

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Held at: Newton Burgoland Congregational Church

Date: Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 8.00pm

Present *Councillors: B Sumner, N Makin, P Cook*
Chairman: C Robinson
Parish Clerk: Annie Callingham
No. of Parishioners Present: x 10
PCSO x 2

369/2020 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
None

370/2020 **LOCAL POLICING REPORT**

PCSO shared the one reported crime in the last 30 days was the break in at Swepstone church on 5th February. The external door was forced open and then several internal doors. An untidy search of the drawer, etc however nothing appears to have been stolen but there were no witnesses, suspects or CCTV.

There are no reports of anti-social behaviour or road traffic collisions.

Police attended the meeting in February to support us with the ongoing scrambler bike issue. They collected specific patterns of behaviour from parishioners to be able to plan a patrol strategy. They still re-iterated the need for anyone who sees this behaviour, to report it to 101, collect any distinctive markings or number plates to be able to narrow down offenders and ultimately prosecute.

From March, their police model will move back to a 24hr response rate in the area. The police will be based back in Coalville, and it is aimed to provide shorter response times to incidents, and provide a better, more visible, police presence.

RESOLVED:

Clerk to update in the Newsletter.

371/2020 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Council heard from parishioners to answer their questions and queries about:

1. The junction where Dames Lane meets The Pinfold in Newton Burgoland would benefit from clearer road markings to encourage drivers to stop at the junction. There are have been some near misses where motorists have joined The Pinfold from Dames Lane without stopping into

oncoming traffic. Suggestions were road paint, a give way or stop sign at the junction.

2. Blocked drains on the Snarestone Road, including near the junction where Francis Lane meets, and right the way to the lower end of Snarestone Road near the brook. Recent weather has created flooding, and even when this has subsided, surface water remains on the road.
3. Traffic speeds on the Snarestone Road travelling out of Newton Burgoland were raised as a concern.

Geoff Cantwell update the Council on the maintenance work has been doing and asked when the re-tender process would start again. Clerk advised it would be at the start of the next financial year; April 2020.

County Councillor Harrison updated that the JLR development work has started on a ground level, but no structures are up yet. Concerns were raised from all yet again, about the road structures being unable to support such a heavy traffic operation, to which Councillor Harrison agreed.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact LCC Highways regarding points 1 and 2, and Councillors Robinson and Milner to move the SID currently in Newton Burgoland to Snarestone Road over the next week, weather permitting.

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

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

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CORRESPONDENCE

Non 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, 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 was at the meeting to take this

feedback away, along with queries about “appropriate tendering” for rural work contactors from LCC perspective.

- Empty house on 11, School Lane, Newton Burgoland is still being investigate by NWLDC and the debris outside 11, Newton Road, Swepstone has been cleared and the case closed. A FOI (Freedom of Information) request was made for 11, School Lane, but was unfruitful.
- Meeting coordinated between Councillor Cook, resident John Harris and LCC Forestry Officer for Friday 21st February.
- Belper scheduled to open mid-March.
- VE Day party planned for 9th May from 4:00pm onwards. Entertainment has been booked, and it is hoped more to follow. Advertise in Newslines, social media, boards etc. Pay bar, tombola, fancy dress, toddler play area from the play group, afternoon tea from WI confirmed etc. Waiting for information from school and veg society. Wraggs Yard committee to organise using the school toilets.
- Planning breach (19/02384/FUL) – The owner has been asked to submit applications to regularise the current positions.

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 continue to coordinate VE day celebrations.

377/2020 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

- DGBM – Newsletters
- NWLDC- Election Costs
- A Callingham - Expenses
- St Peters Church – Contribution for church grounds maintenance
- Midlands AV Hire – PA system for VE Day party
- The Jays – Vintage live singers for VE Day (deposit)

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

378/2020 PLANNING MATTERS

None received.

379/2020 WRAGG YARD OVERVIEW

Councillor Milner update the council after attending the last Wraggs Yard Committee meeting. Regular meeting dates for the rest of 2020 are in place, in addition to the Annual General Meeting. In response to the feedback from the parish survey about not many residents knowing about they committee and what it strives to achieve, the committee have asked for a regular slot in the monthly newsletter to update the parish. The committee have applied for and successful received grant money to renovate and landscape the water area of the Wraggs yard.

RESOLVED: Clerk to liaise with the Wraggs Yard Committee to understand their update for the newsletter.

380/2020 NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANT

It was agreed that the £500 grant money from the national lottery towards community events would go towards the VE Day celebrations event.

381/2020 PARISH TIDY UP/LITTER PICK DATE

This was set as Sunday 5th April

382/2020 PARISH PRIORITIES AND BUDGET FOR NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

The following was presented and agreed:

To increase the precept by £5000 to act as a contingency fund should the Aylesbury Gardens appeal be accepted by the courts, to cover any necessary legal costs. If this isn't required, the Council agreed to drop the precept back to £17,433 the following year. Only with the caveat that in the unlikely event there is any unforeseen expenditure which cannot be avoided this sum may be put to that purpose.

Based on the parish survey feedback, the following priorities for parish council spend were identified:

1. Two extra SID (Speed Indication Devices), meaning that each village has two that can be relocated to maintain the element of surprise for drivers.

£6000 allocated.

2. VE Day celebrations on 9th May. It was decided to try to make this a parish collaborative event with input from all subgroups (School, Church, Veg Society, Toddler Group, WI and Wraggs Yard). Lindy hop, fancy dress competition, and live entertainment were suggested as entertainment ideas, with WI offering cream teas from 4:00-6:00pm.

£250 Grant money from NWLDC, plus £500 from National Lottery Grant, and any extras funded by the parish council.

3. The Parish have decided to focus on the look of the parish in a "Sweepstone in Bloom" style.

Money will be spent on hanging baskets in prominent areas of the villages, along with an alley style look of trees between Sweepstone and Newton Burgoland. In addition to appearance, it was agreed to purchase a litter bin to be located outside the Church Hall, near the bench.

It was also agreed to employ the services of Geoff Cantwell for an extra 2 hours per month to maintain the appearance of the parish.

The initial spec for the 2 hours a month upkeep is:

- Clean entrance and street signs
- Brushing away leaves/litter against kerbs and edges

- Any obvious moss on footpaths
- Any overgrown hedges that obstruct signs, speed cameras
- If the phonebox needs an external clean

**£600 allocated for trees £30 per month allocated upkeep
£250 allocated for bin**

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

None

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ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Any retendering works to be presented.

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