

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Held at: Congregational Church, Newton Burgoland

Date: Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 8.00pm

Present *Councillors:* B Sumner, N Makin, A Milner, J Millward
Chairman: C Robinson
Parish Clerk: Annie Callingham
No. of Parishioners Present: 3 & Emma Trahearne (NWLDC)

042/2018 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
PCSO for Crime Report Agenda Item

043/2018 **LOCAL POLICING REPORT**
The Clerk advised that there had been no reported crimes in the last 30 days in the Parish. The Clerk update the Council that she had expressed her frustrations with the Police of their noticeable absence at meetings this year, and that the council and residents feel there is confusion around the reports and actual events in the Parish.

RESOLVED: NWLDC Representative to escalate to the Police to encourage attendance at the April Meeting, and report back to Clerk.

044/2018 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Specific representation from one resident asking to buy the marquee carpets.

045/2018 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Councillors were reminded of their duty to declare any personal or prejudicial interests – none were declared.

046/2018 **MINUTES**
The minutes of the meeting held in February were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

047/2018 **MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**
This was reviewed and update accordingly.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update progress report and circulate to Councillors

048/2018

GRANTS AVAILABLE/PROCESS FOR LAND OWNING IN THE PARISH

NWLDC Representative explained the process for understanding the ownership of land within parishes. We have two specific plots to understand, and she will find out the answer and report back to Clerk.

There was also an update on the new "Parish On-line" tools proposed for Parish Councils. This was described as a layering system where anyone could look on line to understand different elements to their parish i.e. dog bins, crime hotspots, ownerships, lighting etc). This is in the early stages and more information will follow.

The Grants available to us are:

Small Grant Scheme (upto £500)

Green Grant Scheme (upto £1000) – discussions were had about maybe this could be used for a new planter in the parish.

NWL Commemorates Scheme (upto £500) – discussions about maybe this could be used to provide a brick walled flower bed in place of the phone box with appropriate wording to celebrate. Suggestions were made about having the names of parishioners who fell carved into the side.

RESOLVED: NWLDC Representative to feedback to Clerk on land ownership, coordinate litter picking equipment with Clerk, and provide an update Clerk with the "Parish online" project. Clerk to put on April Agenda inviting the Council for specific details in order to collect quotes.

049/2018

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- Invoice for John Hart to install Defibrillator
- Invoice for Newsletter Printing
- Clerk Expenses
- Clerk Storage Equipment - (refunded to Parish Council via Transparency Funding Grant)
- Clerk wage

050/2018

PLANNING MATTERS

APPLICATION REFERENCE - 18/00263/FUL

Erection of two storey extension to form annexe (3 Snarestone Road). The Councillors unanimously agreed that there were "no comments" on this application

APPLICATION REFERENCE - 18/00422/FUL

Erection of stable block for private use and change of use of land for the keeping of horses (Church Farm, Swepstone). The Councillors unanimously agreed that there were "no comments" on this application

RESOLVED: Clerk to update the appropriate planner of the Council's decision.

Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Consultation Document Policy

The Council all agreed that the proposed site wasn't in Swepstone's Parish, however as it was on the border, it would be sensible to link in with Measham Parish Council to understand their viewpoint on it.

RESOLVED: Clerk to facilitate an extra meeting with Measham Parish Council.

Travellers (Aylesbury Gardens)

Appeal date 13th June starting at 10am at the Whitwick Business Centre, Coalville. communicated to residents. May 25th is the last chance for representation from residents to be made. Councillor Robinson to check dual representation with NWLDC.

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

051/2018

CORRESPONDENCE

We have had correspondence from one resident asking for grit bins. Clerk update the Council with the approximate cost and process of grit bins. A cost of approximately £200 per bin, which LCC supply with grit. The Council agreed that the standard yellow one wouldn't be in keeping with the Parish and asked the Clerk to investigate green bins as they would "blend" in and look nicer.

A representative asked if Ibstock Bowls Club could purchase the disused marquee carpets for £50. This was agreed by the Council to be on a hire basis.

Concerns were raised regarding the field on the Shackerstone Road, at the junction back into the village that used to contain a horse and donkey, and now houses a disused horse block. The concerns were that it was being used for quad bikes and motocross on various weekends. The Council agreed to monitor the activity and raise it should it be considered a disruption.

RESOLVED: Clerk to investigate the possibility of obtaining a green bin and update the Council at the next meeting. Clerk to contact Ibstock Bowls Club for payment.

052/2018

SPEED CAMERAS

After the success of the trial speed camera, the Clerk updated the Council on the costs and process of acquiring our own. It was agreed that the portable speed camera that displays the travelling speed in “light up digits” would be most effective, and the same as the trial one. It was also agreed that the Parish would benefit from purchasing a software package for an additional amount which would record the speed, date and times of vehicles, enabling the Parish to pass to the Police for more support. It was agreed that Main Road, Swepstone would be an ideal place to start to record speeding vehicles.

RESOLVED: Clerk to investigate whether the same camera can be set to different speeds (30 and 40 mph). If not, a 40mph camera is the preference.

053/2018

PHOTOS FOR WEBSITE

The Clerk invited the Councillors to consider the idea of suggesting the idea of residents submitting their own photographs of the Parish for the new website. The Council agreed to this, and it was agreed that residents could upload these to the website themselves or send them to the Clerk to upload. The Council will hold an Annual Prize at the end of the year.

RESOLVED: Clerk to put information on Newsletter and Website.

054/2018

DEFIBRILLATOR CODE

This will be scheduled to be erected on the side of the school, however both the contractor, school and first responder agree not to put the code on the box due to the vicinity to school children. The council agreed that the code will be available in the school office during term time, the newsletter, and on the school notice board for occasions outside of term time.

RESOLVED: Clerk to liaise with First Responder, Mrs Foster at school and Contractor with these arrangements.

055/2018

PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION

The Environmental Protection Officer has released the new Public Space Protection Order in relation to dog control. The Council agreed that we will order three signs and they are to be placed in our problem areas.

RESOLVED: Clerk to order the signs through NWLDC.

056/2018

PARISH PUBLICITY

The Clerk update the Council on the World Record Attempt on The Wraggs Yard on the 1st September. This aims to bring together all community

groups in our Parish; The Wraggs Yard, The Toddler Group, The Veg Society, the Church, the WI, The Belper, The PFA and The School for an exciting one-off event. The event is to have the most amount of people (min 250 people) doing the Chi Chi Wah song and specific dance moves that go with the song. This was well received by the Council, and all happily volunteered to support the event where needed.

Additionally, a Parishioner gave good feedback on the new website.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update the Council about the World Record Attempt nearer the time.

057/2018 REPORTS FOR COUNCILLORS

058/2018 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Any items to be submitted to the Clerk by 11th April 2018.

Meeting Closed.