

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Held at: Swebstone Church Hall

Date: Wednesday 15th August 2018 at 8.00pm

Present *Councillors:* N Makin, B Sumner, J Millward, A Milner
Chairman: C Robinson
Parish Clerk: Annie Callingham
No. of Parishioners Present: 5
County Councillor: Dan Harrison
PCSO: Robin Benson
Community Focus Officer (NWLDC): Emma Trahearn

105/2018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

106/2018 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

PCSO shared report from last 30 days.

Two incidents were reported; a suspect vehicle and a missing fuel cap leading to suspicion of fuel siphoning.

Our PCSO reported that he's conducted spot checks on the main roads within the parish that we highlighted as being high speed areas. On Main Street Swebstone, no one was above the limit out of 27 vehicles.

Parishioners aired their frustrations with vehicles breaching the weight limit of the roads, vehicles with no tax, and motorbikes using the Pinfold area of the parish.

Councillor Harrison suggested that speeding was a constant theme among all parishes and suggested to the PCSO the possibility of conducting 2 or 3 spot speed checks per month. Our PCSO is happy to do this will more information from the parish such as particular days of the week or times of the day that we feel need more attention.

New speed camera has been identified as not working or identifying oncoming traffic despite being fully charged.

RESOLVED: Parishioners are encouraged by our PCSO to use the 101-phone number to report any issues such as nuisance motorbikes, suspect vehicles or vandalism. Clerk to encourage parishioners to offer specifics of speeding vehicles in the newsletter, which in turn will be passed to our PCSO. Clerk to pass PCSO's e-mail to Andy Milner for him to submit overweight and speeding commercial vehicles collected by a parishioner to the police. Clerk to coordinate the return of faulty speed camera. As requested by Councillor Harrison, Clerk to

e-mail him a reminder to follow up on an update for the damaged speed camera on Main Street Swepstone.

107/2018 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The representative from NWLDC wanted to promote the upcoming Parish Fair to all Councillors. Details on the event and how to register were shared.

RESOLVED: Clerk to circulate the details to Councillors

108/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

109/2018 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held in June were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

110/2018 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

This was reviewed and update accordingly. A key decision was agreed by the council to provide match funding of £500 to enable the Green Grant application to NWLDC for the construction of new stars for the church to proceed. This is on the basis that this amount should be repaid in full when adequate additional funding for the project has been received.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update progress report and circulate to Councillors

111/2018 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

Clerk presented the Council on the current bank finances and asked for approval for the incoming invoices. The Council agreed to have the Clerk's wages to be set up as an automated payment, and the Chairman agreed to opt out of paper statements now this facility is functioning well.

- Invoice for playground checks
- Invoice for church hall hire
- Invoice for Newsletter Printing
- Invoice for internal Auditor
- Invoice for external Accountants
- Clerks
- Clerk wage
- Parishioner Expenses for planter maintenance x 2

RESOLVED: Clerk to make on-line payments accordingly and e-mail finance document to Councillors. Clerk to set up automatic payment of wages four weekly and the opt out of statements with HSBC as agreed by Councillors.

112/2018 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Application 18/01365/TPO for the felling on an Ash Tree on Francis Lane. The Councillors had no comments to make.

The Council agreed that a submission for the “Local Green Spaces Consultation” should be 1) The Wraggs Yard 2) The Belper Beer Garden and 3) Sweystone Church Hall garden.

With the information presented, the Council agreed to object to the proposed Development by Junction 11, M42 on planning grounds, and that we should approach Chilcote Parish Council to liaise with them and investigate the possibility of contributing towards professional legal fees.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update NWLDC planning team, submit the Local Green Spaces for Consultation, link with Chilcote Clerk on liasing opportunities and understand the objection process. Junction 11 Development to be a standing agenda item for future meetings.

113/2018

BULB PLANTING

The Clerk update the Councillors on the timeline for receiving the daffodil bulbs from NWLDC. This will be the end of September/beginning of October time. It was agreed that 21st October would be advertised to plant them around the parish.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advertise this in the September Newsletter and Facebook.

114/2018

CHURCH MOWING

Two representatives from the Church responded to a letter from the parish council regarding the appearance of the area, and the new wild flower garden. Information was presented and the reasons behind the idea. It was explained that it will mature over time and be a resource that the school and other sub groups can use, linking the villages together more.

Communication about the change, and the recent dry weather was acknowledged as the cause of the parishioner’s frustrations on the way it looks. The area will be scythed and a mower used that takes away the grass cuttings, then raked to help the area look tidy. The church representatives used the platform provided to help explain to the parishioners who have complained.

The hard work of the volunteers was acknowledged during the discussions.

115/2018

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters were discussed from the parishioners.

1 - It was suggested that the old phone box on main street Newton Burgoland would be better replaced with the old red post box from outside the old post office rather than a red phone box, in terms of using parish spend. The council agreed that to have both would serve the parish well, and act as a central “hub” for information and communication for Newton Burgoland. Provision of the phone box is being generously funded by a parishioner.

2 – The overgrown laurels on Church Street, Sweystone are causing a hazard to road users. They belong to the former owners of The Rectory” property, and it

was agreed to try to approach the owners directly, before needing to escalate it to district level.

3 – A question has been asked about the removal of a hedge just off School Lane making access for vehicles. It was agreed that that planning permission should have been sought first.

The Clerk updated the councillors that there was cycling event on the 2nd September and will impact the roads around the parish.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to the parishioners about the red phone box, and residents at “The Rectory”. Councillor Millward to advise back to residents off School Lane regarding the removed hedge.

116/2018 THE BELPER

Interest about the future of the pub were raised by councillors. Observations that it used to be a thriving pub and now it feels less busy are a concern. It was proposed that we communicate with the Pub, and suggest a meet up and discussing its sustainability and the views of residents.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to the pub to instigate a meeting.

117/2018 COUNCIL ELECTION 2019

These will take place next April and will be supported by our Community Focus Officer from NWLDC. There is also detail at the upcoming Parish Fair for Councillors to utilise.

RESOLVED: Clerk to engage interest in the newsletter to encourage new members of the parish to stand for 2019. Councillors to pick up information at the Parish Fair on how to make the best of the election period.

118/2018 CLERK

Clerk is due a probation review meeting, and a schedule of review meetings thereafter. Councillor Millward and Councillor Milner agreed to liaise together for this.

RESOLVED: All Councillors to communicate feedback and development to either Councillor Milner or Councillor Millward, and meeting to be planned.

119/2018 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

None

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Junction 11 Development.

FUTURE DIARY DATES FOR 2018: -

19th September - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church

17th October - Swebstone Village Hall

21st November - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church

19th December - Swebstone Village Hall