

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT 1 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor
Wednesday 22nd June 2022

1.	Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total): Cllr Rixon queried on behalf of three residents the procedure of electing the Chairman of the PC. Cllr Rixon said that he thought the Chairman joined the body of the meeting. Cllr Francis said that the previous Chairman presides over the election. Cllr Rixon said he would check. Cllr Rixon then said there had been no vote on Cllr Francis's appointment. There had been no other nominees for the position and no dissenters.	
2.	Present: Cllr D. Francis (Chair) Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr K. Howard-Row, and Cllr D. Rixon. The Clerk was in attendance and one member of the public.	
3.	Apologies for absence: Cllrs E. Clark, J. Fallais, S. Woolfrey, C. Letts and N. Mansfield.	
4.	Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None.	
5.	Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 25th May 2022: These were agreed.	
6.	To consider matters arising from the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 25th May 2022: <u>a. Condition of Swarland Roads</u> – Clerk to ask for date when this is going into NCC's capital programme. <u>b. Neighbourhood Plan</u> – A response had been received from NCC's NP team who thought that an NP would be of benefit to this Parish. This was discussed along with S.106 agreements and the Community Infrastructure Levy which can benefit Parishes. It was agreed to invite an NP Officer to a PC meeting in the Autumn. <u>c. Nameplates for Cllrs at meetings</u> – This had been suggested by a member of the public at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to have nameplates at future meetings. <u>d. Proposal for new school at Longframlington</u> - A copy of the report produced by NCC officers about the new school proposal had been requested by the clerk but no response had been received. To be pursued. <u>e. Mirrors to aid traffic at Newton on the Moor</u> – The Clerk had contacted Neil Snowden at NCC about this but had no response to emails. The PC also needs to have advice about the positioning of the interactive flashing speed sign in NotM, and while lines repainting – Clerk to pursue. Cllr Howard –Row commented that parking in NotM was still a problem.	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
7.	Requested agenda items: <u>a. Vyner Park update and agreement of authorisation for change of bank account</u> – Cllr Woolfrey had provided a report describing the actions taken at Vyner Park in the past month. This included the re-sanding of the bowling green which is now being used a few times a week and has an improved playing surface. The football pitch is being re-seeded and aerated. A pedal on one of the pieces of outdoor gym equipment was damaged by NCC grass cutters and has to be replaced. NCC will pay for this. Residents are continuing to make donations for using the facilities, and around £500 has been received. AGM will take place in July, and the Show and Bonfire Night events will take place this year. All this work has only been possible due to a great group of volunteers and a flexible and committed committee. Cllr Francis commented on a recent FOI request received by VPC, and asked	

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	<p>the Clerk to check that the VPC finance information is on the VPC site. Cllr Francis suggested putting the VPC finance information on the PC site but it was agreed instead to put a link to the VPC website instead.</p> <p>It was agreed to authorise the Clerk to apply for a new Lloyds Bank Account for VPC to replace its current HSBC account.</p> <p><u>b. Swarland and Newton on the Moor Action on Climate (SNAC) update.</u> The meeting planned for 21st June had to be cancelled.</p> <p><u>c. Civil Contingencies in the Parish -</u> The Clerk provided feedback on the residents meeting arranged for the 9th June. Around a dozen interested people had attended and Nigel Fisher from NCC's Civil contingencies team had come along and helped run the meeting and answer questions etc. the approach that was being considered was a network throughout the Parish, to be alerted if there was an emergency like power being off, to check on nearby residents. Funding may be available eg to buy generators for the Village Halls. Cllr Francis said that the PC will help as appropriate but suggested asking the group to see if any would take on running the group and taking the next steps.</p> <p><u>d. Vacancy for Parish Councillor</u> – Clerk to issue and display the formal Notice advising of the vacancy. If no election is requested, the PC can make the appointment after 14 days.</p> <p><u>e. Traffic speeding in Swarland and NotM (Cllr Rixon)</u> – Cllr Rixon said he was concerned he area was being turned into a giant race track, and gave several examples where he has witnessed speeding in the Parish. Cllr Howard-Row agreed saying the 20mph limit through NotM is being ignored. It was agreed the Clerk would contact NCC Highways about the positioning of the interactive flashing speed sign/other traffic calming measures. Clerk also to chase up about the interactive sign agreed by Cllr Thorne as part of the School traffic calming measures.</p> <p><u>f. Request from resident for alternative use of the stone from Leamington Lane bus shelter.</u> – Clerk to respond to resident suggesting he write a letter with his suggestions to the Editor for the next issue of the Column.</p> <p><u>g. NotM Jubilee Tree</u> - Beech tree to be planted on the verge north of Ash Cottage NotM. Cllr Anderson to trim the area. Planting to take place Saturday 2nd July – time tbc. Notice to go on 'Swarland Residents' Facebook page.</p> <p><u>h. Xmas Tree Lights electricity Supply – The Square, Swarland</u> – It was thought a cable runs from one of the bollard lights to supply the tree. NCC have told resident it is not their responsibility. Clerk to formally request decision from NCC on this as they have adopted The Square including the lighting. However, it may be the PC's responsibility to have a repair carried out.</p> <p><u>i. School Crossroads works - Complaint about poor visibility, trimming of unsightly posts etc.</u> – Cllrs agreed with the resident. Clerk to take this up with NCC.</p> <p><u>j. Planning Appeal on Percy Wood application 19/01687/FUL Planning Inspectorate ref: APP/P2935/W/22/3299391</u> – Cllr Francis said that some residents are working together to appoint a lawyer to make their case. The PC can make its own response by working through the local plan point by point and Cllr Francis will draft this response.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Francis</p>
8.	Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors: None.	
9.	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Clerk's salary for June 2022 - £410.55 Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE = £82.00</p>	

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	<p style="text-align: right;">Payment to Clerk = £410.55 plus expenses £247.35 - £82.00 = £575.90</p> <p>Please note: Expenses include repayment for Canon Pixma A3 Printer and consumables for community use.</p> <p>b. Other receipts and payments: None.</p> <p>c. Account balance as at 19th June 2022: £27,018.97 The above was agreed/noted.</p> <p>d. Request from Andy Ferguson for PC to purchase 6 Walkie Talkies (£229 inc VAT) and 3 Card Readers (£239.97inc VAT) for community use eg at Firework Night, Swarland Show, Jubilee Hall etc. This request was discussed and it was felt that Cllrs needed more time to think through how this equipment might be used, particularly the card readers, and how payments could be made to different accounts. To next meeting.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. Decisions made by NCC</p> <p>22/01424/FUL - Proposed construction of 3 bedroom dormer bungalow - Land South East of 4 Studley Drive, Swarland, Northumberland. The Parish Council objected to this application mainly because the proposal was out of keeping with the surrounding properties. Application REFUSED 9th June 2022.</p> <p>22/01524/FUL - Single storey front and rear extensions - 8 Kenmore Road, Swarland, Northumberland NE65 9JS. The PC had no objections to this application. Application GRANTED 16th June 2022.</p> <p>22/01482/FUL - Proposed agricultural general purpose storage building extension (extension to the existing building previously approved under 21/02887/AGRGDO). Building West Of Glantlees Farm, Newton-on-the-Moor Northumberland. The PC has No objections to this application. GRANTED 22nd June 2022.</p> <p>b. Applications pending decision by NCC</p> <p>20/02884/CCMEIA - Land North Of Shiel Dykes, U3050 Swarland Junction To Stouphill Junction, Swarland, Northumberland. Phased extraction of approximately 5 million tonnes of hard application is not within the Parish but may impact on the area. The Parish Council did not object to the application subject to a range of comments. Cllrs Cutforth and Howard-Row objected to the development. As at 19.6.22 decision still awaited.</p> <p>21/02696/S106A - Hawkshaw, Old Swarland, Swarland, Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9H. The Parish Council objected to this application to lift a s106 agreement condition to ensure the property was kept for local people. As at 19.6.22 decision still awaited.</p> <p>21/04446/FUL - Construction of 7no. detached bungalows and associated road and ground works on former grazing land. Land North Of 3 Nelson Drive, Nelson Drive, Swarland, Northumberland. The PC made a detailed objection to this application on several grounds including overdevelopment of the site. As at 19.6.22 decision still awaited.</p> <p>21/04600/DISCON, 21/04601/DISCON and 21/04602/DISCON - Drainage and the culvert at Alexander Grove, Swarland. The Parish Council objected to these applications on the grounds that sufficient evidence of an Engineering inspection had not been provided.</p> <p>22/00196/FUL – Land south of Newton on the Moor. New field entrance and hard standing. The Parish Council objected to this application for a range of reasons including, no information had been provided as to the reason for the application, Highways safety, and errors on the application form. As at 19.6.22 decision still awaited.</p> <p>22/00503/FUL - Demolition of existing porch; extension to the gable to form an enlarged kitchen, W/C and relocated front door; extension to front elevation to form an enlarged living room and bedroom; internal remodelling. 5 Percy Drive, Swarland, Northumberland, NE65 9JN.</p>	

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	<p>The PC did not object to this application.As at 19.6.22 decision still awaited.</p> <p>22/04972/FUL - Tourism development comprising of 9no. timber lodges within woodland setting with associated access, hardstanding and landscaping. Garden And Rush Plantations, Newton-On-The-Moor, Northumberland. The PC did not object to the application but made several comments.As at 19.6.22 decision still awaited.</p> <p>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider</p> <p>22/02029/VARYCO - Removal of condition 7(Ground Gas Protection) on approved application 20/00369/FUL Land To The Rear Of 2 Kenmore Road, Swarland, Northumberland, Comments invited until 4th July 2022.</p> <p>19/01687/FUL PLANNING APPEAL Planning Inspectorate ref: APP/P2935/W/22/3299391 – Change of use of land for the siting of up to 60 static caravans, along with associated infrastructure and hard and soft landscaping. Archaeological report received 09.2.2021 and amended site location plan received 26.02.21. Land North West Of Springwood, Coast View, Swarland, Northumberland. Comments invited until 29th June 2022.</p> <p>22/00292/REM (Reissued) - Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout, scale, boundary treatment, car parking area and cycle parking relating to 1no 2 storey dwelling southern part of site (approved application 20/01037/OUT) Location Land South Of Bowling Green U3135 Swarland Village Loop Road, Swarland, Northumberland. Comments invited until 5th July 2022.</p> <p>A lot of amendments and additional information are/is being issued in connection with this application. Clerk to check whether 20/01037/OUT was for a single or 2 storey dwelling.</p>	Clerk
11.	<p>Complaints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leamington Lane drain and manhole outside Swarland Primary school – blockage issues referred to NCC 5.2.2020.Being taken up by NCC/OpenReach. • ‘No footpath’ sign at entrance of The Springwood knocked down Footpath sign opposite Blue House NotM broken off. Footpath sign broken off east of PW main entrance, Leamington Lane Footpath sign broken off behind Douglas Crescent, Swarland. • Request for ‘No entry’ sign at Cherry Tree Drive due to Percy Wood visitors getting lost. - referred to NCC - 22.9.21. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>All signs reported to NCC and to be reinstated spring/summer 2022.</p> </div>
12.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCC Climate Change Website consultation until 8th July 2022. • NCC Climate Change Tool 	
13.	<p>Requests for next agenda;</p> <p>a.Item 9d – Purchase of 6 walkie talkies and 3 card readers for Community use.</p>	
14.	<p>Urgent Items</p> <p>a.Sewerage issues in Swarland – Cllr Rixon requested contacting the Chairman of NCC North Area Committee to ask if the PC can be involved with NCC’s lobbying of N.Water to improve infrastructure. This problem is also happening in Shilbottle and Rothbury.</p>	
15.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: 27/7/22 SVH, 24/8/22 JH, 28/9/22, SVH.</p>	

Meeting finished: 20:56