

# SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes

**Held at: Newton Burgoland Congregational Church**

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

**Present**                    *Councillors: N Makin, B Sumner, A Milner*  
*Chairman: C Robinson*  
*Parish Clerk: Annie Callingham*  
*No. of Parishioners Present: 7*  
*NWLDC Representative*  
*The Belper Arms Representatives x 2*

**153/2018      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
PCSO and Councillor Millward

**154/2018      LOCAL POLICING REPORT**

No PCSO, but the reported crimes were shared by the clerk.

**1 x** Burglary Dwelling Business (Sweepstone). The suspects entered through rear of business via an open door and stole £4000 in business takings. No CCTV or witnesses

**1 x** Antisocial Behaviour in Newton Burgoland of youths letting off fireworks in a field

The council asked the clerk to communicate with our PCSO to ask for speed checks to be conducted on Odstone Lane, Main Street, Newton Road and Sweepstone Road during commuter and school run times, due to complaints of dangerous traffic speeds. Some 30mph stickers have been given to the clerk for residents.

Our Community Safety Representative from NWLDC came to our meeting to share some crime themes and statistics in our district, and to help us understand how we can help ourselves to be more diligent with crime. Rural Crime is a priority for NWLDC and as such we need "Champions" to volunteer to attend a short training session and to take charge of our free "Crime Prevention Box" which contains lots of deterrents for the villages to lower the risk of crime. These boxes are provided in conjunction with the Community Safety Support Team at NWLDC, and our PCSO.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to raise our concerns with our PCSO and to ask for volunteers to be part of the Parish Crime Team in November newsletter.

**155/2018 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Following residents' feedback, we will be advising residents to be cautious of scam cold callers, claiming to be doing a survey on burglar alarms, and not to share any house security measure with the caller.

Also, it was discussed that the daily parking of a Roberts Travel Group employees' car, and more recently a bus too on Main Street Newton Burgoland was unnecessary and causing poor visibility as a result.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to communicate in newsletter regarding the scam calls and to write to Roberts Travel Group to raise the Council's concerns.

**156/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**157/2018 MINUTES**

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

**158/2018 THE BELPER UPDATE**

The new managers came to speak and share their plans. An optimistic outlook for the short term until a permanent landlord/lady has been recruited, trained and in place. The Councillors agreed to support the pub and share any information or adverts that are communicated i.e. quiz nights, roast dinners etc.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk and Facebook administrators to share posts and clerk to communicate in newsletter.

**159/2018 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

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

- The repaired speed recorder is now back in place and will be moved every 3 weeks. Clerk was asked to make contact with Councillor Blake Pain to consider our Parish for the average speed camera trial in Leicestershire.
- Councillors agreed for the clerk to go ahead and raise the necessary licence to be able to order the new phone box and were happy to pay the outstanding balance following the donation from a resident and grant money.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to update progress report and circulate to Councillors

**160/2018 WRAGGS YARD UPDATE**

Clerk presented that the Wraggs Yard Charity have donated £100 to the stars appeal and that they are happy to accommodate the "Party in the Park" proposed for 2019.

Dates for events for next year will be:

15th June = Barn Dance

6<sup>th</sup> July Parish Council's "Party in the Park" event, followed by Wraggy Camp out

31<sup>st</sup> August = German/Bavarian Festival (4:00pm onwards due to light)

**161/2018 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Current bank balance £32,905.98. The Councillors agreed to pay the following invoices:

- Newsletter
- Clerk Expenses
- Grounds Maintenance for the Parish (to double check)
- Wraggs Yard Hedge Cutting
- Planter Expenses

All Councillors agreed to pay the Planning Consultant invoice which is due imminently for the work on the Aylesbury Gardens Appeal.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to double check the detail of the Grounds Maintenance and circulate to Councillors before making payment and to pay the Planning Consultant invoice as soon as it is submitted.

**162/2018 PLANNING MATTERS**

None submitted.

**163/2018 CORRESPONDENCE**

None were received

**164/2018 LOCAL PLAN PARTIAL REVIEW – EMERGING OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

Councillors have been encouraged to use the consultation webpage to share thoughts on the expanded thoughts and options on the local plan. No comments to make.

**165/2018 SNOW WARDEN SCHEME – LEICESTER COUNTY COUNCIL**

Leicester County Council have asked Parishes to nominate a "Snow Warden" for the up and coming poor weather. This would involve attending a short training session and the tools to grit and clear walkways and roads.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to communicate this via Facebook

**166/2018 SWITCH ON COORDINATION**

Councillor Sumner happy to organise wine, pies and trees by 1<sup>st</sup> December. Switch on starts at 5:00 on 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**167/2018 BUDGET**

The Council agreed to budget for the same as last year, plus an extra £1500 for election costs for 2019.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to communicate to NWLDC before deadline of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**168/2018**      **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**  
None

**169/2018**      **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**  
Considerations for budget spend. Councillor Millward has already suggested benches across the villages.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to gather information on wage increase following a successful probationary review.

**170/2018**      **FUTURE DIARY DATES FOR 2018: -**  
Date change for final meeting of the year to 18th December - Swepstone

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Robinson to check the room booking.