

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Held at: Newton Burgoland Congregational Church

Date: Wednesday 21st August 2019 at 8.00pm

Present *Councillors:* B Sumner, N Makin, A Milner
Chairman: C Robinson
Parish Clerk: Annie Callingham
No. of Parishioners Present: x 3

278/2019 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Cook

279/2019 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

Clerk shared the crime report to the Council. In the last 30 days, there has been one reported incident. On the 29/07/19, tools were taken from a vehicle in Newton Burgoland.

280/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting heard from parishioners about the replacement sign for deterring scrambler bikes, the possible repair and paint of some street signs in Swebstone, and concerns about Junction 11 development.

The Council thanked the volunteer who erected the sign, and the clerk updated the council to say that replacement signs were on their way, and Councillor Dan Harrison was at the meeting to provide an update on the Junction 11 development.

281/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

282/2019 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held in June were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting and no further matters or new decisions have arisen since.

283/2019 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

284/2019 COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAN HARRISON

Councillor Harrison wanted to update the council on two projects that he is focussing on: Junction 11 Development and Air Pollution in the district.

Councillor Harrison wanted to declare that as the proposal was in his ward, that he was too close to the proposal to not have any biased interest; and therefore will not be part of the planning committee at County Hall, as he objects to the

development and its consequential impact to the area. Although this proposal sits with the County's "growth" plan, it raises serious concerns locally, and something that the parish have already strongly objected to, due to the highway structure being unable to support such large traffic movements, and the rat-run effect through rural villages.

The statistics behind the planning proposal in terms of size, and traffic disruption were hard to hear, and the frustrating angle that Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) haven't breached any planning laws, and have committed to a high business rate to inject into local council, makes this proposal highly likely.

Appealing the proposal was discuss and was considered fruitless due to the above reasons and the risk of losing the legal fees.

This application is being considered at the Coalville Offices 5:30 on the 3rd September.

The parish explained that the risk of the village becoming a rat-run was high and that they would strive to lower speed limits through the villages, propose chicanes, roundabout etc and other traffic slowing measures.

It was also considered that another site could be proposed.

Councillor Harrison shared with the council that north west Leicestershire was the worst district in the area for air pollution according to a DEFRA report. This is thought to be for three main contributors: 1) the M42, 2) the A511 and 3) East Midlands Airport.

70-80 people in the Coalville area die due to lung disease and 36 die from lung disease in Ashby.

The district currently has no measures for this, and Councillor Harrison explained that this was a focus for him quoting "the county make need take responsibility for pollution".

RESOLVED: Clerk to update in the newsletter.

285/2019

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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

- The appellant for Aylesbury Gardens has appealed for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal in June, and NWLDC Solicitors have not heard anymore from the courts on this.
- Meeting on 18th September at County Hall to discuss traffic calming in Sweptstone, street lighting and Francis Lane pothole.
- Litter picking equipment and new notice board purchased with the help of the Green Grant have been purchased. Extra keys to be cut.

- NWLDC Empty Houses Officer is still working with the owner on improving the appearance and safety of the property.
- Overgrown footpaths to be taken to NWLDC Footpaths Team.
- New defibrillator pads purchased.
- Work on Main Street started and will be finished in November when it is a more suitable time for planting.
- Street Signs ordered
- Parish Survey is out, and replies are slowly coming in
- Purchasing flagpoles and flags was put on hold temporarily due to lack of space to locate them.

RESOLVED:

- Update the progress report and circulate to Councillors
- Cascade relevant information on the newsletter
- Councillor Sumner and the clerk to source a key cutter for extra notice board keys. One for the church, the WI, and the Veg Society.

286/2019 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk updated the council of the current bank balance, and that the second half of the parish precept money is due in September. The Council agreed to pay the following invoices:

1. Clerks Expenses
2. Newsletter and parish survey Printing
3. Parish Bench installation
4. Planter Expenses
5. Litter Picking Equipment
6. Landscaping work on Main Street, Newton Burgoland
7. Swepstone Church Hall Hire
8. Expenses to realign signpost

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

287/2019 TREE RISK ASSESSMENT

Following a risk assessment of public areas within the parish, the Councillors heard the details of the assessment and quote to undertake tree safety work on the Wraggs Yard area.

RESOLVED: Clerk to source more quotes.

288/2019 LITTER PICKING EQUIPMENT

Snarestone Parish Council asked if they could use the parish's litter picking equipment for their tidy up day at the end of September. As this was a new asset, and Swepstone will also be holding a tidy up around that time, it was considered not to be advisable.

RESOLVED: Clerk to feedback to Snarestone Parish Council and that they will need to source alternative equipment for the day.

289/2019

CLERK AS SIGNATORY

HSBC have recommended that the clerk role for parish councils is also a signatory to be able to service the account i.e. request a balance, chequebook, passwords reset. Currently, the clerk would need to obtain signatures from all councillors to obtain financial information.

The Council agreed to have the clerk as a formal signature on the mandate to make working procedures easier.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact HSBC to be an extra signatory on the Parish Council Mandate.

290/2019

PARISH COMMUNITY GRANT

From previous conversations regarding the utilisation of the Section 137 Money for parish councils, it was agreed to open application for parishioners to utilise the money.

Council reviewed the suggested application form and suggested a £100 maximum donation with a £100 match funding from the applicant.

RESOLVED: Clerk to make the suggested changes to the application form and communicate in August Newsletter.

291/2019

COMMUNITY EVENT PLANNING

Following the party in the parish event in July, Councillors agreed to consider any future social events for planning and budget purposes following the results from the parish survey.

292/2019

PLANNING MATTERS

Council to consult on any planning applications received. No applications received at point of sending Agenda out.

293/2019

CONSIDERATIONS FOR LANDSCAPING FOR PROMINENT PARISH GREEN AREAS

Council considered possible communal areas in the parish to be landscaped and looked at "The Friendly Bench" concept as an initial idea. After discussions the Council agreed that although a good idea, the parish would struggle to not only justify the expense of it, but also to find the best place to situate it.

The council would still like to invest in the appearance of the parish and will advise the clerk on specific areas to be able to source quotes.

RESOLVED: Councillor Robinson and Councillor Milner to communicate to Clerk ideal locations in the parish to landscape and develop.

294/2019

CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council received no correspondence for this meeting.

295/2019

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

September's meeting will not go ahead due to Councillor attendance; the quorum cannot be achieved.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update the parish website, notice boards and Facebook, but in the meantime continue with parish business and to move projects forward with decisions from the Council via e-mail.

296/2019 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Back up drive to be brought to the meeting for an IT back up update.

FUTURE DIARY DATES FOR 2019: -

16th January	Newton Burgoland	21st August	Newton Burgoland
20th February	Swepstone	11th September	Swepstone
20th March	Newton Burgoland	16th October	Newton Burgoland
10th April	Swepstone	20th November	Swepstone
15th May	Newton Burgoland	18th December	Newton Burgoland
19th June	Swepstone		