

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Held at: Swebstone Church Hall

Date: Wednesday 20th June 2018 at 8.00pm

Present *Councillors: N Makin, B Sumner, J Millward*
Chairman: C Robinson
Parish Clerk: Annie Callingham
No. of Parishioners Present: 2

089/2018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Milner

090/2018 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

Clerk shared report from last 30 days.

1 - 7th June (Newton Burgoland) **Vehicle theft** - Caravan Stolen from house drive way – no CCTV

2 - 12th June (Newton Burgoland) **Burglary** – TV and Handbag stolen between the hours 23:00 – 06:30 – suspects entered through back door that was left unlocked, no damage, no CCTV.

091/2018 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A parishioner shared his confusion around the half-mowed church yard and another questioned whether she could put plants in the new planter on Main Street.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to the church for an update regarding the grass mowing arrangements and whether this has changed or not. The Council approved the expenditure of plants to brighten the new planter on Main Street and asked the parishioner to provide receipts at the next meeting.

092/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

093/2018 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held in May were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

094/2018 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

This was reviewed and update accordingly.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update progress report and circulate to Councillors

095/2018 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

Clerk update the Council on the current bank balance, and asked for approval for the following invoices.

- Invoice for website hosting
- Invoice for new speed camera
- Invoice for Newsletter Printing
- Clerk wage
- Parishioner Expenses for planter maintenance (The Green)

RESOLVED: Clerk to make on-line payments accordingly.

096/2018 PLANNING MATTERS

None received

097/2018 OWNERSHIP OF LAND ON THE GREEN AND THE NETHERCOTE

Clerk updated the Councillor on the ownership of these areas following information from NWLDC. The Council agreed this information would conclude the land asset query.

RESOLVED: Councillor Sumner to communicate Nethercote land ownership (David Wilson Homes) to the relevant parishioner who raised the question.

098/2018 CORRESPONDENCE

The Vegetable Society have requested that we ask for volunteers to help to put the marquees up for their show in August in our next newsletter. The Council agreed.

RESOLVED: Clerk put this in the June newsletter.

099/2018 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Due to a changeover in Clerk, the deadline for this routine meeting has passed. The Council were asked if they would still like to hold one for this year, or to postpone and schedule this in for 2019. The Council agreed to move this to 2019.

100/2018 VILLAGE FACILITIES

It was suggested that since the removal of the village shop, and the likely restrictions of bus routes, whether a community led shop e.g. in the pub could be hosted. Other communities have done this and can prove to be successful for one-off, last minute items such as milk, bread, sweets for children etc.

RESOLVED: Councillor Millward to research the feasibility of this by asking round any willing groups to gather thoughts and ideas.

101/2018 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Following a response from the Director of Highways regarding our request for traffic calming support, the Councillors agreed to wait to measure the effect of the new speed camera and software, and entrance gates before escalating again. These measures will demonstrate that the parish council have tried everything within their influence.

102/2018 RECYCLING UPDATE

Clerk shared the update from the Parish Liaison Meeting regarding the council's questions about recycling. The questions were, 1) why are there so many containers when other councils seem to have fewer? And 2) How much of what we dispose of is recycled i.e. bottle tops.

The answers were 1) NWLDC ask us to separate recyclables into the boxes and bags to enable them to easily process the material in their own recycling facility in Coalville, which as a council we are lucky to have, and it is an invaluable asset. Here they bale the recyclables separately, and they're then sent onto reprocessing companies. The impact of "co-mingling" our recycling into fewer boxes and bags, would cost a lot more for contractors to sort through further down the process.

And question 2) NWLDC's contract with the recycling reprocesses stipulate specific contamination levels which cannot be exceeded. To date we have not defaulted on this, reflecting the recycling we collect from residents is of a high quality. Plastic bottle tops can be recycled in the red box.

RESOLVED: Clerk to communicate this in newsletter

103/2018 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTING RETURN

The Council completed the necessary paperwork for our external audit.

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

None

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None currently.

104/2018 ACCOUNTS AND BOOK KEEPING– CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA ITEM

FUTURE DIARY DATES FOR 2018: -

15th August - Sweptstone Village Hall
19th September - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church
17th October - Sweptstone Village Hall
21st November - Newton Burgoland Congregational Church
19th December - Sweptstone Village Hall