

# SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes

Held at: SWEPSTONE CHURCH HALL, SWEPSTONE

Date: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 at 8.00pm

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**Present**

*Councillors:* B Sumner, N Makin, A Milner

*Chair:* C Robinson

*Parish Clerk:* Annie Callingham

*No. of Parishioners Present:* 5

**021/2018**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Millward and Local PCSO for Crime Report Agenda Item

**022/2018**

**LOCAL POLICING REPORT**

The Clerk advised that advised there had been no reported crimes in the last 30 days in the Parish. There had been a reported incident of a flag pole falling into the road, that was removed.

It was discussed that there is a prolific rural thief currently very active on the Leics / Warks border. Orton on the Hill, Upton and the other Leics/Warks border villages are particularly vulnerable at the moment. We have a good idea who the person involved is and are working with Warks police to locate them.

This vehicle has been seen a number of times in Swepstone/Newton Burgoland.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to communicate awareness of the rural thief in the Newsletter

**023/2018**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Specific representation from one resident asking to understand more about the postponed hearing date for Aylesbury Gardens; one wanted to ask about the traffic calming proposals and the increase of litter in the village; and finally, representation from the church regarding the Swepstone Village Hall Swings. Another Parishioner raised the cleaning of Newton Road to make it a safer road which hasn't happened yet.

- 024/2018      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Councillors were reminded of their duty to declare any personal or prejudicial interests – none were declared.
- 025/2018      MINUTES**  
The minutes of the meeting held in January were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting.
- 026/2018      MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**  
This was reviewed and update accordingly. Current projects include:  
1 -Aylesbury Gardens Planning Application, 2 - the Council’s objection to planning application on land off Swepstone Road/Newton Road, Main Street (for the change of use of land for stationing of a temporary mobile home and farm office, and the erection of an extension to an existing agricultural barn),3 - Traffic Calming, 4 - Swepstone Traffic Accident, 5 - Tidy Up, 6 - Defibrillator, and 7 - Phone Box removal.
- RESOLVED: Clerk to update progress report and circulate to Councillors**
- 027/2018      ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**
- Invoice for Planning Consultant - £2728.50
  - Invoice for Newsletter Printing - £85.00
  - Clerk Expenses – £58.18
  - Clerk PC Equipment - £1121.22 (refunded to Parish Council via Transparency Funding Grant)
  - Donation to St Peters Church for swings repairs - £300.00
  - Clerk “set up wage” - £596.16
- 028/2018      PLANNING MATTERS**
- APPLICATION REFERENCE 18/00099/HRN**  
Land at Newton Road/Holt Lane, Heather for the removal of hedgerow (total length 353 metres). The Councillors unanimously agreed that there were “no comments” on this application
- RESOLVED: Clerk to update the appropriate planner of the Council’s decision.**
- Travellers (Aylesbury Gardens)**
- The Chairman updated parishioners that the proposed planning appeal hearing for the Aylesbury Gardens site scheduled for 27th February has been postponed due to an appropriate inspector not being available. Despite representations to the Planning Inspectorate urging the appeal to

be heard this was not possible. When a new date is confirmed we will communicate this.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to update residents in the newsletter and Councillor Robinson to contact NWLDC regarding the dual representation with this application.**

**029/2018**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Green Shoots Grant contact has asked us to take photos of the daffodils in bloom to publicise the grant. Councillor Milner would be able to arrange this when the daffodils are in bloom.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to confirm to the Green Shoots contact, the Council with photos.**

**030/2018**

**PARISH PUBLICITY**

Comments put onto the new "NextDoor Neighbour" App by residents raised the question of how the parish council answer any questions that come forward. It was agreed not to engage in any specific conversations and the Clerk could deal with routine matters/enquiries. Should any of the Parish Council see any questions that need answering, to politely direct them to the website where it can be formally raised at meetings.

**RESOLVED: Council members and Clerk to action as appropriate.**

**031/2018**

**SWINGS**

Councillors heard from a representative of the church regarding the fundraising efforts of the church, Toddler group, and other donations received for the swing repairs. A quote for £2,500 to replace the flooring and have two new baby seats and two new normal swing seats has been received. The Parish Council agreed to donate £300 to the project.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to raise cheque and forward to Jo Venables**

**032/2018**

**POPPY LAMP POST APPEAL**

It was agreed to revisit this later in the year as the room was divided on opinions to have poppies on the lamp posts.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to put on the agenda later in the year.**

**033/2018**

**REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Nothing to add.

**034/2018**

**TRAFFIC CALMING**

The borrowed speed camera has been a success and received positive comments from residents. This will be moved to Sweptone week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> March and returned to Measham on the 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The Council will review its effectiveness and whether to purchase our own.

The proposed road markings and entrance gates to the village has yet again experienced an unacceptable level of delay. Councillor Millward asked the Council to support her intention to take her frustrations up with the Highway Authority via our County Councillor.

A Parishioner asked about the damaged speed signs on Main Street, Sweptone, and again Councillor Millward will be working with the Highway Authority and if necessary the County Councillor.

**RESOLVED: Councillor Milner to coordinate moving the speed camera. All Councillors supported Councillors Millwards proposal of escalating this issue.**

**035/2018**

**ASSET LIST**

Councillors were asked to consider the current Asset List from the Insurers for accuracy. The question was asked why "Metal Container" appear twice, and planter that was damaged in the road accident in December isn't listed. Ground assets were also spoke about too and was unclear.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to restate to the insurers that the Parish Council only own one container, and to contact Nick Wilford regarding his previous knowledge on the planters, and also to begin research on ground asset information.**

**036/2018**

**NOTICE BOARD LIGHTING**

It was considered to collect quotes for solar lights to be put onto the noticeboard – this way, they would charge through the day and enable light in the dark.

The Councillors agreed to fully understand the detail behind when BT remove the nearby phone box first. If we can utilise the redundant power supply from the phone box, then this would be a more preferred proposition.

**RESOLVED. Clerk to collect detail from BT about what "removal" involves.**

**037/2018**

**ON-LINE BANKING**

Clerk proposed a more efficient way of accounting and paying suppliers via on-line banking. All Councillors were in agreement to set A Callingham as primary user of on-line banking, and then to set up other Councillors as secondary users.

**RESOLVED. Clerk to complete the relevant forms to move this forward.**

**038/2018**

**TIDY UP DATE**

Council agreed a new date to hold the "Village Tidy Up Date" on 15<sup>th</sup> April from 10:30 – 12:00. Meeting points are the Belper Car Park and refreshments in the Church Hall.

**ACTION: Clerk to re-advertise this in the next Newsletter and Facebook nearer the time, and to investigate the possibility of a grant to provide Hi-Viz jackets and litter picking equipment.**

**039/2018**

**DEFIBRILLATOR (NEWTON BURGOLAND SCHOOL)**

A site meeting will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February with Mrs Foster, John Hart and Anthony Parkes to plan next steps to putting it up.

The defibrillator code for both Swepstone and Newton Burgoland is **C0159X** and will permanently communicated in the newsletter.

**040/2018**

**NEW WEBSITE**

Councillor Milner and the Clerk updated the room on the progress of the new Parish Council website which will go-live on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. There are some outstanding gaps to be completed before then.

**RESOLVED: Outstanding jobs allocated as the following:**

**Councillor Milner to update website with photos and bios, Clerk to update the list of A-Z of local services with the support of Councillor Sumner, Clerk to scan last Financial Report to upload, and upload all future meeting dates.**

**041/2018**

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Any items to be submitted to the Clerk by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**Meeting Closed.**