

# SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Held at: Newton Burgoland Congregational Church**

**Date: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 8.00pm**

**Present**                      *Councillors: P Cook, A Milner*  
*Chairman: C Robinson*  
*Parish Clerk: Annie Callingham*  
*No. of Parishioners Present: x 9*

**384/2020                      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Makin and Councillor Sumner

**385/2020                      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT PLAN FOR THE PARISH**

A group has already been created by a parishioner on the Next Door App called NWL Community Spirit.

This group lists those who've already volunteered to help and requires users to privately message the volunteer for assistance.

For those residents that don't have the app or are uncomfortable using it, it was decided to do a leaflet drop to each household in the parish, following the success of the monthly newsletter. This will list of all the volunteers across the two villages who residents are welcome to contact for help with jobs or just a chat.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to create a separate flyer to the monthly newsletter to be dropped at every house.

**PARISHIONERS ASKED TO LEAVE AT THIS POINT FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**386/2020                      LOCAL POLICING REPORT**

Clerk shared that there had been no reported crimes one reported crime in the last 30 days, and that the local police beat had updated the council to say that their new policing model has now come into effect and so far is proving a great success for North West Leicestershire as a whole.

Response times have been reduced, proactive policing has increased and as parishioners, we should see an increased Police presence.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to update in the Newsletter.

**387/2020**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**388/2020**

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held in February were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting and no further matters or new decisions have arisen since.

**389/2020**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**390/2020**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Non received.

**391/2020**

**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, and NWLDC Solicitors have still not heard anymore from the courts on this.
- LCC have provided options and costs for traffic calming in Swepstone, however the council are disappointed that they weren't involved in site discussions, and that there weren't as many options as were mentioned in the original meeting in September. County Councillor Dan Harrison has feedback to take away, along with queries about "appropriate tendering" for rural work contactors from LCC perspective. Still chasing a response from Councillor Harrison.
- Clerk to order 2 more Speed Indication Devices (SIDS).
- Clerk to order the best value for money bin to place outside the church hall, on condition it is fixed to the ground for security purposes.
- Clerk to send of for the licence to LCC for the hanging baskets in the parish. Once confirmed, go ahead with the order. Despite efforts, the clerk was unable to secure 3 x quotes for this – Council agreed to continue with one.
- Slippery and unsafe road surfaces on School Lane/Newton Road have been completed and work for the junction of Dames Lane/Pinfold has been instructed.
- Street signs in Swepstone booked into be installed the week of the meeting.
- Empty house on 11, School Lane, Newton Burgoland is still being investigate by NWLDC and is a high priority for them. They cannot share any information.
- Meeting happened between Councillor Cook, resident John Harris and LCC Forestry Officer for Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Waiting for an action plan, and in the meantime, Clerk to order 3 x trees for the parish.

**RESOLVED:**

- Update the progress report and circulate to Councillors
- Contact Councillor Dan Harrison regarding the traffic calming options put forward to the council by LCC
- Clerk to cancel litter pick and VE Day celebrations

- Clerk to order bin, hanging baskets and SID devices.

**392/2020      ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

- DGBM – Newsletters
- A Callingham - Expenses
- St Peters Church – Church Hall Hire

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to pay this invoice on-line, and update finances.

**393/2020      PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application Consultation ref 20/00393/VCI was considered for Nethercote Farm, Snarestone Road. This planning application is to vary the conditions for previous planning application Planning Application 19/02384/FUL.

The council unanimously objected to this application based on the original application for a post and rail fence was in keeping with the rural setting, and this is not. It was intrusive and inappropriate for an agricultural area.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to update NWLDC Planning Team.

**AUDIT PREPARATION**

Council checked the current asset list as insurance renewal is due in May. Grit bin, and litter picking equipment to be added, along with the contents of the container on the Wraggs Yard to be itemised

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to add the extra items to the insurance policy and liaise with the Wraggs Yard Committee to understand the value of the contents of the container.

**394/2020      PARISH POTHOLE ISSUES**

The council heard from Councillor Cook regarding the problem “hot spots”. Newton Road, Swepstone Road and Shackerstone Lane were all identified as needing attention.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to report to LCC

**395/2020      PARISH TIDY UP/LITTER PICK DATE**

This was set as Sunday 5th April but due to the coronavirus update will be cancelled until further notice.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to update the parish in the newsletter.

**396/2020      PARISH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TENDER RENEWAL**

The council were presented three quotes from the clerk. The council instructed for Geoff Cantwell to maintain the parish grounds for the next 12 months.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to update the unsuccessful quotes and inform Geoff Cantwell.

**REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None

**397/2020**

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

None

**FUTURE DIARY DATES FOR 2020: -**

~~15th January - Swebstone Church Hall~~

~~20th January - Swebstone Church Hall (Councillors only - Closed meeting)~~

~~19th February - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church~~

~~18th March - Swebstone Church Hall~~

15th April - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church

20th May - Swebstone Church Hall

17th June - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church

19th August - Swebstone Church Hall

16th September - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church

21st October - Swebstone Church Hall

18th November - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church

16th December - Swebstone Church Hall

**FUTURE MEETING DATES WILL BE PLANNED AROUND GUIDANCE FROM  
LRALC AND THE GOVERNMENT DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**