

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Held at: Swepstone Church Hall
Date: Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 8.00pm

Present *Councillors: A Milner, J Millward*
 Chairman: C Robinson
 Parish Clerk: Annie Callingham
 No. of Parishioners Present: 7 & 2 Police Representatives

059/2018 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Councillor Makin and Councillor Sumner

060/2018 **LOCAL POLICING REPORT**
The Police Representatives reported no crimes in the Parish within the last 30 days. The Parishioners expressed confusion around how the reporting was done and asked for clarification, in particular for the last accident on Main Street Swepstone on the 5th April. This may have been reported under Market Bosworth, and the police representatives will find out. They also committed to taking a speed gun to that stretch of area in the near future. The Council requested some more "Rural Watch" signs for lampposts which will get to us before or at the last meeting.

RESOLVED: Clerk to Raise a Freedom of Information request with Leicestershire Police, asking for an accurate number of accidents on Main Street, Swepstone in the last year to. PCSO to inform back on where the 5th April accident was reported, and when he plans to position a speed gun. Rural Watch signs to follow.

061/2018 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Specific representation from residents seeking recycling clarification, asking the purposeful damage to the daffodils and dog poo bags to be raised in the newsletter, and the phone box replacement.

062/2018 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Councillors were reminded of their duty to declare any personal or prejudicial interests – none were declared.

063/2018 MINUTES
The minutes of the meeting held in March were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

064/2018 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT
This was reviewed and update accordingly.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update progress report and circulate to Councillors

065/2018 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- Invoice for LRALC Subscription
- Invoice for Clerks 3 Course
- Invoice for Newsletter Printing
- Clerk wage

It was agreed by the Council that the payment limit for the Clerk with the new on-line banking process will be £10,000.

It was also agreed that with the imminent Internal Audit, that the gap in the finances with bank statements, and returned cheques etc need to be retrieved from the previous Clerk.

Committed outgoings:

- HMRC PAYE Tax for Clerk Wages
- Speed Camera

RESOLVED: Councillor Robinson to contact former clerk to ask for this information

066/2018 PLANNING MATTERS

Travellers (Aylesbury Gardens)

Appeal date 13th June starting at 10am at the Whitwick Business Centre, Coalville has been communicated to residents. May 25th is the last chance for representations from residents to be made. It was reported that there were concerns from some parishioners that the method of making representations to NWLDC could be clearer.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update website and newsletter with more information.

067/2018 CORRESPONDENCE

We have had two letters of correspondence regarding the removal of the phone box. One resident has asked to purchase the old one which the Council were happy for, conditional to him removing it as well.

Secondly, it was suggested that an old style red phone box would be a suitable replacement. The council all agreed, and the Clerk will look into the funding and grants available to support this.

RESOLVED: Clerk to reply to resident with update of purchasing the old phone box and look into funding and grant options.

068/2018

AUDITOR

The Council need an internal Auditor to audit the book keeping and record of Swepstone Parish Council. A resident who has done this role previously was suggested, and the Council agreed to approach him and to ask if he would be available and what costs would be incurred.

RESOLVED: Clerk to make contact and feedback at next meeting.

069/2018

POPPY LAMP POST APPEAL

The Council asked the parishioners present for their informal views, and after a brief discussion it was agreed a small quantity should be acquired on a trial basis.

RESOLVED: Clerk to order 5 lamp post poppies.

070/2018

NWL COMMEMORATES GRANT

This was discussed in more detail and concluded that two brick planters, with a plaque of the fallen soldiers from the parish would be an appropriate gesture. One brick planter at the junction of Main Road with Swepstone, and the other on the corner opposite where the Spade Pub used to be.

RESOLVED: Clerk to check with the church for an accurate list of fallen soldiers, and to ask for clarification from residents in the newsletter. Clerk to complete grant form and get one more quote for planter.

071/2018

GRIT BINS

Grit bins were suggested in the last meeting; however, the Council were undecided how this would look against a rural location versus the need. The Council are looking into other alternatives.

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REPORTS FOR COUNCILLORS

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ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Any items to be submitted to the Clerk by 10th May 2018.

Meeting Closed.