NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCIL – THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2023



Title of Report	REQUEST FROM SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO SWEPSTONE AND NEWTON BURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL	
Presented by	Councillor Robert Ashman	
	Deputy Leader of the Council	
Background Papers	None	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	Minimal officer time has been spent on the application for a name change and the publication requirements will not incur any costs on behalf of the District Council. Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	The District Council as principal authority is required to consider requests from Parish Council's to change their name. As set out in the report, such requests can be considered without the need for a community governance review.	
Staffing and Corporate	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes There are no steffing and corporate implications	
Implications	There are no staffing and corporate implications Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	To approve the change of name of Swepstone Parish Council to Swepstone and Newton Burgoland Parish Council.	
Recommendations	1. APPROVES A CHANGE IN THE NAME OF SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL TO SWEPSTONE AND NEWTON BURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL 2. DELEGATES AUTHORITY TO THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES TO MAKE ANY	
		ORDERS AND NOTIFICATIONS

1.0 **BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that at the request of a Parish Council, the Council of the District in which the parish is situated may change the name of the parish. There is no requirement for a Community Governance Review.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 20 July 2022, Swepstone Parish Council agreed to look into the process to change its name.
- 1.3 There is no requirement for any public consultation to take place but the Parish Council placed a notice of its proposal in the parish newsletter, which was delivered to every household in the Parish and notices were placed on the notice boards. No comments were received.
- 1.4 At its meeting on 16 November 2022 Swepstone Parish Council agreed to ask that the District Council considers a request to change its name. The Parish Council would like to change its name to Swepstone and Newton Burgoland Parish Council as it feels that this

is a better reflection of the area it represents. The minutes from the November meeting are attached at appendix A (Minute number 146/2022).

2.0 NEXT STEPS

- 2.1 Should the Council be minded to approve the change of name of the Parish Council, notice of that change is required to be sent to the Secretary of State for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, the Director General of the Ordinance Survey, Registrar General and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. It also must be published in the parish and in an appropriate manner elsewhere. A draft copy of the notice is attached at appendix B.
- 2.2 Should the change be approved, it is proposed that the name change shall be implemented from 1 March 2023. This is the next practical date which the Electoral Register can be updated and republished so that the new name can be in use in time for the District and Parish Elections in May 2023.
- 2.3 A change of name of the Council would not affect any rights or obligations of the parish nor render defective any legal proceedings which may be commenced or continued as if there had been no change of name.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate			
Council Priorities:	Supporting Coalville to be a more vibrant, family-friendly town Support for businesses and helping people into local jobs Developing a clean and green district Local people live in high quality, affordable homes Our communities are safe, healthy and connected		
Policy Considerations:	Not applicable		
Safeguarding:	Not applicable		
Equalities/Diversity:	Not applicable		
Customer Impact:	Not applicable		
Economic and Social Impact:	Not applicable.		
Environment and Climate Change:	Not applicable		
Consultation/Community Engagement:	The report details the consultation that was carried out.		
Risks:	There are no risks to the Council.		
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