

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

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

Date: Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 8.00pm

Present *Councillors:* B Sumner, N Makin, A Milner, P Cook
Chairman: C Robinson
Parish Clerk: Annie Callingham
Parishioners: x 2

503/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

504/2021 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

Clerk shared that there has been one reported crime in the parish over the last 30 days.

18th January – Criminal damage to hedge in Newton Burgoland. Unknown person drives over hedge.

505/2021 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No-one had asked for any issues to be raised on their behalf.

506/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

507/2021 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on January 2021 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.

508/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

509/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

Councillors considered the correspondence about the proposed price increase for grounds maintenance and all agreed to the increase.

It was raised by a resident how difficult it was to report to NWLDC exact locations for fly tipping and litter along the lanes in the parish. The Councillors agrees that using the “what3words” app should help to pinpoint specific locations.

RESOLVED: Clerk to communicate the council decision with Geoff Cantwell, and to share the “what3words” app with the respective resident.

510/2021 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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

- Aylesbury Gardens - The High Court has heard the appeal and we are waiting for the outcome from NWLDC.
- Speed Indication Devices Upgrades due by the end of February.
- A new bin has now been placed on the corner in Newton Burgoland where the brick planter.
- Councillor Milner and Councillor Cook to laminate some OS Maps with walks through the parish for the notice boards.
- Waiting for new Government Guidelines announcement on Monday 22nd February to know whether to re-open the phone box library.
- The first visit for the Wildflower verge Scheme has happened, and the next is planned for June.
- Coffee Connect Van on hold due to lockdown in place but will still visit when restrictions allow.
- Clerk has contacted those responsible for the maintenance of The Roughs wooded area in Sweptstone regarding the plastic around trees.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update the progress report and follow up on actions.

511/2021 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

- Newsletters
- Dog Mess Signs

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

512/2021 PLANNING MATTERS

None

513/2021 BIN COLLECTIONS FROM AYLESBURY GARDENS

The council discussed the concerns with the unemptied bin at the entrance to Aylesbury Gardens. It was agreed to take a photo to send to NWLDC and explain the councils concerns around potential rodent infestation.

RESOLVED: Councillors to share photo with clerk, to then liaise with the Street Cleansing Team at NWLDC.

514/2021 PARISH DOCUMENTATION RETENTION POLICY

The council discussed the retention of parish documents currently held with the clerk and agreed to keep; 1) Accounts 2) Minutes, 3) any open or ongoing projects (such as Aylesbury Gardens and any planning breaches), and all 4) Wraggs Yard files, all in line with the retention policy. Anything else should be shredded as the various third parties such as NWLDC, LCC, insurance companies and the police, will maintain electronic copies of parish decisions.

The council reassured the clerk that she could check with them if any documents in the files didn't fit into any of the above categories.

RESOLVED: Clerk to start working through the files, and Councillor Sumner offered to help after lockdown if needed.

515/2021 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

1 - Councillor Milner updated the council with the grant application work on the Wraggs Yard Committee, and that the Chair has announced he plans to stand down at the next AGM in April.

2 - Councillor Cook explained that Ashby Rotary Club are working with a “Young Adults Scheme” to support environmental projects. This work could be utilised once the Wraggs Yard enhancements starts.

3 - Councillor Cook proposed two new hanging baskets for the parish, one for each village. This was seconded and agreed by the council members.

4 - Tractors through the village was raised once again, and discussions were held more about the concerns over the size of the vehicles, rather than speeding offences. Further concerns were raised over the slurry vehicles driving over parish verges planted with bulbs, to pass oncoming traffic, and the consequent damage to grass.

It was acknowledged that this is a difficult issue to manage and that photographic evidence is needed for any action to take place.

RESOLVED: Clerk to order 2 x more hanging basket poles and baskets and ask for location ideas in the newsletter before applying for a licence from LCC.

516/2021 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The proposed black wrought iron village sign designs to be circulated for input ideas on designs.

Next Meeting:

Parish Meeting: 17th March 2021