# SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes 15th September 2021

Held at: The Congregational Church,

**Newton Burgoland** 

Date: Wednesday 15th September at 7pm

**Present** Councillors: B. Sumner, N. Makin, J. Coleman,

P. Cook

Chair: A. Milner Parish Clerk: K. Stirk

**Other:** Members of the Public

### 603/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

#### 604/2021 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

Hare coursing reported in Swepstone.

#### 605/2021 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A complaint about the noise and speed of a certain vehicle through the villages.

**Resolution**: Clerk to report the vehicle to the police. Reported weeds growing in the gutters in both villages.

**Resolution**: Clerk to contact L.C.C. Highways.

### 606/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 607/2021 MINUTES

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

### 608/2021 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 August meeting.

#### 609/2021 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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

- Aylesbury Gardens. No update to give.
- Information Boards. Licences should be received by end of September.
  Resolution: Clerk to inform L.C.C. Cllr. Harrison about length of time taken to issues licences.

- New hanging baskets. Licences should be received by end of September.
- Defibrillator new pads and charger order update.

**Resolution**: Clerk informed delivery should be in September.

• Entrance gate to Newton Burgoland insurance claim update.

**Resolution**: Clerk to contact insurance company about repair.

- R.C.C. Coffee Connect Van visiting 21<sup>st</sup> September for 6 weeks.
  Resolution: Clerk to put in newsletter and give details of Swepstone Coffee Mornings and request for volunteers to possibly run a coffee morning in Newton Burgoland.
- 11 School Lane, Newton Burgoland.

Resolution: Clerk to contact N.W.L.D.C. to request an update.

### 610/2021 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Schedule of Payments were agreed for on-line payment.

- Newsletter
- Clerk's Expenses
- Nuneaton Signs for 2 x No Smoking signs.
- Watering and Handyman Services

Councillors heard the current balance and agreed payment of invoices.

### 611/2021 PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered the following applications:

Clerk informed the meeting that a letter rescinding previous objections, (following further information received), had been sent to N.W.L.D.C. with regard to a planning consultation received from Spinney Farm, Snarestone Road, Newton Burgoland.

Clerk to report councillors' concerns regarding over development/urbanisation of Field View Barn, Snarestone Road, Newton Burgoland.

Appl. Ref. 21/01412/CLE Drayton Fields Barn, Francis Lane, Newton Burgoland. Certificate of existing lawful development for external lighting over a menage. **Resolution**: No Comments to be reported to N.W.L.D.C.

Appl. Ref. 21/01748/LBC Church Farm, Church Street, Swepstone. Replacement of 15x timber single-glazed windows with timber double-glazed windows.

**Resolution**: No Objections.

### 612/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from the Vegetable Society requesting advice from the Wraggs Yard Insurance Brokers about cover for events held on the Wraggs Yard. **Resolution**: Clerk to forward letter to the insurance company for their advice.

Letter received from villager worried about children playing on village roads. **Resolution**: Clerk to write a request in the newsletter for drivers to reduce their speed to keep our villages safe.

#### 613/2021 **ROAD TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS**

The clerk reported the cost of average speed cameras was £10,000.

Resolution: Clerk to contact L.C.C. Cllr. Harrison for his advice on further road traffic calming schemes and an improved quotation.

#### **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT** 614/2021

It was agreed to hold a community event on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.

Resolution: Parish Councillors to discuss with the Wraggs Yard Trustees and research local music groups to entertain on the day.

#### 615/2021 **FOOTPATHS**

The state of footpaths was discussed, some have become impossible to walk due to overgrown vegetation.

**Resolution**: Cllr Coleman to report to footpaths at L.C.C. for advice.

A request for a footpath map to be delivered to all householders to encourage walking the routes to help keep vegetation down was discussed.

**Resolution**: Clerk to check copy right with L.C.C.

#### 616/2021 OCTOBER LITTER PICK

It was agreed to hold a litter pick on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 10.30 – 12noon followed by drinks and bacon butties at the Church Hall, Swepstone.

**Resolution**: Clerk to advertise the litter pick in the newsletter with further details.

#### 617/2021 ST. PETER'S CHURCH TOWER CLOCK SERVICE

It was agreed to pay the annual invoice for the service of the church clock by Smith of Derby.

**Resolution**: Clerk to pay the invoice.

#### 618/2021 **PARISH FLORA**

Clerk reported no reply received from application to N.W.L.D.C. for the daffodil bulbs grant.

**Resolution**: Clerk to contact N.W.L.D.C. for an update.

It was agreed more trees in the villages would be beneficial and several sites were suggested.

**Resolution**: Clerk to contact the tree inspector for sites' suitability.

It was agreed not to winter plant the hanging baskets but the planters to be refilled in the autumn by the wonderful volunteer gardeners. (The planter on The Green in Newton Burgoland is due to be refurbished during the winter).

**Resolution**: Chairman Milner to speak to the volunteer gardeners.

#### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POST POPPIES** 619/2021

It was agreed to purchase a further 20 post poppies from the Royal British Legion.

**Resolution**: Clerk to place the order.

### 620/2021 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Chairman Milner informed the meeting about the progress on Wraggs Yard to clean up the pond area and 2 more benches had been ordered for the Wraggs Yard.

It was agreed the Vegetable Show had been a very successful event with good attendance.

**Resolution**: Clerk to thank everyone involved for a wonderful day in the newsletter.

### 621/2021 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Village Christmas trees.

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