## **SNARESTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

# CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC – UK IN LOCKDOWN On-Line Video Meeting

### Meeting Minutes 21st April 2021

Held at: On-line

Date: Wednesday 21st April at 8:00pm

Present Councillors: P.Cook, B. Sumner, N. Makin

Chair: A. Milner

Parish Clerk: A. Callingham Other: Councillor Dan Harrison

#### 534/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

#### 535/2021 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

The Clerk updated the council that the stats hadn't been sent in time for them meeting. However, there was one reported crime in the parish in the last 30 days. "one reported incident of antisocial behaviour on Main Street—an electric scooter"

The Council didn't ask for any specific issues to be raised to the police.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to communicate in the next newsletter.

#### 536/2021 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Due to the lockdown, parishioners had been encouraged to raise any concerns via the clerk – none had been received.

Councillor Harrison updated the Council that should he have a successful election result on May 6<sup>th</sup>, he plans to coordinate a meeting between Swepstone Parish Council and the new Finance representative at LCC to consider parish councils being able to tender, price and acquire their own quotes for work i.e., traffic calming.

#### 537/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Councillors of any agenda items in which they have a personal or prejudicial interest.

#### 538/2021 MINUTES

The council confirmed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting in March 2021 were an accurate representation of the meeting.

#### 539/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes that needed to be readdressed or placed as a formal agenda item from the June meeting.

#### 540/2021 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Councillors reviewed elements of the progress report of ongoing items and advised Clerk on next steps. The key points were:

- Rotten verge bollards on School Lane, NB have been reported to LCC
- No update from the NWLDC solicitors on Aylesbury Gardens appeal
- The coffee connect van is booked for 11<sup>th</sup> May in Newton Burgoland
- Councillor Sumner and Milner to fill the hanging baskets
- The narrowing footpath along Main Street, Swepstone has been reported to LCC
- The parish year end accounts are with the internal auditor, before being passed to the external auditor.

#### 541/2021 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Schedule of Payments were agreed for on-line payment.

- Newsletters
- Clerk Expenses
- LRALC Membership
- G Cantwell Handyman
- G Cantwell Hanging basket watering equipment

Councillors heard the current balance, and outstanding invoices due in.

#### 542/2021 PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered the following applications and had no objections or comments on either.

APPLICATION REFERENCE 21/00342/FUL – Erection of stables and hay shed building. The Paddocks, Newton Road, Swepstone.

APPLICATION REFERENCE 21/00530/FUL - Conversion and alteration of outbuilding to form incidental accommodation to the existing dwelling and erection of side extension to outbuilding to form new double garage. Little Oaks Farm Shackerstone Lane Newton Burgoland

#### 543/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

#### 544/2021 ANN CLARE

Council agreed with the suggestion for Patricia Hughes to be nominated for the replacement role of trustee for Ann Clare Charity.

**RESOLVED**: Clerk to inform Crane and Walton solicitors

#### 545/2021 LITTER PICK DATE

Councillors agreed Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30 for next litter pick date.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to advertise in the newsletter and Facebook

#### 546/2021 GREEN GRANT EXPENDITURE

Councillor Sumner suggested the Green Grant provided by NWLDC be used to purchase bulbs this year in the absence of the Green Shoots Grant. The Council members agreed to include this with the green grant application for the information boards.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to include bulbs as part of the green grant application.

#### 547/2021 COUNCILLOR VACANCY UPDATE

NWLDC have been notified about the resignation of the Chairman. The notices will be on the notice boards, parish website and Facebook to allow the period needed to elapse to offer parishioners a formal vote/ballot. After this time the Council members are able to co-opt.

**RESOLVED**: Clerk to issues notices effective on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The time elapses on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

#### 548/2021 CLERK RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Councillors agreed that Councillor Cook and Councillor Milner would consider all comments on the applicants and draw a shortlist. From this they agreed interview times and dates week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to communicate the successful/unsuccessful applicants for the shortlist

#### 549/2021 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

None

#### 550/2021 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

**New Chairman**