:** B. Sumner, N. Makin, P. Cook
Chair: A. Milner
Clerk: K. Stirk

717/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Coleman sent apologies and they were accepted.

718/2022 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

No incidents had been reported to the police.

719/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Concerns were raised about many slurry tankers being driven through Swebstone causing damage to the countryside lane verges.

Resolution: Clerk to contact LCC Cllr. Harrison to request funding for access restrictions into Swebstone village.

A request was made for a vehicle counter to be positioned on Main Street, Swebstone before and after the large development of houses being built opposite the Amazon depot.

Resolution: Clerk to contact LCC Cllr. Harrison to discuss the request.

A request was made to advertise in the newsletter the crime prevention equipment available to the residents.

Resolution: Clerk to find out what items are available.

A request was received to advertise the photograph competition taking place at Measham Library in the newsletter.

Resolution: Clerk to put the item in the newsletter.

720/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

721/2022 MINUTES

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

722/2022 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 February meeting.

723/2022 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

- Advice was received from NWLDC about the use of the proposed adopted green space on Nethercote, Newton Burgoland.
Resolution: Clerk to contact David Wilson Homes to start the process of adoption.
- The Parish Council approved the purchase of 2 x long litter pickers.
Resolution: Clerk to order the items.
- Complaint about the lack of street lighting in Church Street, Swepstone. Clerk reported due to L.C.C budget restrictions, it would not add further lighting but maintain existing lighting. Letter written to LCC Trevor Humphrey reporting the issues in detail.
Resolution: No reply received, clerk to chase monthly.
- Clerk reported that 11 School Lane, Newton Burgoland was due to be auctioned on 5th April, as informed by NWLDC.
Resolution: No further action required at this time.
- Parish Council had requested more visits by the Rural Coffee Connect Van.
Resolution: Clerk informed the meeting the connect van might have dates available later in the year. Await to hear from RCC.
- Clerk waiting for response from NWL Police about the use of a handheld speed gun.
Resolution: Clerk to chase a reply, copying in Cllr. Harrison.

724/2022 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Schedule of Payments were agreed for on-line payment.

- Newsletter
- Clerk's Expenses
- LRALC Clerk Part 2 Training
- Cllr. Coleman – hanging baskets' chains

Councillors heard the current balance and agreed payment of invoices.

725/2022 PLANNING MATTERS

22/00288/OUT Red Acres Farm, Newton Road, Newton Burgoland – erection of one dwelling & garage (outline – access for approval) & retention of temporary mobile home

Resolution: Letter of objections to be sent to NWLDC.

22/00345/ADC land between Swepstone Road & Bosworth Road, Swepstone – installation of 1 non-illuminated totem sign

Resolution: No objections.

726/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk informed the meeting the ROSPA playground inspections would take place in May.

- 727/2022 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT**
Residents informed the meeting that a road closure of Francis Lane, Newton Burgoland would be requested for a street party to celebrate the jubilee.
Resolution: The Parish Council had no objections to the proposal.
Clerk reported the proposed schedule of events.
Resolution: Clerk to progress NWLDC grant funding.
- 728/2022 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE REVIEW**
Chairman Milner had no further progress to report.
- 729/2022 NEW CODE OF CONDUCT**
The new Code of Conduct was noted by the Parish Councillors.
- 730/2022 HANGING BASKET STRUCTURES**
Clerk shared quotation for 2 x shorter hanging basket structures.
Resolution: Clerk to find out required height of baskets for safety and to obtain invoice of previously purchased structures.
- 731/2022 GREEN LANE BETWEEN FRANCIS LANE & DERBY LANE**
Reply received from LCC Andrew Poole regarding the lane's legal status.
Resolution: Clerk to contact Mr Poole regarding the maintenance of this dangerous 'adopted highway'.
- 732/2022 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL INTERNAL CONTROL**
The Parish Council discussed the financial procedures.
Resolution: Clerk to email monthly financial statement to Chairman & to ask auditor if he would have any further recommendations.
- 733/2022 TREES IN THE PARISH**
Resolution: Following discussion it was agreed to put the item on the June agenda. Clerk to pass LCC Stewart Marshall details to Wraggs Yard Trustees.
- 734/2022 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**
Cllr Sumner raised the date for the May litter pick.
Resolution: It was agreed to have the litter pick on Sunday 22nd May
Cllr. Cook reminded the meeting the Wraggs Yard Barn Dance will be on 25th June at 7pm.
Resolution: Clerk to put item in the newsletter.
Cllr. Cook queried whether the Parish Council insurance would cover the Vegetable Show if held on 3rd party land.
Resolution: The Parish Council's insurance had confirmed it would be covered relevant to policy conditions.
The Parish Council agreed the NALC pay rise for the clerk.
- 735/2022 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**
None.

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