

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Held at: Newton Burgoland Congregational Church

Date: Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 8.00pm

Present *Councillors:* A Milner, B Sumner, N Makin, P Cook
Chairman: C Robinson
Parish Clerk: Annie Callingham
No. of Parishioners Present: x 3

244/2019 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

245/2019 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Council elected Councillor Robinson as Chair and Councillor Milner as Vice Chair for the next Council Term.

246/2019 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

In the last 30 days, there has been no reported antisocial behaviour, however one resident of Newton Burgoland reported that her purse had been stolen whilst out shopping.

247/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following issues were raised by parishioners:

- Concerns about speeding traffic on Main Street Swepstone.
- The article in the Leicester Mercury and The Belper.
- Consider the “buy a red phone box for £1” scheme for Swepstone

RESOLVED: Clerk to express disappointment to Regional Manager at Heineken that the council weren't aware of this article, and to investigate the red phone box scheme. Next steps regarding speeding traffic in Swepstone was covered in the progress report.

248/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

249/2019 MINUTES

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

250/2019 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

251/2019 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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

- The High Court Judge refused the appeal from Aylesbury Gardens on all four grounds on the 9th April. There is a period of time to hear whether another appeal has been applied for before an eviction notice is served. This could still be appealed against. Once the eviction notice has been served, the council will apply to downgrade the access to Aylesbury Gardens to an option C category.
- Clerk to speak to County Councillor Dan Harrison with regards to coordinating a site visit with the Highways Team about Main Street Swepstone for advice on traffic calming ideas; rumble strips, roundabout, crossing etc and to express disappointment at the cost of an initial visit from LCC at £500 for what seems to be purely advice.
- Clerk to request speed checks on this stretch of road.
- SID to be relocated to Newton Burgoland until the second parish SID arrives in June.
- The green grant has been applied for to get a new notice board on Church Hall and to purchase own litter picking equipment.
- The empty house on School Lane, is under the NWLDC Empty Houses Officer who is working with the owner on improving the appearance and safety of the property.
- A replacement planter for The Green was approved by the council.
- The Licence to Cultivate for the verge along Main Street, Newton Burgoland where the red phone box and post box is located has been approved by Leicestershire County Council. Work on this area will improve the look and make this area a central focus point for Newton Burgoland – work planned to take place in August at the latest.
- The live band – The Grateful Dads – has been booked for the party in thee parish. Clerk to put a request for a generator and ground sheet in the newsletter.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update progress report and circulate to Councillors, and cascade relevant information on the newsletter

252/2019 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk update the council of the current bank balance, and the Councillors updated the new bank mandate for the new council. The council agreed to pay the following invoices:

1. Wraggs Yard Hedgecutting
2. Insurance Renewal for both Swepstone Parish Council and The Wraggs Yard
3. Newsletter printing
4. Clerk Expenses

RESOLVED: Clerk to pay these on-line, take the new signed bank mandate to HSBC and update finances.

253/2019 PLANNING MATTERS

A planning application was received for the demolition of a barn on Nethercote Farm, and to rebuild another one with an extension.

The Council had no comments on this application.

RESOLVED: Clerk to inform the respective Planning Officer at NWLDC.

254/2019 CORRESPONDENCE

The parish council received no correspondence for this meeting.

255/2019 REVIEW OF COUNCIL WORKING PROCEDURES

Council reviewed and agreed the updated versions of:

- Financial Regulation
- Standing Orders
- Risk Assessment Schedule
- Bank Mandate
- Survey to the Parish

The council discussed how to roll out the parish survey asking for ideas, and it was suggested in the newsletter.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update the parish website with the Financial Regulations and Standing orders and book a tree assessment for the parish. Clerk to ask both church wardens regarding risk assessments for the church hall and the congregational church as part of the parish risk assessment and to launch the parish survey in the May newsletter.

256/2019 DOG FOULING REQUEST FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Councillors considered any support that can be given to Newton Burgoland Primary school with persistent dog fouling around the school and on the Wraggs Yard. It was suggested that the stencil and spray set that was provided by NWLDC in conjunction with their "Dog Watch" scheme be given to the school to demark the fouled areas on the Wraggs Yard. It was also suggested that as the offending area is around the school and Wraggs Yard, that we encourage the school community to photograph anyone not picking up their dog's mess, and the parish council are happy to take a "name and shame" approach.

RESOLVED: Clerk to source form Jane Millward and pass to Mrs Foster at the school.

257/2019 REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

Councillors nominated Councillor Cook to attend the Wraggs Yard Committee meetings alongside Councillor Milner, and both Councillor Robinson and Councillor Milner volunteered to represent the Council at the LRALC AGM being held at County Hall on 15th June at 10:30

258/2019 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Robinson suggested a scheme that Sutton Cheney Parish Council run regarding the use of their Section 137 money. They have a pot of money set aside for parishioners who have a specific project that they would like to undertake that would benefit the parish in some way.

RESOLVED: Clerk to make enquiries with Sutton Cheney clerk to understand how they implement this idea so see if it might be suitable for Sweptstone parish council.

259/2019 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Risk assessment to be conducted in advance of the “Party in the Parish Event”.

FUTURE DIARY DATES FOR 2019: -

16th January	Newton Burgoland	17 th July	Newton Burgoland
20th February	Sweptstone	11 th September	Sweptstone
20th March	Newton Burgoland	16 th October	Newton Burgoland
10th April	Sweptstone	20 th November	Sweptstone
15th May	Newton Burgoland	18 th December	Newton Burgoland
19 th June	Sweptstone		