

# SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Held at:** Via Zoom Video Conference due to Coronavirus Lockdown

**Date:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 8.00pm

**Present**                      *Councillors:* B Sumner, N Makin, A Milner, P Cook  
*Chairman:* C Robinson  
*Parish Clerk:* Annie Callingham  
*No. of Parishioners Present:* x 1  
District Councillor Blunt

**429/2020                      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**430/2020                      LOCAL POLICING REPORT**

Clerk shared that there was one reported crime in the parish. An assault at the Belper Arms was reported on the 12<sup>th</sup> August and is still being investigated.

**431/2020                      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The council heard from both District Councillor Blunt and one resident regarding the planning application at Upper Church Farm. Discussions were had and information shared around planning law and historical precedent, with the overarching themes of unsustainability, accessibility, emergency access and overworking the highway.

Councillor Blunt has raised this application with the Chairman of NWLDC Planning Department for a subsequent meeting to take place.

The Council agreed that professional help should be sought to put a robust case together. A confidential discussion between council members was held at the end of the meeting to consider previously sought quotes. A consultant was chosen, and the chair was authorised to confirm their appointment and inform the unsuccessful providers.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to contact County Councillor Harrison to ask for support with the parish's intended objection to the application from a LCC Highways perspective. Chair to instruct successful planning consultant and inform unsuccessful ones.

**432/2020                      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**433/2020                      MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on June 2020 were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting and no further matters or new decisions have arisen since. Signature from Chair unable to be gained at this time.

**434/2020 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**435/2020 CORRESPONDENCE**

None received

**436/2020 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

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

- Aylesbury Gardens - The High Court has granted permission to hear the appeal of the planning inspector's decision. Date TBC
- Speed Indication Devices - Two more SID devices have been delivered and will be positioned around the parish.
- Hanging baskets - LCC have granted the parish council a licence to be able to erect two tall carousel style hanging baskets: one in each village.
- Fly-tipping - Snarestone Road layby has been raised as a fly tipping hotspot, and we are working with both NWLDC and LCC to understand our options on preventative measures.
- Highways Parish and Community Grant LCC are supporting rural parishes with money to implement measures to aid social distancing. We have secured the grant for overgrown vegetation to be cut back on pavements to make passing easier, and for visual reminders of the 2-meter rule near the school.
- 2 x New SID (Speed Indication Devices) have been received and will be put up around the parish soon
- Empty house is still being investigated by NWLDC – 11, School Lane, Newton Burgoland and the rubbish outside 11, Newton Road, Sweptstone is being on NWLDC's Street Cleaning Team's schedule.
- The query about planning activity happening at Red Acres Farm has been investigated by NWLDC and the case is closed.
- The alleged planning breach 19/02384/FUL is still being investigated by NWLDC.

**RESOLVED:**

- Update the progress report and circulate to Councillors  
Clerk to purchase hanging baskets

**437/2020 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

- Lois and Jenny – Planter Expenses
- G Cantwell – Handyman Hours and Mowing

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to pay these invoices on-line, and update finances.

**438/2020 PLANNING MATTERS**

Council consulted on 20/01137/OUT– Upper Church Farm. See “*Public Participation*” minutes.

#### **REOPENING OF THE PHONEBOX SWAP STOP LIBRARY**

Councillors heard from the Clerk on steps other parishes have taken to open libraries, however the council agreed to put opening the library on hold due to the 8 day retention of the virus - to be discussed at the September meeting.

#### **439/2020 TREES IN THE PARISH**

Due to the complex nature of the information, the Council decided to re-consider the information from LCC and agree next steps at the September meeting.

#### **440/2020 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Milner update the Council on the Wraggs Yard activity, and the repairs that were being done on the play equipment. It was agreed to mention this in the newsletter to help provide an understanding of the costs and voluntary effort involved, to gain more respect for the area.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to communicate this in the August Newsletter

#### **441/2020 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Phonebox Swap Stop re-opening
- Trees in the parish

Next Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020