

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Held at: Newton Burgoland Congregational Church

Date: Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 8.00pm

Present *Councillors: A Milner, J Millward*
Chairman: C Robinson
Parish Clerk: Annie Callingham
PCSO x 2
No. of Parishioners Present: x 3

185/2019 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Makin and Councillor Sumner

186/2019 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

There have been no reported crimes in the Parish in the last 30 days, however an uninsured motorbike was seized in January, and an individual from Swadlincote was arrested in Swepstone following a police chase.

The Police representatives committed to our requests by:

1 – Contacting the offending haulage companies with consistently overweight vehicles to advise and guide on the nuisance being caused and possible action to them if not adhered to. Names were given at the meeting.

2 – Using hand held speed guns to be used to Odstone Lane, Main Street, Newton Road and Swepstone Road at commuter and school run times.

3 - Scrambler bike issue; They advised the council that the process is to make an arrest following a verbal warning, and they have committed to placing signs to this affect. These signs will then act as the first warning, meaning that any motorbikes causing nuisance will immediately be seized on arrival. We are encouraged to call 101 to engage police action, and to make a note of any unusual van registration plates that are nearby, as these are often transporters for the motorbikes. The Police will put up signs at the entrance to both ends of Catters Lane and Derby Lane.

RESOLVED: Clerk to publicise using 101 to report the bike nuisance.

187/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None declared

188/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

189/2019 MINUTES

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

190/2019 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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

- Aylesbury Gardens are requesting leave to appeal against the planning Inspectors' decision on a point of law. We will receive notification from the High Court on the 25th January as to the next steps.
- The faulty Speed Indication Device will be totally removed, and a free upgrade sought from the supply company. After this has proved to be effective, the Council will purchase a second one for the parish.
- The Council agreed to purchase a grit bin for each village
- The Council agreed to purchase replacement benches for both villages
- The new red phone box licence will begin a 28-consultation period in January to demonstrate there are no objections. When complete and no objections received, will the installation happen.
- We are now in possession of Community Safety Boxes and an update of how residents can access the contents will be provided in the newsletter.
- The parish are taking steps to take ownership of the area around the post box and notice board on Main Street Newton Burgoland to be able to cultivate and landscape the area to be a more attractive focal point.

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

191/2019 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Councillors agreed to pay the following invoices:

- Clerk Expenses
- Sweptstone Church Hall Hire

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

192/2019 ANNUAL COMMITMENTS & PRECEPT REVIEW

Councillors were invited to consult and agree on final precept amount, taking in consideration of large annual costs from last financial year such as parish maintenance, insurance and salary costs. It was agreed with the current bank balance, that we keep the precept the same as last year at £17,433.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update NWLDC on precept amount for financial year 2019/2020.

193/2019 PLANNING MATTERS

None were received

194/2019 LEICESTERSHIRE PLANNING OBLIGATIONS POLICY REVISED

The Councillors were invited to review the (revised) draft of the Leicestershire Planning Obligations Policy.

RESOLVED: The Councillors made no comment

195/2019 CORRESPONDENCE

The parish council received two correspondence.

One regarding potential land to cultivate for a charity scheme, and another raising the concern of the mole situation on The Wraggs Yard, and the scrambler motorbikes on Catters Lane.

The Councillors felt that there wasn't any suitable allotment type space to offer the charity scheme, and the Wraggs Yard concern has been forwarded to the Wraggs Yard Committee. The scrambler motor bike issue was raised directly with the police to ask for support and will be cascaded in the newsletter.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact update the correspondents directly, and to share relevant information in the newsletter.

196/2019 ELECTION PLANNING

Posters, social media and newsletter content for the elections will be given to the Clerk in February. Councillors were happy to wait for the support material and heavily focus on this in the next newsletter. Timeline is:

- Nomination Packs will be available from the first week in March
- Publication of Notice of Election & start of nomination period is 22nd March
- Deadline for submission of nominations is 4pm on 3rd April
- Election Day is 2nd May

RESOLVED: Clerk to focus on this in newsletter and attend Parish liaison meeting to collect resources.

197/2019 PARTY IN THE PARISH

It was agreed that the event on the 6th July will run from 2:00 till 4:00 on The Wraggs Yard and will have two live bands performing. The annual Wraggs Yard Camp-out will follow the event. The PFA will be invited to sell drinks and cakes and opportunity to raise school funds.

RESOLVED: Clerk to raise Temporary Event Notice and Chairman to contact bands.

198/2019 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- Thank you letters to be written on behalf of the Parish to Ludlam Family at Cattows for providing and delivering the Christmas trees and to Jeff for the phone box donation.

- Clerk asked for support with PAYE and was asked to cut another notice board key.
- Tidy Up Date planned for the 24th March 10:30 till 12:00
Meet at the Belper for Newton Burgoland and Church Hall for Sweptstone.
Contact NWLDC for litter picking equipment
Put in February newsletter

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None

FUTURE DIARY DATES FOR 2019: -

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