

SWEPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes 16th November 2022

Held at: Church Hall, Swepstone

Present

Chairman: A. Milner

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

Clerk: K. Stirk

Members of the Public

133/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Cook.

134/2022 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

17/10/2022 – Main Street, Swepstone – two vehicle RTC

Clerk to continue to invite a local police officer to the Parish Council meetings.

135/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A complaint was received about the poor lighting on Church Street, Swepstone with no lighting on the stretch between Chantry Cottage and the barns.

Resolution: Clerk to contact L.C.C.

A concern was raised about the lack of algae warning signs at the entrances to the Cattows' lake.

Resolution: Clerk to enquire if it is a legal requirement to display warning signs.

A request was received for donations of tombola items for the Community Tree Festival.

Resolution: Several residents promised to deliver items.

136/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

137/2022 MINUTES

The council confirmed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting in October 2022 were an accurate representation of the meeting.

138/2022 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.

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

- The clerk reported the overgrown hedgerow and pathway on Sweptstone Road had been cut back and cleared by the P.C. handyman.
Resolution: Residents wish to thank handyman for a great job. Clerk to thank handyman on behalf of residents and P.C.
- Following concerns about slowing traffic during Halloween on Sweptstone Road by Cattows normal entrance gateway, the clerk reported L.C.C. Highways would not assist due to no traffic accidents occurring.
Resolution: P.C. to discuss at August 2023 agenda.
- Clerk reported final paperwork for the transfer of the Nethercote land would not be received until 2023.
- Concerns had been raised about speeding and overloaded potato tractors travelling through Newton Burgoland.
Resolution: Clerk to advise residents to report incidents to the police immediately, in the August 2023 newsletter.
- It was reported that the manhole cover and stop cock cover in Sweptstone had still not been replaced
Resolution: Clerk to contact STW.
- The Chairman reported the new resident on Main Street would supply electricity for the Newton Burgoland xmas tree lights.
Resolution: Clerk to send thank you to resident after xmas.
- It was confirmed that Cattows were donating two xmas trees for our villages again.
Resolution: It was agreed Cllr. Milner make 'Donated by' signs for the xmas tree sites. Cllr. Milner to photograph the trees, clerk then to thank Cattows.
- In an attempt to cut back hedgerow behind telephone swap library in Newton Burgoland, no reply had been received from landowner.
Resolution: Clerk to contact landowner for permission to trim back the hedgerow.
- The reported flytipping sites had not been cleared by NWLDC.
Resolution: Clerk to chase NWLDC.
- Following a request by Heather Guides & Brownies to plant a tree as part of the late Queen's canopy.
Resolution: It was agreed the tree could be planted by the bench, midway between Newton Burgoland and Sweptstone.
- It was reported flooding at the bottom of Francis Lane was now a regular occurrence.
Resolution: Clerk to arrange a meeting with landowners, Cllr and handyman with a view to clearing out old ditch. Then to contact LCC to clear drains.
- It was reported the winter no vehicles signage for the Green lane, Newton Burgoland had not been installed.
Resolution: Clerk to chase the promised signage.

140/2022 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Schedule of Payments were agreed for on-line payment.

- DGBM Newsletter
- Clerk's Expenses
- Geoff Cantwell – Handyman/Mowing Services
- Swepstone Church – Contribution towards mowing
- NWLDC – Daffodil Bulbs
- Lois Pugsley – The Green Planter Plants
- Jenny Eades – Meadow Close Corner Planter Plants
- Cllr. Sumner – Big Switch On Mince Pies & Drinks

Councillors heard the current balance and agreed payment of invoices.
Monthly bank reconciliation agreed and signed.

141/2022 PLANNING MATTERS

None.

142/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

A request for planters under both village signs on Main Street, Swepstone.

Resolution: Clerk to contact resident about the issues of watering & planting.

To be discussed further at December meeting.

A request for P.C. to arrange King's Coronation celebration.

Resolution: To be discussed at the January 2023 meeting.

143/2022 CPR STRATEGY/DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

The clerk informed the meeting the cost of a new defibrillator is £1270 & vat.

Resolution: It was agreed to purchase the defibrillator, clerk to place order.

144/2022 FUTURE EVENTS

King's Coronation celebration.

Resolution: Agreed to be discussed further at January 2023 meeting.

145/2022 VILLAGES' MAINTENANCE

Missing/damaged entrance to footpath signs.

Resolution: Clerk to contact NWLDC footpaths officer with sites of missing signs.

New Planters.

Resolution: It was agreed for clerk to finalise quotation for the agreed planters.

Clerk to measure for possible future planters under village signs on Main Street, Swepstone.

Reported overgrown hedgerow between field & The Dairy properties on Newton Road, Swepstone.

Resolution: Clerk to investigate owner of the hedgerow.

Uneven brick path leading to Church Hall, Swepstone.

Resolution: Clerk to contact Church Warden about P.C. contributing to cost of relaying and tidying area under defibrillator with bricks.

- 146/2022 PARISH COUNCIL NAME CHANGE**
It was agreed to go ahead with administration to change name to Sweystone and Newton Burgoland Parish Council.
Resolution: Clerk to begin the process.
- 147/2022 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**
Clerk reported no more volunteers had come forward. It was agreed to contact possible Sweystone resident about becoming the 6th volunteer.
Resolution: Clerk to contact the resident.
- 148/2022 SWEPSTONE TO NEWTON BURGOLAND PATHWAY**
It was agreed the project would be beneficial to all residents if funding could be sourced.
Resolution: Item to remain on agendas, with possible grant funding from LCC in Spring 2023.
- 149/2022 NEWTON BURGOLAND OUTREACH POST OFFICE**
Further investigation had proved the service was unreliable.
Resolution: Clerk to report to the Post Office Head Office with copy correspondence to NWLDC Cllr. R. Blunt.
- 150/2022 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CLOCK**
It was agreed to go ahead with the quotation for repair of the clock.
Resolution: Congregational Church Warden to action the repair.
- 151/2022 CASUAL VACANCY & CO-OPTING NEW COUNCILLORS**
Cllr. Sumner handed her immediate resignation to the Chairman, which was accepted. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Sumner for all her dedication and hard work carrying out the aim of the Parish Council to improve the environment for all residents.
Resolution: Clerk to notify the Proper Officer at NWLDC and advertise the vacancy in the newsletter, notice boards and website.
- 152/2022 REQUEST TO SUPPORT WINTER WARM SPACES**
It was agreed to contribute towards the 'Winter Warm Spaces' by buying biscuits for the event at the Belper Arms.
- 153/2022 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**
Complaints received about pea gravel on Main Street pavement, Newton Burgoland, causing a hazard.
Resolution: Clerk to contact homeowner.
Requests received for better signage for Dames Lane, Newton Burgoland. It was agreed signage could be improved to assist emergency services.
Resolution: Clerk to contact LCC to request improvements.
It was requested that the P.C. write a report about its last twelve months achievements.
Resolution: Clerk to write report for the January Newsletter.
Complaint received about waste plastic escaping waste red boxes.
Resolution: Clerk to contact NWLDC about reissuing nets for red waste boxes.

Complaint received about Wraggs Yard hedgerows overgrowing School Lane and Shackerstone Lane.

Resolution: Clerk to obtain quotes.

Complaint about garden waste being dumped in The Roughts.

Resolution: Clerk to contact the landowner about resolving the problem.

It was proposed that useful emails from various public bodies received by the PC could be forwarded to interested residents.

Resolution: Clerk to write an article for the November newsletter.

A request to take down the hanging baskets in Sweptstone and Newton Burgoland.

Resolution: Clerk to contact handyman.

Chairman Milner requested more lamp post poppies be obtained for 2023.

Resolution: Clerk to purchase a further 10 Royal British Legion poppies.

154/2022 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None.

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