

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Held at: Via Zoom Video Conference due to Coronavirus Lockdown

Date: Wednesday 17th June 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 2
County Councillor Harrison
Community Focus Officer - NWLDC

416/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

417/2020 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

Clerk shared that there were no reported crimes or incidents for the last month.

418/2020 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The council heard from one of the owners of Nethercote Wood to answer questions of concern from the Council.

Due to the cost of managing a woodland the size they have, Andy and his brothers are looking into wild camping, outdoor adventure play (i.e. large tyres buried half in the ground to play in), geocaching and orienteering. They have a 10-year plan on how the woodland will be managed and are working with the Forestry Commission and National Forest Company.

The council asked about their concerns about the projectile war games and huts that were in the forest and Andy updated that they had parted ways with Airsoft, the company running the combat games, and have taken 2 of the 3 huts down already.

Andy explained that the area is a community asset for anyone to use the footpaths (excluding horses) to use, and he is happy to have a look at the blocked footpath

The Council heard from County Councillor Dan Harrison who provided an update on county activity.

There has been a budget allocated to clean air across the county, there is work being done on the Burton – Leicester railway, and there is a new Deputy Finance position starting on the board soon. He will discuss the tendering process with him, to ask if the council can look at our own tendering options for traffic calming solutions.

RESOLVED: Clerk to inform Andy of any grants available to support his initiatives and to provide an update in the next newsletter.

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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 on May 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.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

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CORRESPONDENCE

None received

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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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

- The appellant for Aylesbury Gardens appealed for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal in June 2019, and NWLDC Solicitors have still not heard anymore from the courts on this.
- The public notice for the proposed two hanging basket posts with carousel on the top – one for each village has been raised and the consultation process has begun.
- 2 x New SID (Speed Indication Devices) have been ordered and due to arrive on 22nd June
- Empty house is still being investigated by NWLDC – 11, School Lane, Newton Burgoland and the rubbish outside 11, Newton Road, Sweptstone is being on NWLDC's Street Cleaning Team's schedule.
- New bin is now outside the Church Hall in Sweptstone.
- The query about planning activity happening at Red Acres Farm is being investigated by NWLDC.
- The alleged planning breach 19/02384/FUL is still being investigated by NWLDC.

RESOLVED:

- Update the progress report and circulate to Councillors
- Contact Andrew Poole regarding the footpath in Ludlams Wood
- Contact Geoff to request the new trees are planted in the Autumn

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

- RoSPA – Playground Checks
- G Cantwell – Handyman Hours for April and May and tree replacement
- 2Commune – Website Hosting

- Clerk Expenses
- Planter Expenses
- Wraggs Yard Hedgecutting

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

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PLANNING MATTERS

Council considered the planning applications 20/00801/FUL for 2 Francis Lane and had no objections.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update NWLDC Planning Officer.

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APPEARANCE OF THE PARISH

Councillors discussed the appearance of the parish and agreed that the damaged brick planter needed fixing, and that a thank you should go to all volunteers for mowing and litter picking etc.

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask Geoff Cantwell to fix the brick planter and to put a thank you in the newsletter

426/2020

SCHOOL SUPPORT

The Council considered the request to financially support the school with their current building project of extra toilets and sanitisation areas. The parish decided that funds for this financial year have already been committed, and that the Wraggs Yard would be better placed to donate as the school facilities are used, in the main, for Wraggs Yard social events.

RESOLVED: Clerk to communicate this decision back to the school and suggest that they make contact to the Wraggs Yard committee. Clerk to also make the school aware of the Mercia Park Community Fund.

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Milner update the Council on the Wraggs Yard's response to their RoSPA playground safety checks. There is a comprehensive action plan list of jobs to action the suggestions in the safety report.

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ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Councillor Cook raised the Mercia Park Community Fund, and will circulate the details for the council to consider

Next Meeting - 19th August 2020