

# SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Held at: Newton Burgoland Congregational Church**

**Date: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 8.00pm**

**Present**                      *Councillors:* B Sumner, N Makin, A Milner, P Cook  
*Chairman:* C Robinson  
*Parish Clerk:* Annie Callingham  
*No. of Parishioners Present:* x 2  
County Councillor Dan Harrison

**345/2019                      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**346/2019                      LOCAL POLICING REPORT**

Clerk shared the crime report for the last month:

09/11/19 – Newton Burgoland – RTC Nonstop, car clipped  
15/11/19 – Swepstone – Sheep in road  
23/11/19 – Newton Burgoland – Suspicious vehicle driving fast  
24/11/19 – Swepstone – ASB – youths on motorcycles  
25/11/19 – Newton Burgoland – Belper Arms – Attempted Break In

One parishioner expressed having trouble with using the Neighbourhood Link portal.

**RESOLVED:**

Clerk to post on Facebook about the reporting of motorcycles and to encourage the parish to continue to report it to the police. This will then be reminded again in the next newsletter of 2020. Clerk to test the Neighbourhood link and feedback thoughts.

**347/2019                      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Council heard from County Councillor Dan Harrison.

Air pollution in the district is of great concern; NWLD is the worst district in the county, and the problem has been exacerbated by the potential growth of the A511 as a growth corridor for expansion into a dual carriageway.

Councillor Harrison mentioned electric vehicles and was challenged about the lack of electric charging points in the district to encourage people to move to emission free transport. Dan agreed to take this away from the meeting to investigate.

Parish councils will be asked to support his campaign to reduce the traffic in the area by contacting NWLDC and LCC in the near future when the campaign increases.

Councillor Harrison's final update was about how the Highways team have been cleaning gullies in the district. They have increased their capacity to do this to 90,000 this year and new systems will allow them to prioritise after the recent floods.

The county start between 30-70 new roadworks every day in the county to aid the quality of the highways.

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Another parishioner suggested that parish pay for someone to maintain the parish i.e. tidying, sweeping, edging, cleaning signs etc for 2 hours a month.

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It was raised that the road surfaces on the junction of School Lane, and also on Newton Road, need to be looked at by LCC for re-surfacing as the bad weather is making it slippery and dangerous.

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Community Safety Box owners asked if it could be promoted more on boards as it has gone very quiet for requests.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to collect ideas and costs from other parishes on maintenance costs. Clerk to contact LCC regarding re-surfacing the road on School lane and Newton Road, and post pictures of the community box items onto the parish notice boards.

The parish council asked Councillor Harrison to take the following actions away:

- Look into more electric car charging points
- Let's design something that's affordable i.e. if budgets are so tight, look at the money available to spend, then ask someone to be creative and more imaginative on the designs to achieve what is desired.
- Alternatively, LCC could reduce the costs by insisting on getting reports from a specialised independent body and tendering for quotes on the work to be done to drive down costs.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors were reminded of their duty to declare any personal or prejudicial interests – none were declared.

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**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held in November were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting and no further matters or new decisions have arisen since.

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**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

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**MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

This was reviewed and update accordingly. Key points to note are that:

- The appellant for Aylesbury Gardens appealed for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal in June, and NWLDC Solicitors have still not heard anymore from the courts on this.
- Parish survey results, events planning, landscaping in the parish and VE Day celebrations to go on a separate meeting between councillors. Final plans will be presented at an open meeting for consideration and approval.
- Andrew Poole (PROW Inspector for LCC) who has acknowledged some of the areas as he was already aware. Other areas have been added to his caseload and is 10th-15th on his list.
- Tree work on the Wraggy to commence 17<sup>th</sup> December
- Empty houses are still being investigated by NWLDC – 11, School Lane, Newton Burgoland and 11, Newton Road, Sweptstone.
- Following the extra trees suggestion from a parishioner, the Clerk shared findings from LCC and The Woodlands Trust. The Council agreed to ask the parishioner who supports this initiative to lead on this project with council support.
- Clerk to contact LCC regarding re-surfacing at the junction of School lane and Newton Road as the winter weather is having a dangerous affect.
- Heineken have updated us that they are on track with their recruitment of new landlords and are aiming for December/January.
- Clerk shared that there has been a problem getting in touch with the contractor who has planned to put the light in the swap stop library. Clerk to get advice on next legal steps.
- Clerk asked for permission to investigate the faulty parish printer.

**RESOLVED:**

- Update the progress report and circulate to Councillors
- Contact NWLDC regarding the waste for 11, Newton Rd; i.e. it appears to have only been moved to the side of the property, and not removed.
- Clerk to communicate to parishioner regarding tree suggestions
- Clerk to log calls and updates from Heienken.
- Clerk to gain advice on how best to pursue contractor in the first instance

**352/2019 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Clerk updated the council of the current bank balance. The Council agreed to pay the following invoices:

- Clerks Expenses
- Councillor Expenses
- Newsletter Printing

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to pay these invoices on-line, and update finances.

**353/2019 PLANNING MATTERS**

None received

**354/2019 PARISH PLANNING**

The council confirmed the planned date of 20<sup>th</sup> January to plan, prioritise and budget for 2020. This will be a closed meeting and will be held at Swepstone Church Hall at 8:00. Final plans will be shared to parishioners at the February open meeting.

Agenda Items so far:

- Parish priorities based on feedback from parish survey
- Parish events based on parish survey (how to utilise the VE Grant)
- A traffic calming budget
- Draft a specification for parish maintenance support

**RESOLVED:**

Clerk to send the agenda for the Planning meeting, including the fixed cost finances for the parish in advance of the 20<sup>th</sup> January.

**355/2019 NEXT STEPS FOLLOWING JUNCTION 11 - JLR APPROVAL**

In light of the new JLR development at Junction 11 of the M42, the Council were asked to consider whether to budget for traffic calming measures and if so, next steps.

It was agreed that this can be planned for in the planning and budget meeting in January.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to add this to the Planning agenda

**356/2019 MEETING DATES FOR 2020**

These were agreed to remain as the third week in every month.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to publish the dates on the parish website, and book Newton Burgoland Congregational Church. Councillor Robinson to book Swepstone Church Hall, and all Councillors to update their diaries.

**REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Milner and Robinson to remove the lamp post poppies in the parish and change the battery in the SID

**357/2019 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

None

**FUTURE DIARY DATES FOR 2020: -**

15th January - Swepstone Church Hall  
20th January - Swepstone Church Hall (Councillors only - Closed meeting)  
19th February - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church  
18th March - Swepstone Church Hall  
15th April - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church  
20th May - Swepstone Church Hall  
17th June - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church  
19th August - Swepstone Church Hall  
16th September - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church  
21st October - Swepstone Church Hall

18th November - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church  
16th December - Swebstone Church Hall