

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Held at: Via Zoom Video Conference due to Coronavirus Lockdown

Date: Wednesday 21st October at 8.00pm

Present *Councillors:* B Sumner, N Makin, A Milner, P Cook
Chairman: C Robinson
Parish Clerk: Annie Callingham
No. of Parishioners Present: x 0

455/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

456/2020 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

Clerk shared that there was one reported public order incident in the parish on 17th October at The Belper Arms, where a group became abusive to members of the public and staff.

The clerk updated the council on an update with our PCSO regarding the use of social media sites as a form of raising awareness of crime and the nuisance of scrambler bikes in the parish. The police do watch local Facebook pages to alert them of suspicious activity, and where there is a theme, or action to be taken, they do message individuals. However, they would discourage the use of CCTV being posted or other personal information such as names and addresses. The issue around the scrambler bikes continues to be a difficult one to manage due to the fast pace and mobility of these bikes and riders. Where we can, gathering any specific evidence to pass to the police (or clerk) would support this.

457/2020 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

458/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

459/2020 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on September 2020 were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting and no further matters or new decisions have arisen since. Signature from Chair unable to be gained at this time.

460/2020 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

461/2020 CORRESPONDENCE

One reviewed regarding the speeding of tractors through the villages, and also to consider a school bus service to minimise the speeding school traffic and congestion at school times.

The council agreed that mud on the road *is* a road traffic offence, and should anyone see this, to take pictures to pass to the police. The speeding vehicles however are trickier to pinpoint due to the difficulty in getting a registration plate numbers to be able to report it; and it seemed unfair to contact all local farms at a risk of tarnishing all agricultural road users with the same brush.

It was suggested that residents capture any themes, registration plates or pictures to be able to support evidence for the police.

The council agreed that contacting the school in the first instance to understand if there would be an interest in a school bus service.

RESOLVED: Clerk to inform the council decision back to the resident who raised the concern, and to contact the school to gauge an interest in a school bus idea.

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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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

- Aylesbury Gardens - The High Court has granted permission to hear the appeal of the planning inspector's decision. Date TBC
- Speed Indication Devices – The faulty SID in Swepstone was investigated by the company w/c 21st September, and was fully functioning, however it has now stopped being able to display the “happy” face.
- Dog poo signs for the parish had been delivered. Clerk to ask for problem areas in the newsletter, and Councillors happy to put them up.
- Fly-tipping - Snarestone Road layby has been raised as a fly tipping hotspot, and LCC will be extending the verge further forward to close this as a deterrent for fly tippers. The council suggested boulders to stop vehicles driving over the new verge.
- Empty house is still being investigated by NWLDC – 11, School Lane, Newton Burgoland.
- Hanging baskets erected. Clerk to source quotes for a watering lance and Councillor Robinson to collect quotes for filling 8 x baskets with flowers
- Vandalised trees on Snarestone Road have been replaced by Geoff Cantwell

RESOLVED: Clerk to update the progress report, action the SID issue, ask for dog poo areas in the newsletters, contact LCC regarding boulders in the layby, and source a watering lance.

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk updated the council of the current bank balance. The Council agreed to pay the following invoices:

- Newsletters
- G Cantwell – grounds maintenance
- Planter expenses
- Planning Consultant

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

464/2020

PLANNING MATTERS

The following planning applications were discussed:

20/01432/LBC – Church Farm to replace windows. The council agreed there were no objections

20/00393/VCI – Nethercote Farm, demolition of barns and rebuilding barns with extension and to retain the fence on the southern boundary. The council agree that their original objection still stands, and that the original post and rail drawings in the original application are still more in keeping with the area and less obtrusive.

RESOLVED: Clerk to pass comments back to NWLDC

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LAMP POST POPPIES

The council agreed to put these up over the next few weeks in both Swepstone and Newton Burgoland.

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REPOSITIONING OF 30MPH SPEED SIGNS IN SWEPSTONE

Councillors discussed the response from LCC regarding the moving of the 30mph speed signs in Swepstone and advise the clerk to check that there would be no cost to the parish council.

RESOLVED: Clerk to check that the moving of the signs is at the cost of the County Council Highways Department.

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NOTICE BOARD CONTENT

The council agreed to take the request to put notices in the parish notice boards should be taken on a case by case basis, taking into consideration its relevance, appropriate nature and should avoid any political bias.

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COMMUNITY SPIRIT SUPPORT

The Council consider future coronavirus support in the parish should there be another lockdown. Mark Richichi is not in a position to support for the future but happy to share ideas from before. The Council agreed to ask for volunteers in the newsletter to understand if anyone would like to support should the community need help for its vulnerable in another lockdown.

RESOLVED: clerk to ask for volunteers in the newsletter

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CLERK HOURS

The clerk's proposal of more structure hours was agreed as still being good support for the council. This will be on a review basis.

RESOLVED: Clerk to communicate parish council hours on e-mail signature, parish website and newsletter

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- The council had been made aware of a volunteer's recent accident and asked the clerk to send a get-well card.
- Wraggs Yard update that they had successfully secured grant money from the Mercia Fund to support the renovation of the pond area.

- The Councillors asked the clerk to contact the parish First Responder to ask if he needed any support from the parish council, as it had been a while since he was able to attend a meeting.
- A collapsed drain was identified on Newton road.

RESOLVED: Clerk to report sinking drain, send a get-well card and contact the first responder.

471/2020 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None

Next Meeting – 18th November 2020