

# SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Held at:** Via Zoom Video Conference due to Coronavirus Lockdown

**Date:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 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 1  
Planning Consultant

**442/2020                      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**443/2020                      LOCAL POLICING REPORT**

Clerk shared that there were no reported crimes or incidents in the parish in the last 30 days. Councillor Milner raised a query about local parishes and villages using Facebook to alert people of suspicious activity. The parish would like to understand if this is an effective way of combating local crime, and whether the police beat look at these pages too and act on the information.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to invite the PCSO to the next meeting

**444/2020                      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The council discussed the objection reasons sent to NWLC for planning Application number 20/01137/OUT before it was withdrawn. The Council also raised concerns of the misuse of land in line with planning law and regulations and sought advice from the planning consultant. It was agreed to raise these concerns formally with NWLDC Enforcement Team, with the support of the professional consultant.

The Clerk raised three queries on behalf of parishioners:

The first was the rise in dog mess on pavements in the parish. Parishioners felt that dog owners weren't picking up after their dogs. Despite various initiative in the past with stencils and newsletter communication, the council agreed that a new and more refreshed poster campaign may help, and that they were happy to "name and shame" offender names passed to the clerk.

The second was a rise in speeding and noisy motorbikes on Main Street Swebstone. Concerns about the noise level and speeds were discussed and the council agreed to invite the PCSO to the next meeting to understand options on how to support this issue.

The third was the issue of cars parking on pavements, making it impassable or dangerous for pedestrians. Not all driveways have dropped kerbs, and the

council understood that requesting this from the highways came at a cost to the homeowner, however in the current climate where passing each other with 2 meter distance was of paramount importance, the council were happy to start to support this concern.

**RESOLVED:** The council instructed the planning consultant to put a formal document for NWLDC Enforcement Team with the concerns of activity against planning laws and regulations. Clerk to communicate the new dog mess campaign in the newsletter and encourage residents to inform the clerk of any evidence regarding offenders. Clerk to liaise with PCSO about motorbikes, and clerk to also communicate pavement parking concern in the newsletter in the first instance, with a view to direct letters to homeowners as the next step.

**445/2020**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**446/2020**

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on August 2020 were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting and no further matters or new decisions have arisen since. Signature from Chair unable to be gained at this time.

**447/2020**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**448/2020**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None received

**449/2020**

**MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

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

- Aylesbury Gardens - The High Court has granted permission to hear the appeal of the planning inspector's decision. Date TBC
- Speed Indication Devices – The faulty SID in Swepstone is being investigated by the company w/c 21<sup>st</sup> September.
- Fly-tipping - Snarestone Road layby has been raised as a fly tipping hotspot, and NWLDC will be conducting a site visit on 29<sup>th</sup> September to understand the issue in more detail.
- Empty house is still being investigated by NWLDC – 11, School Lane, Newton Burgoland.
- Trees in the parish – the council reviewed the information from LCC and found the options complex in terms of purchasing trees and possible locations on verges (underground facilities, highway disruptions/obstructions etc). The Council decided to put this project on hold until the spring when the procurement of trees will be easier.
- The alleged planning breach 19/02384/FUL is still being investigated by NWLDC.
- Litter pick still scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> September, and it was agreed to hold refreshments in line with government guidelines.

- Cattows Farm will be creating their own seating in the spring of next year, so our gesture to offer for some has been stopped.
- The parish have been successfully externally audited, and no issues financially or legally in terms of processes.
- The VE Day grant from NWLDC has been withdrawn.

**RESOLVED:** Update the progress report and circulate to Councillors

**450/2020      ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

- Hanging Baskets
- Clerk – Expenses
- Newsletters
- External Audit
- Planning Consultant
- Internal Audit
- Church Clock repair

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

**451/2020      PLANNING MATTERS**

No new planning applications submitted.

**452/2020      REOPENING OF THE PHONEBOX SWAP STOP LIBRARY**

The council agreed to re-open the swap stop library, and to make the necessary measures in line with COVID-19 restrictions.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to liase with Jane Milward to coordinate a date to re-open and clean the phone box ready to open. Clerk to communicate in the newsletter

**453/2020      REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Robinson requested a thank you e-mail to be sent to Councillor Blunt and Councillor Harrison for their support with the planning objections for Upper Church Farm.

Councillor Makin requested replacement speed signs across the parish due to fading.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to thank both Councillor Blunt and Harrison, and to contact LCC for replacement speed signposts.

**454/2020      ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

None

Next Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020