

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Held at: Swepstone Church Hall

Date: Wednesday 16th May 2018 at 8.00pm

Present *Councillors:* A Milner, J Millward
Chairman: C Robinson
Parish Clerk: Annie Callingham
County Councillor: Dan Harrison
No. of Parishioners Present: 4 (left at 9:00pm)

074/2018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Makin and Councillor Sumner

075/2018 UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAN HARRISON

Councillor Harrison gave the Council an overview of his role and remit, and encouraged us to utilise him to support the Council as much as possible. The Council and Parishioners shared their frustrations around the ongoing traffic incidents on Main Street Swepstone. Councillor Harrison encouraged the Council to write to the Director of Highways, explaining the case history and to ask for support with an objective of obtaining a quicker and more effective traffic calming solution.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write letter to Director of Highways on behalf of the Council, and to contact Councillor Harrison for support with more regular police representation at the Council's monthly meetings.

076/2018 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A parishioner shared her frustration about not being able to register for Rural Watch and asked for support. The same parishioner wanted to fill in the grass divots on the verge opposite her home, as she voluntarily mows this for the Council. Lastly, another wanted to know an update on new planters.

RESOLVED: Clerk contact Rural Watch and investigate the registration issues for Parishioner, the Council granted permission for the Parishioner to fill the divots with topsoil and grass seeds, and to submit any receipts.

077/2018 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 April were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

This was reviewed and update accordingly.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update progress report and circulate to Councillors

080/2018

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

- Invoice for Wraggs Yard Insurance Renewal
- Invoice for 2Commune Website Hosting
- Invoice for Newsletter Printing
- Clerk wage
- Clerk Expenses
- Church Clock Repairs

The Clerk update the Council that the first half of the precept had been paid into the bank account, and that on-line banking was now set up and ready to go.

RESOLVED: Clerk to make on-line payments accordingly, and write a letter to the Church explaining that due to current expenditure commitments, and the Councils financial support towards the new swings, that payment for the Church Clock Repairs has been decided by the Council to be the last.

081/2018

PLANNING MATTERS

None received, although an e-mail regarding the potential “dual representation” for the Aylesbury Gardens Appeal was sent by a Parishioner who wished to complain.

RESOLVED: Councillor Robinson to contact Councillor Blunt to ascertain why travellers and gypsy development plan was not approved by full council at NWLDC. Cllr Blunt has in the past assisted in ensuring all timetables were met to ensure the plan was approved prior to the appeal into the Aylesbury Gardens site.

Correspondence was shared from a parishioner raising concerns about conflict of interest concerning the appellants planning consultant. This has been raised with NWLDC by the parish council and the planning officer's response was they were comfortable with the situation and confident there was no such conflict.

It was understood the parishioner was to pursue a formal complaint against NWLDC.

082/2018 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None received.

083/2018 **FIRST RESPONDER CONTRIBUTION**

The Council were asked to consider a possible financial contribution towards the services offered by West Leicestershire's Community First Responder Group. The Council agreed that in acknowledgement of the support given for the defibrillator work (installation and training), that a one-off donation will be offered to the service.

RESOLVED: Clerk to coordinate with WLCFRG, and arrange payment from the Council.

084/2018 **CONSULTATION ON PASSENGER TRANSPORT POLICY AND STRATEGY**

Leicestershire County Council is currently consulting on a new passenger transport policy and strategy. As part of this consultation, a series of demonstration Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) services have been arranged for residents. The DRT is available from Wednesday 9th May to Friday 25th May 2018 for residents from Newton Burgoland, Snarestone and Appleby Magna and it will take residents to Measham. Councillors have objected to the proposals put forward, and will communicate in the newsletter, along with encouraging Parishioners to put their opinions forward.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write a letter of objection Leicestershire County Council and to put the Council's position into the May Newsletter

085/2018 **SHIRES GRANTS**

Both a "Community Grant" and a "Recycling Grant" were discussed as being possible funds to support the agreed red phone box to replace the old disused one on Main Street Newton Burgoland. The Parish need to be clear on the vision of what the phone box will be used for, and ideas will be asked in the newsletter, however ideas such as a "swap shop" for books, similar to the one in Swepstone Church Hall, or a decorative planter were put forward.

RESOLVED: Clerk to seek support from NWLC on Application Completion and submit for funding.

086/2018 **PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS**

The Clerk updated the Council on the process that our Insurers expect. Weekly checks need to take place on the play equipment on the Wraggs Yard and Swepstone swings by anyone "deemed competent". In addition, an annual and more formal check needs to be carried out by ROSPA, or equivalent company.

RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain outstanding weekly check sheets from the Wraggs Yard Committee, and to coordinate an annual check for the two areas of the Parish.

087/2018 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

None but it was agreed that the Clerk will follow up on Annual Parish Meeting and Councillor Millward to attend Parish Liaison Meeting on the 6th June

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Councillors to raise any items to include for next agenda.

088/2018 CLERK CONTRACT – CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA ITEM

FUTURE DIARY DATES FOR 2018: -

20th June - Swebstone Village Hall

15th August - Swebstone Village Hall

19th September - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church

17th October - Swebstone Village Hall

21st November - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church

19th December - Swebstone Village Hall