

# SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes

**Held at: Swebstone Church Hall**

**Date: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 8.00pm**

**Present**                      *Councillors:* N Makin, B Sumner, J Millward, A Milner  
*Chairman:* C Robinson  
*Parish Clerk:* Annie Callingham  
*No. of Parishioners Present:* 7

**135/2018      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**136/2018      LOCAL POLICING REPORT**

PCSO shared the crime report over the last 30 days. There was 1 speeding offence, 1 violent assault, 2 farm break ins, and theft of batteries supplying the temporary traffic lights on the Swebstone Road. He shared that the Rural PCSO is working with farm communities with these issues, and parishioners asked about the lack of information coming from the Rural Watch scheme.

**RESOLVED:** PCSO to check the information from Rural Watch and report back and bring new stickers to the next meeting (for speeding and cold callers). The Community Safety Team will attend the November parish council meeting to support with more ideas to deter crime in our area.

**137/2018      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

One parishioner voiced concerns about distressed dog noises from the Aylesbury Gardens area, and another wanted to understand more about the future of The Belper.

**RESOLVED:** Councillors urged the parishioner in question to contact the RSPCA if they felt anything untoward was occurring, and the future of The Belper was discussed at the appropriate agenda point.

**138/2018      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**139/2018      MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held in September were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**140/2018 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

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

- Councillor Harrison is now involved with the entrance gates to our villages due to our concerns regarding the delays. We understand from him that our order has now been placed. The faulty speed camera is to be returned.
- Red phone box to be ordered and waiting to hear back of grant money can fund the shelving and lights
- Councillors to draft Project Mercia Objections
- Overgrown laurels in Swepstone and the empty house in Newton Burgoland are being dealt with by NWLDC, still waiting for reply.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to update progress report and circulate to Councillors

**141/2018 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

Clerk presented the Council on the current bank finances and asked for approval for the incoming invoices.

- Invoice for Newsletter Printing
- Clerks expenses
- Brick Planter work
- Planter expenses

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to make on-line payments accordingly and e-mail finance document to Councillors.

**142/2018 PLANNING MATTERS**

Aylesbury Garden Appeal date set for 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Planning Application 18/01640/PDNATR for the change of use for the building Clock Mill, on Swepstone Road. The Councillors had no comments to make.

The proposed development by Junction 11, M42 will be objected to on planning grounds, and Chilcote parish Council are updating the council as and when they have updates.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to update NWLDC Planning team regarding the application for change of use. Also, Clerk to communicate how to object to Junction 11 proposal on Parish website and put petition in The Belper.

**143/2018 CORRESPONDENCE**

The council heard from one parishioners e-mail regarding the repositioning of the mobile speed camera which expressed a wish for it to be moved to Swepstone for a short time.

The Councillors purchased a mobile camera with a view to moving it around the parish every 3 weeks, however the battery keeps dying, and consequently it has been returned to the manufacturer already, and due to go back again for a

second time. Once it is back in full working order, the Councillors have committed to a rotation for the camera.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to share information with parishioner.

**144/2018**

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT – PROJECT MERCIA**

Formerly referred to as “Junction 11 Proposals”. Councillor Millward and Councillors Makin committed to draft a response for the Clerk to send on behalf of the parish council. It was asked if the proposal was outside the local plan.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to understand of the proposal is inside or outside of the local plan and communicate back to Councillors. The relevant councillors to send through their letters to the Clerk.

**145/2018**

**THE BELPER UPDATE**

The parish councillors met with the Business Development Manager from Heineken to discuss the concerns of residents and to understand how they can support The Belper. The meeting was a positive, honest and reassuring one, as Heineken reassured the councillors that the pub has no current plans to redevelop, and are committed to a 5-year tenancy, starting with new investment in its car park and upstairs area.

After an initial 3-4-month period of a temporary manager, the permanent agreement will then revert to a traditional landlord/pub relationship, allowing more individuality and freedom. They understand that mistakes have been made in the past and understand the damage that this has done.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to communicate in the Newsletter, and to ask Heineken for an overview of the plans or attendance to the November meeting.

**146/2018**

**UNITARY PROPOSALS**

Councillors to consider and comment after understanding the detail behind the proposal.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to add to next meeting’s agenda.

**147/2018**

**HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SURVEY**

**RESOLVED:** Councillors agreed to complete this outside of the meeting before the 31 October deadline

**148/2018**

**APPEARANCE OF FLATS IN NEWTON BURGOLAND**

Council discussed that improving the look of these flats would improve the look of the area.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to contact NWLDC to understand if there are any maintenance or improvement plans in place for the near future.

**149/2018 HS2 UPDATE**

Now the route has been confirmed, the next phase is the roll out of an "Environmental Statement" which demonstrates the plans around the routes and suggested storage during the build.

**150/ 2018 GDPR RESPONSIBILITY**

Clerk has updated the Information Commissioner with the new contact for Swepstone parish council. Councillors agreed the GDPR Policies to protect the parish unless and until a review.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to post on Website

**151/2018 SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT CONSULATATION**

The Councillors agreed that there were too many open consultation periods open at the moment to be able to fairly appraise this report. The deadline for this was 15<sup>th</sup> October

**RESOLVED:** Aborted until further information.

**152/2018 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Sumner wanted to share information about cold callers in Swepstone selling loft conversions and to be wary.

Also, Councillors Sumner wanted to share the news that Measham Medical Unit has a proposed merger with Ashby and to encourage parishioners to voice their opinion.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to share how to voice opinions via parish website

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Unitary Proposals

**FUTURE DIARY DATES FOR 2018: -**

21st November - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church

19th December - Swepstone Village Hall