

# SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Held at:** Congregational Church, Newton Burgoland

**Date:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm

**Present**

<b>Councillors:</b>	B. Sumner, N. Makin, J. Coleman, P. Cook
<b>Chair:</b>	A. Milner
<b>Clerk:</b>	K. Stirk
<b>Other:</b>	Members of the public

**643/2021**     **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**644/2021**     **LOCAL POLICING REPORT**

25/10/2021 Police received a call from a resident in Newton Burgoland to report their fence had been damaged.

Two mowers were stolen from a shed in Swebstone.

**645/2021**     **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

All items raised to be discussed as agenda items.

A resident informed the meeting that the Congregational Church clock could not be repaired by Smith's of Derby and would seek further advice from clock repairers in Market Bosworth.

**646/2021**     **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**647/2021**     **MINUTES**

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

**648/2021**     **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 October meeting.

**649/2021**     **MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

The clerk apologised for not having the progress report and informed the Parish Councillors they would receive an email update.

**650/2021**     **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Schedule of Payments were agreed for on-line payment.

- Newsletter & Footpath Maps
- Clerk's Expenses

- Church Hall, Swepstone room hire
- Handyman Services
- Churchyard Mowing

Councillors heard the current balance and agreed payment of invoices.

#### **651/2021 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Council considered the following applications:

21/01422/FUL Field View Barn, Snarestone Road, Newton Burgoland – erection of barn to house machinery associated with equestrian use

**Resolution:** Clerk to send letter to N.W.L.D.C. requesting that planning be granted only if subject to a condition 'the building shall not be used for any business activity nor for any purpose other than the use by the occupier of the adjacent domestic building for the purpose of storing machinery used in connection with their domestic horses'.

21/01407/FUL Aylesbury Gardens, Newton Road, Swepstone – continued use of land as a residential caravan site with 6 touring caravans & retention of amenity block, toilet building, parking area & surfacing

Cllr. Makin informed the Parish Council that he had attended a meeting at N.W.L.D.C. with County Councillor D. Harrison and N.W.L.D.C. Head of Planning. Cllr. Makin informed the meeting about the legalities of the current planning application when an enforcement notice had been served following the High Court's judgement. With the legal information provided the Head of Planning was referring the matter back to N.W.L.D.C. legal services.

**Resolution:** It was agreed to contact District Councillor Richard Blunt to arrange a telephone conversation with Cllr. Makin.

#### **652/2021 CORRESPONDENCE**

A resident had raised concerns about the unoccupied Belper Arms car park.

It was agreed the car park was being used by ramblers and cyclists parking their vehicles, rather than on Main Street and that it was an acceptable place to park. The Parish Council is in constant contact with the brewery.

**Resolution:** Clerk to inform concerned resident.

The clerk had received a report that there was a dead tree on the Church Hall playground.

**Resolution:** Clerk to ask handyman to cut down the tree.

#### **653/2021 VEGETABLE SOCIETY INSURANCE**

It was agreed that the Vegetable Society could become a sub committee of the Parish Council. This would mean the Vegetable Show could be covered by the Parish Council's existing insurance policy. Thus saving the Vegetable Society buying a one off insurance policy.

**Resolution:** Clerk to obtain information required from the Parish Council's insurance company and details from the Vegetable Society. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

**654/2021 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT**

It was agreed to try and book a live band for the event and to further the plans at the next meet Parish Council meetings.

**655/2021 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The clerk informed the meeting about the procedure to write a neighbourhood plan. The clerk had been advised that a consultant could inform the Parish Council about the pros and cons of having a neighbourhood plan.

**Resolution:** Clerk to invite the consultant to the January 2022 meeting.

**656/2021 NATURE/HISTORY LECTERNS & HANGING BASKETS**

The Parish Councillors discussed the benefits and drawbacks of installing lecterns in the villages and it was agreed not purchase the lecterns as it was felt they would not be of benefit to the residents. The Parish Councillors signed the licences for the two new proposed hanging basket structures. It was agreed to arrange for the baskets to be lower for an improved view of the plants.

**Resolution:** Clerk to return signed licences to N.W.L.D.C. and to contact the structures suppliers for current cost and query if existing baskets could be lowered.

**657/2021 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE REVIEW**

It was agreed the parish website could be improved and more user friendly.

**Resolution:** Cllr Milner and Cllr. Makin to discuss the specification. To be an agenda item at the December meeting.

**658/2021 HANGING BASKETS – FEEDING/WATERING**

The Parish Councillors discussed the height of the hanging baskets and the need to feed the baskets during the summer months.

**Resolution:** Clerk to write and thank the resident who brought the matter to the attention of the Parish Council. Clerk to contact the supplier of the hanging basket structures to investigate the possibility of lowering the baskets.

**659/2021 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Sumner requested the beech hedge near the Belper Arms be cut back.

**Resolution:** Cllr. Milner to contact the brewery.

Cllr. Sumner requested Mr Parkes, First Responder, be contacted for help regarding the monthly checking of the defibrillators.

**Resolution:** Clerk to contact Mr Parkes to request the assistance required.

Cllr. Sumner reported strimming had occurred around the young trees on the verge in Swepstone, causing damage to the trees.

**Resolution:** Clerk to request handyman clear grass from around the trees and put small fencing around each tree.

Cllr. Cook reported a deep rut on the road between Swepstone and the Crown Inn opposite to the welcome sign.

**Resolution:** Clerk to report the problem to L.C.C. Highways.

**660/2021 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

None requested.

Chairman Milner thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting.