

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Jubilee Hall, NotM
Wednesday 23rd February 2022

1.	<p>Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total) The member of the public said he was disappointed regarding the lack of a site meeting with NCC Director Rob Murfin about Swarland unadopted roads, and that only a ZOOM meeting had been offered. He felt that the PC needs to make its voice heard. The Clerk read out an email she had just received from Mr Murfin’s PA explaining that Mr Murfin was meeting with colleagues on 9th March to discuss the issue and would come back with dates for a site meeting after this. The member of the public said that he had a letter from his solicitor confirming that NCC had said the roads would be made up and adopted. The Chairman asked if the PC could have a copy of this letter.</p>	
2.	<p>Present: Cllr D. Francis (Chair) Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr Stanley, Cllr. Cllrs K. Howard-Row, J. Fallais and S. Woolfrey. The Clerk was in attendance and one member of the public.</p>	
3.	<p>Apologies for absence: Cllrs E. Clark, C. Letts, D. Rixon, and N. Mansfield.</p>	
4.	<p>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: Cllr Stanley declared an interest in item 9bii – N&N membership payment.</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2022: These were agreed.</p>	
6.	<p>To consider matters arising from meeting held on 26th January 2022: a. <u>Remote meeting/training session/feedback/ on drainage and other issues with NCC Director of Planning 14th Sept 2021</u> –Issues arising from the training meeting had been chased up but no further response had been received. b. <u>Request for site meeting about Swarland roads with NCC Director of Planning</u> – See item 1 above. c. <u>Response from NCC on various sign issues</u> – A response had been received from NCC. The ‘no footpath’ sign at the Springwood (FP 127/019), the wooden footpath finger post sign behind Douglas Crescent (FP 127/017), the sign opposite the Blue House north of NotM (FP 127/007) and the wooden finger post sign beside the Percy Wood main entrance (FP 127/018) are to be replaced during the spring/summer of 2022. In response to the request for a ‘No through road’ sign at Cherry Tree Drive, NCC Highways said such a sign isn’t normally provided unless there is a problem. No response has been received in response to subsequent enquiries. With regard to the request for a street sign for The Old Tweed Mill, this was declined as the road is private with no public right of way, and such a sign would be the responsibility of the land owner. Cllr Fallais asked if the PC could pay for the sign. This was discussed and Cllrs considered doing so would set a difficult precedent, and that provision of a sign is the responsibility of the residents. d. <u>Resilient Communities</u> – A response had been received from Helen Hinds, NCC’s Business Resilience and Emergency Planning Lead who said her team would h be happy to talk to the PC and how they can work with the Community to provide support. She offered a template plan as a first step (Clerk to obtain). Cllrs said that this response was not quite what the PC had been looking for – something more proactive had been expected. Cllr Francis said that the PC will need to consider how to involve residents in such a plan. Clerk to update the resident who raised the issue at the February meeting. e. <u>Review of PC standing orders and financial regs</u> – The Finance Group has not yet met but will do so shortly. f. <u>Traffic calming works around Swarland School</u> – Installation works have</p>	Clerk

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

	<p>started with 40mph and 30mph signs in place. The clerk said that just a few days before the installation she had asked NCC for an update in response to a request from a local resident. The resident had asked for a copy of the responses sent by the PC to NCC following consultation. Cllrs agreed a copy could be provided.</p> <p>g. <u>Parking in NotM</u> – Cllr Howard-Row raised the issue of parking as people – included refuse collection vehicles - were still having difficulty turning in at the end of her road. The problem is being caused by parking directly opposite the end of the road, and outside adjacent holiday lets. People are also parking down the ‘Cut’ where the road is very narrow. Cllr discussed options for dealing with the issue which included double yellow lines, informal letters, and cones outside the Jubilee Hall during events. Cllr Anderson will raise this issue at the next meeting he attends of the Jubilee Hall (JH) Cttee with a view to putting up signs asking people to park considerately. Clerk/Chairman to have an informal word with resident parking opposite end of road. Could possibly also ask the Cook and Barker if they would help with parking when an event is on at the JH.</p>	<p>Cllr Anderson</p> <p>Clerk/Cllr Francis</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Requested agenda items:</p> <p>a. <u>Vyner Park Update</u> (Cllr Woolfrey). Cllr Woolfrey said the next meeting of the Management Cttee is planned for April. A walking football team has been set up and is playing on Mondays. Luckily the park didn’t suffer any major damage in the recent storms.</p> <p>The Management Committee has been looking at the installation of CCTV for security and also to discourage dog fouling. Future plans include a celebration in the park for HM the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, and the Show and Bonfire Night as normal. Recently the VP Cttee was asked to provide a Rep for the SNAC Climate Change group but there weren’t any volunteers. Cllr Howard-Row said that she would take on this role.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley said that she’d noticed the grass was getting worn in the Jubilee Garden and suggested close it for a short period to let the grass recover.</p> <p>b. <u>Climate Action Group</u> – Clerk to circulate notes from last SNAC meeting which was held on 15th February at Percy Wood. The group will be meeting monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Lots of project ideas have been suggested and the group will be concentrating on 4 initially. Felton also have a Climate Change group (Felton CAN) and links are being established with a possible joint project working with a local farmer to plant trees within our parish. The website is up and running (see https://snac.online).</p> <p>The possibility of installing vehicle charging points in Vyner Park was discussed. Cllr Woolfrey said that VPC had no objection in principle. Possible more capacity for visitors at Percy Wood.</p> <p>c. <u>Damage to Swarland Bus Shelter roof</u> (Cllr Anderson) Cllr Anderson said that the bus shelter roof had been damaged in the recent winds. The roofing felt has perished on the front edges and the front of the canopy has blown off. Cllr Anderson has felt/tar but needs wood which will cost about £160 ready for him to do the necessary repairs on a calm day. This amount was agreed with a request that Cllr Anderson keep the PC informed of the cost, and thanked him for volunteering to do the repairs.</p> <p>d. <u>Condition of trees on The Avenue, Swarland</u> (Cllr Fallais) – For discussion and decision on way forward particularly in response to recent storm damage. It was thought that three trees had fallen during recent storms and it was evident that many of the remaining trees need attention. The Clerk has lodged a request with NCC for a Tree Officer to visit and check but they are inundated with such work at present. Cllr Fallais asked if an item could be put in the Column</p>	<p>Cllr Stanley</p> <p>Cllr Anderson</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Anderson</p>

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

	<p>reminding residents of their tree maintenance responsibilities. Cllr Stanley agreed to do this and reminded the PC about the briefing paper on the subject which is on the PC website.</p> <p>e. <u>Berwick Civic Society request for interest in vehicle charging points</u> – NCC need to know where there is demand and the Berwick Civic Society are working with them on this issue. For discussion and decision. It was agreed to pass this to SNAC.</p>	<p align="right">Cllr Stanley</p> <p align="right">Clerk</p>						
8.	Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors: None.							
9.	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Clerk's salary for February 2022 - £395.50</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">=</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">£79.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Payment to Clerk = £395.50 plus expenses £60.09 - £79.00</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">=</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">£376.39</td> </tr> </table> <p>b. Other receipts and payments:</p> <p>i)Receipts: None.</p> <p>ii)Payments: Northumberland & Newcastle Society Annual Membership £35.</p> <p>c. Account balance as at 17th February 2022: £30,666.76 All the above were noted/agreed.</p>	Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE	=	£79.20	Payment to Clerk = £395.50 plus expenses £60.09 - £79.00	=	£376.39	
Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE	=	£79.20						
Payment to Clerk = £395.50 plus expenses £60.09 - £79.00	=	£376.39						
10.	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. Decisions made by NCC None.</p> <p>b. Applications pending decision by NCC</p> <p>19/01687/FUL - 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. The PC originally objected to this application for a range of reasons including adverse visual impact, too close to existing buildings, sewerage and drainage capacity issues, and highways safety. This application is due to be decided at the North Area Council meeting at County Hall, Morpeth at 3pm on 24th March.</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 inert material for use in restoration using overburden from site and imported inert materials over 30 year period. The Parish Council did not object to the application subject to a range of comments. Cllrs Cutforth and Howard-Row objected to the development.</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.</p> <p>21/02986/FUL – Construction of single storey conservatory - Old Stable, Hartlaw, Acklington, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9AR. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.</p> <p>21/04028/FUL - Land To North Of Kiln Cottage, Newton-On-The-Moor, Northumberland. The Parish Council objected to this application for several reasons including being contrary to policy STP 1 g, access to the A1, destruction of natural habitat etc.</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.</p> <p>21/04588/FUL - Two storey garage and bedroom extension to side of property.12 Low Wood, Swarland, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9PB.The Parish Council had no objections.</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</p>							

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

	<p>that evidence of an Engineering inspection had not been provided.</p> <p>21/04808/FUL Retrospective - Extension to existing air gun shooting range to provide a range store, pistol range, stores and rest room Goose Green Swarland Airgun Club, Dykehead, Newton-On-The-Moor, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9LP - The PC did not object to this application but asked for a condition to retain the hedge to help minimise noise impact on passers by.</p> <p>21/04601/DISCON - Land South Of Mereburn House, Low Wood, Swarland, Northumberland. Comments invited Until 8th February 2022.</p> <p>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider</p> <p>22/00196/FUL – Land south of Newton on the Moor. New field entrance and hard standing. Clerk to draft response based on comments already made and circulate to Cllrs.</p> <p>22/00292/REM – Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, Layout, scale, boundary treatment, car parking arrangements and cycle parking for 2no dwellings on approved application 20/01037/OUT.Land South Of Bowling Green U3135 Swarland Village Loop Road, Swarland. Comments invited until 28th February 2022. There was a query about protection of the existing trees. Cllr Stanley to visit the site and see if any trees are of note.</p> <p>21/03288/SN – Street naming - Land North Of 3 Nelson Drive Nelson Drive Swarland. Proposal for 1-7 Trafalgar Drive. Parish Cllrs did not object to the proposed name but did object to the assumption that there would be 7 bungalows on site (see 21/04446/FUL above).</p> <p>21/04602/DISCON – Resubmitted - Land South Of Mereburn House, Low Wood, Swarland, Northumberland. Discharge of conditions : 4 (SUDS), 5 (watercourse) and 6 (watercourse) pursuant to planning approval 20/03622/FUL Comments invited Until 1st March 2022. Cllr Woolfrey had examined the application. The PC considers the culvert was not built according to plans including the orientation not being in line with the Burn.It was agreed to object and resubmit Cllr Woolfrey's 2nd draft response from January.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Stanley</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>11.</p>	<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. Reported to NCC - 22.10.20 • Overhanging branches on C106 from Alnwick Fords to Glantlees turnoff. • Footpath sign opposite Blue House NotM broken off – referred to NCC. • Request for 'No entry' sign at Cherry Tree Drive due to Percy Wood visitors getting lost. - referred to NCC - 22.9.21. • Footpath sign broken off east of PW main entrance, Leamington Lane - referred to NCC- 22.9.21. • Abandoned Ford Focus on old A1 south of NotM – Now removed. 	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request from resident to add submit adoption of Nelson Drive to the LTP priorities in 2022. • Updates from Npower and NCC about storm damage and storms Dudley and Eunice. • Request for advice about tree damage in Percy Drive/The Avenue. • NCC Local Plan – information about adoption process. • Ultrafast Broadband in Swarland & NotM – Meeting in Swarland Village Hall 7th March 5.30-7.30. • Google website diagnostics for January 2022. • Beech tree and wall at Notm. Tree to be cut down as an emergency job. 	
<p>13.</p>	<p>Requests for next agenda;- None.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>Urgent Items – None.</p>	
<p>15.</p>	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: 23/3/22 SVH, 27/4/22 JH, 25/5/22 SVA.</p>	

Meeting finished: 20:40.