

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

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

Date: Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 8.00pm

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

517/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

518/2021 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

Clerk shared that there have been no reported crimes or antisocial behaviour in the parish in the last month, only an incident of fly tipping on Sweptstone Road.

The local police have offered guidance around the increase in dog theft. The Council agreed to put this information on the Facebook Page and next Newsletter.

RESOLVED: Clerk to cascade information about vigilance around dog theft

519/2021 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

520/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

521/2021 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on February 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.

522/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

523/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

Councillors considered the correspondence received:

- Speed device move requested in Newton Burgoland.
- To replace the wooden posts in the grass verge at the end of School Lane junction with Newton Lane
- Consider approaching The Belper to be a community pub using Community Grants.
- Request a litter pick from NWLDC on the stretch from Sweptstone to Gallows Lane.

The Councillors agreed a different place to locate the new SID due to its size and felt they couldn't approach The Belper unless there was a need or any concerns

that the village would lose the asset. While there are no signs of deterioration in business, they felt there was no need to approach them.

Litter continued: The Council were also reminded of the Environmental crime training session by NWLDC – Clerk to enrol Councillor Makin, Robinson and herself onto this.

Councillor Robinson to look into Community offending youth teams, and how this could be a mutually supportive of each other.

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask LCC to replace or remove the rotten posts and contact NWLDC Environment Enforcement to enquire about litter pick. Clerk to remind parishioners on how to report fly tipping via NWLDC.

524/2021

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.
- New Speed Indication Devices Upgrades done.
- Councillor Milner and Councillor Cook to laminate some OS Maps with walks through the parish for the notice boards.
- The phone box library to re-open on 12th April.
- Coffee Connect Van due to do a site visit with a view to start weekly visits in May.
- The Council took a vote on new signs and boards, and it was voted to not purchase wrought iron entrance signs, but to purchase “community interpretation boards” – one for each village, and to utilise a Green Grant.
- Clerk to ask Bill Evans regarding a potential new location for another hanging basket post before applying for a structure licence from LCC.
- Councillor Robinson to collect plants to fill the hanging baskets and Clerk to collect prices for a watering lance to reach.
- Clerk to investigate obtaining clear footpath and walkway maps of the parish for the notice boards.

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

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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
- Clerk Expenses
- Clerk training
- SID Upgrade

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

526/2021 PLANNING MATTERS

Council discussed the following Planning Applications received.

- 1) Planning Application ref 21/00327/FUL – 7 Church Street, Swepstone -
Erection of a single storey rear extension and amended raised terrace area.
No objections agreed.
- 2) Planning Application ref: 21/00396/FUL - Erection of single storey
extensions to the dwelling and to the detached garage – Snarestone Rd,
Newton Burgoland.
No objections agreed.
- 3) Planning Application ref 21/00268/FUL – Upper Church Farm, Swepstone
Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single and two storey rear
extension, internal alterations and landscaping amendments
- 4) Planning Application ref 21/00269/LBC – Upper Church Farm. Removal of
existing conservatory and erection of single and two storey rear extension
and internal alterations.

For both applications numbered above as 3) and 4), the Council agreed with the conservation officer at NWLDC that there are serious concerns regarding these applications, and we will be submitting a detailed response to NWLDC setting out the parish council's objections.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update NWLDC Planning Team

527/2021 FIBRE BROADBAND

The council agreed that the Community Fibre Partnership (CFP) scheme for the area was not relevant or necessary.

528/2021 SETTLEMENT SERVICES APPRIASAL

Councillors considered the current sites and suggested updating the outreach post office service to its current hours.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update and return to NWLDC

529/2021 PARISH SOCIAL EVENT

The council heard from the Clerk on the Wraggs Yard Committee's ideas to host a weekend social event to include the Vegetable society and other parish groups. The Councillors agreed to support in any way to help. The parish still have a £500 Lottery Grant for a Community Event

RESOLVED: Clerk to update the Wraggs Yard

530/2021 HIGHWAY CONCERNS

The Council discussed the dangerous parking on Main Street/School Lane (Newton Burgoland) and agreed that while various building work was happening in the vicinity, that they would wait until this was complete, to understand whether there was anything they could do to influence this issue.

The also spoke about the cars parked on pavements in the parish, where there were no dropped kerbs. They wish to investigate the options with our PCSO about blocking the pavements for pedestrians.

RESOLVED: Clerk to speak to PCSO on the options to tackle this.

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INTERNAL AUDITOR

The council agreed to accept Nick Wilford's service to internally audit the year end file for 2020-2021.

RESOLVED: Clerk to prepare Annual Return and Audit for audit

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cook shared that it was the 90th Anniversary of Swepstone/Newton Burgoland WI, and to ask whether the Parish Council would be able to facilitate or support any celebratory ideas such as plaques, benches or tree etc.

RESOLVED: Councillor Cook to update the Council at the next meeting.

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ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Defibrillator Reminder of codes and any possible refresher training
- Chairman position

Next Meeting:

Parish Meeting: 21st April 2021