

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Held at: Swebstone Church Hall

Date: Wednesday 19th June 2019 at 8.00pm

Present *Councillors:* B Sumner, N Makin, P Cook
Chairman: C Robinson
Parish Clerk: Annie Callingham
No. of Parishioners Present: x 4
The Belper Landlord

260/2019 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Councillor Milner

261/2019 **LOCAL POLICING REPORT**

In the last 30 days, there have been three reported incidents:

19/05/2019 — Residential burglary in Swebstone resulting in the theft of a vehicle

01/06/2019 — House fire in Newton Burgoland, no suspicious circumstances.

09/06/2019 — 2 x Road Traffic Collisions on Main Street Swebstone.

The council agreed to update the local police with the council's plan to work with County Councillor Dan Harrison regarding the traffic calming on Main Street Swebstone. Should the council need more support with any parish issues, a liaison meeting with the police will be called.

262/2019 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting heard from Andy Knight, the new landlord at The Belper. He shared his ideas and confirmed an opening date of 1st July. He answered questions from the room and the council reiterated their support for the community asset.

The following was raised by parishioners:

- Overgrown footpaths around the parish
- An extra post needed to fix the "No Scrambler Bikes" sign to.

RESOLVED: Clerk to summarise the update about The Belper for the newsletter, speak to Geoff Cantwell about putting an extra post up, and liase with parishioners regarding the specific overgrown hedges to be able to speak to the relevant parties.

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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 May 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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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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

- The appellant for Aylesbury Gardens has appealed for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal, to review the appeal decision.
- Clerk to speak to County Councillor Dan Harrison with regard to the information gathered by parishioners to move his meeting forwards. Information includes statistics, incidents and collisions, and resident accounts from Main Street, Sweystone.
- SID to be relocated from The Dairy to Main Street, Sweystone.
- The green grant has been approved for to get a new notice board on Church Hall and to purchase own litter picking equipment.
- The empty house on School Lane, has all been cleared at the front of the property to stop harbourage of pests. NWLDC Empty Houses Officer is working with the owner on improving the appearance and safety of the property.
- Work along the verge along Main Street, Newton Burgoland will improve the look and make this area a central focus point for Newton Burgoland – work planned to take place in August at the latest.
- Phone box (Swap Shop) shelves and lights will be installed by the end of June
- Clerk to investigate more costs of heritage style streetlamps.

RESOLVED: Clerk to:

- Coordinate a meeting with Councillor Harrison
- Order new notice board and litter picking equipment
- Update the progress report and circulate to Councillors
- Cascade relevant information on the newsletter

Councillors Robinson and Milner to relocate SID from the Dairy to Main Street Sweystone

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk updated the council of the current bank balance, and the Councillors updated the new bank mandate for the new council. The Council agreed to pay the following invoices:

1. Auditor Costs

5. Newsletter printing

2. RoSPA Playground Checks
3. Speed Indication Device
4. Planter Replacement
6. Clerk Expenses
7. Website Hosting Renewal
8. Planter Expenses

The Council also agreed to purchase replacement defibrillator pads at a cost of £190 across both villages.

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

Councillors heard from the clerk about the outstanding invoices due in later in the year.

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BUDGETING FOR 2019-2020

The Council collected ideas for the future to make reserves accordingly. A flagpole in each village was agreed. With commemorative flags to symbolise national events and/or holidays.

It was suggested to utilise the 137 money for community projects as a potential idea as other parishes have done. Other parishes call this a “Community Grant” scheme for parish groups for any projects or events that will be of benefit to the residents of the Parish.

Allocated money can be issued under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to empower Parish Councils to spend some of its money, subject to limits, on purposes that it considers to be *‘in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area, or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants’*.

RESOLVED: Clerk to start collecting quotes for flagpoles and flags and preparing the council to be able to offer this at the next meeting in August and mention in the newsletter in terms of paperwork and how to account for this spend.

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OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE

Councils have been asked to consider steps of national mourning when the Queen passes away. It was agreed follow the Governments guidelines for the country.

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HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

North West Leicestershire District Council have asked an independent housing survey to be conducted by Midlands Rural. The Council declined that this should go ahead in the parish.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update Midlands Rural.

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ANN CLARE CHARITY

The Council confirmed and approved the re-appointment of Brenda Sumner and David Plant as representative trustees for Ann Claire Charity

RESOLVED: Clerk to update Crane and Walton Solicitors.

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PARISH SURVEY

The Council followed up on previous survey suggestions to follow up on unfinished projects and decided on next steps for survey 2019. The issue of mobile phone reception still needed to improve, and it was suggested to contact the main mobile phone providers to understand if there is a planned update or upgrade to the service in the parish. It was also agreed to investigate the feasibility of getting a village hall for the parish.

It was proposed that The Wraggs Yard Committee might like a section for feedback in the wider parish survey.

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask The Wraggs Yard if they would like a section in the parish survey, and to contact the main mobile phone providers to understand if there is a planned update or upgrade to the service in the parish. Councillor Cook to gather extra information on the process of getting a village hall for the next meeting.

Clerk to make changes to the survey questions and liaise with NWLDC for support to make the survey electronic.

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PLANNING MATTERS

No planning applications received.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council received no correspondence for this meeting.

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GREEN SHOOTS GRANT APPLICATION

Councillors agreed to purchase 500 bulbs and located them near the entrance gates, on Main Street Swebstone, Main Street Newton Burgoland and Snarestone Road.

RESOLVED: Clerk to complete Grant Application Form and send to NWLDC

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

A diary date was amended: the next council meeting will be on the 21st August, in Newton Burgoland.

Councillors Cook and Milner were nominated to run a risk assessment for 6th July "Party in the Parish" Event

RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain a risk assessment form for Councillors Milner and Cook to use for the event and update the parish website/noticeboards with the amended date.

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ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

FUTURE DIARY DATES FOR 2019: -

16th January	Newton Burgoland	21 st August	Newton Burgoland
20th February	Swebstone	11 th September	Swebstone
20th March	Newton Burgoland	16 th October	Newton Burgoland
10th April	Swebstone	20 th November	Swebstone
15th May	Newton Burgoland	18 th December	Newton Burgoland
19th June	Swebstone		