

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the electronic Parish Council Meeting held
Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 7.00pm online via **ZOOM**: <https://zoom.us/join>
DURING COVID 19 EMERGENCY

1.	<p>Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total) – A Swarland resident referred to current planning application 19/01687/FUL. He had noted the PC had objected to this application. The resident was concerned about potential overloading of the sewerage system and access issues along Coast View. Cllr Francis confirmed that the PC had referred to these issues in its objection. The resident asked about the halving of the golf course. Cllr Francis said this had been an application made by the previous owners although some elements had been included in the current application. Cllr Stanley pointed out the access to the proposed 60 caravans will be via the site main entrance in Leamington Lane. Cllr Woolfrey said there were concerns about noise with the units and thought they should be further away from the village. There is a lack of screening.</p>	
2.	<p>Present: Cllr D. Francis (Chair) Cllr Ms E. Clark, Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr Mrs S. Stanley, Cllr Mrs K. Howard-Row, Cllr S. Woolfrey, Cllr. S Cutforth, Cllr D. Rixon, Cllr Mrs C. Letts. The Clerk was in attendance. 2 Members of the public present.</p>	
3.	<p>Apologies for absence: No apologies.</p>	
4.	<p>Co – Option/Appointment of new Parish Councillor: Cllr Francis proposed, and Cllr Cutforth seconded the co-option of Carolyn Letts as a Parish Cllr. This was agreed.</p>	
5.	<p>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: Cllr Stanley declared an interest in the N& N subscription (Item 10bii).</p>	
6.	<p>Minutes of the ‘virtual’ meeting held on 27th January 2021: Agreed.</p>	
7.	<p>To consider matters arising from the electronic meeting 27th January 2021:</p> <p>a. <u>Grants from Cllr Thorne for Interactive Speed Monitoring signs or other traffic calming works</u> – The grants had been confirmed but no reply had been forthcoming from NCC Highways on the recommended works or their location in NotM, or with regard to the traffic calming works planned for outside Swarland School. An email to Robin McCartney had also not elicited a response. The Clerk will continue to pursue this.</p> <p>b. <u>Poor Broadband speeds</u> – An item had been included in the Feb Column inviting residents to contact the clerk if they were experiencing slow Broadband speeds. No responses had been received. Cllr Francis suggested a follow up in the April Column. Cllr Rixon said that applications under the current scheme had to be in by 31st March. Clerk to contact Sylvia Pringle at iNorthumberland to get the ball rolling. Cllr Rixon said that fibre is needed asap for reliability. Cllr Howard-Row said her download speed (at 19.25) was 23.3 and upload speed was 7.1. It is supposed to be 40.</p> <p>c. <u>Complaint about fence at Low Wood & lack of enforcement by NCC</u> – Cllr Francis had raised with Rob Murfin (NCC Planning Director) the poor score given to PC complaints on the ‘harm sheet’ used to decide on enforcement action. Mr Murfin had said that he would do a review of the procedure. With regard to this fence complaint, the PC concluded that it could not usefully pursue this matter. Complainant to be advised.</p> <p>d. <u>Review of Vyner Park Charity terms of reference.</u> – This still has to be done. Cllr Francis is waiting from information from the Clerk and will hopefully be able</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	notes which she will email to everyone.	Cllr Clark
10.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a. Clerk's salary £395.50 + Clerks Expenses £35.13 = £430.63. Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE = £79.00 Payment to Clerk = £395 + £35.13 - £79.00 = £351.63</p> <p>b. Other receipts and payments: i) Receipts: None.</p> <p>ii) Payments: To Felton PC for Insurance for War Memorial & Obelisk - £436.18 To Felton PC for Cemetery running costs (38.84% share) - £1417.66 Northumberland & Newcastle Society subscription - £35.00</p> <p>c. Account balance as at 17th February 2021 - £26,513.26. All the above were agreed/noted. Clerk to query insurance cover for obelisk and war memorial to establish what risks are covered.</p>	Clerk
11.	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. Applications decided by NCC</p> <p>19/04108/OUT - Demolition of existing golf club house and associated buildings, and development of up to 16 dwellings with all matters reserved apart from access. Percy Wood Golf Club And Country Retreat, Coast View, Swarland, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9JW. The Parish Council objected to this application for a number of reasons including sewage infrastructure issues, and concern about pedestrian access. Application PERMITTED 27th January 2021.</p> <p>20/02067/FUL - Change of use of existing disused building and extensions to form dwelling. Land to The East Of Overgrass Mill Cottage, Longframlington, Morpeth, Northumberland. The PC objected to this application with concerns about road access, and safety of building over old mine ventilation shaft. Application REFUSED 10th February 2021.</p> <p>20/03444/REM - Reserved matters application for appearance and layout for one dwelling pursuant to planning permission 17/03283/OUT Land East And North East Of 8 Kenmore Road Swarland NE65 9JS. PERMITTED 12th February 2021</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 – Land north west of Springwood, Coast View, Swarland, Northumberland. Archaeological report received 09.2.2021. The PC objected for a range of reasons including adverse visual impact, too close to existing buildings, sewerage and drainage capacity issues, and highways safety.</p> <p>20/02082/VARYCO – Removal of Condition 8 (Restrictions of types of flying) - to allow flying training, circuits, touch-and-go manoeuvres to take place at the site on a permanent basis, Variation to Condition 4 (Current Restriction is 120 days) - to allow the number of aircraft arrivals and departures to 150 days per year on a permanent basis, Variation to Condition 5 (Restriction on take offs and landings) - to increase daily aircraft movements to 50 movements in a 24 hour period to accommodate flying training and add 200 movements within a 24 hour period to support air rallies to take place at the site on a permanent basis and Variation to Condition 7 (no air rallies) - to allow the site to be used for up to 4 air rallies, festivals or similar charitable activities per year on a permanent basis on approved planning application 17/03436/VARYCO (revised description 05.08.2020). Poultry Farm, Atheys Moor, Longframlington, Morpeth. The Parish Council objected on the basis of the proposal for a number of festivals and similar events. Permission GRANTED 22nd February 2021.</p> <p>20/02884/CCMEIA - Land North Of Shiel Dykes U3050 Swarland Junction To Stouphill</p>	

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	<p>Junction Swarland, Northumberland. Phased extraction of approximately 5 million tonnes of hard rock and importation of inert material for use in restoration using overburden from site and imported inert materials over 30 year period . This 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.</p> <p>20/03241/CLEXIS - Certificate of Lawful Development of an Existing Use for vehicular access to Pine Lodge off B6345 (resubmission of 20/00570/CLEXIS) Pine Lodge, Old Swarland, Swarland, NE65 9HU. The PC objected to this application as it felt the case had not sufficiently been made.</p> <p>20/01296/SN - Street Naming Consultation - Land south of Mereburn House, Low Wood, Swarland. Name proposed is 'Alexander Grove'.</p> <p>20/03501/DISCON - Discharge of conditions : 12 (highways) pursuant to planning approval 19/01637/FUL Land Parcels South West Of Liseswood, Old Park Road, Swarland, Northumberland. The Parish Council made several objections to this application.</p> <p>20/03622/FUL - Increase no of dwellings by 2 dwellings from 9 to 11 dwellings. Land South Of Mereburn House, Low Wood, Swarland, Northumberland. The Parish Council made several objections to this application.</p> <p>20/03702/FELTPO - Work to Tree Preservation Order Trees:- Removal of T1, T2, T3, T4, T6 ,T7 and T11 (Lawson Cypress) Removal of T17, T20, T22 (Scots Pine) Removal of T13 (Quercus Robur Oak) Land North Of 1 Greenlea Road, Greenlea Road, Swarland Northumberland. The Parish Council objected to this application and made detailed comments.</p> <p>20/04161/FUL - New single storey rear extension. 12 C106 Newton On The Moor, NE65 9JY. The PC had no objections.</p> <p>20/03444/REM - Reserved matters application for appearance and layout for one dwelling pursuant to planning permission 17/03283/OUT. Land East And North East Of 8 Kenmore Road, Swarland, NE65 9JS. The PC had no objections.</p> <p>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider.</p> <p>21/00576/NONMAT - 21/00576/NONMAT Non-material amendment relating to planning permission 20/01196/REM for revision to the width of the access road crossing the watercourse Land South Of Mereburn House Low Wood Swarland Northumberland. The PC does not normally comment on NONMAT applications. Residents affected have contacted the Environment Agency and an EA officer has visited the site. It is understood that improvements have been asked for. There are concerns about proposed use of plastic erosion matting. The PC agreed to object to the use of plastics. The original application specified the use of coir.</p> <p>Also in connection with the Cussins site Cllr Stanley had been notified about a large sign in Leamington Lane possibly on private land which will need planning permission after 28 days. There are visibility issues. She will take a photograph and circulate to PC.</p>	
<p>12.</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. • Broken off directions footpath sign on Footpath No 35 (south end) reported to NCC 10.3.20 and photos sent in to Countryside Officer. • Emails about proposed Cussin’s development at Low Wood. • Emails about high fence obstructing view of highway, Swarland. • ‘No footpath’ sign at entrance of The Springwood knocked down. • Emailed complaint about signage issues in Swarland. • Overhanging branches on C106 from Alnwick Fords to Glantlees turnoff. • Resurfacing needed on Kenmore Road. • Complaints of speeding vehicles in connection with development in Swarland. • Query concerning planning application 19/01687/FUL. • Pothole in Coast View near Swarland Club. • Pothole complaints A697 and Longframlington Road (Cllr Mansfield). 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two blocked drains on north side of Leamington Lane. Felton PC advised. • Query about planning strategy, affordable housing, and shop provision etc. <p>Cllr Clark said that there was significant road damage associated with Whittle Colliery. She will send details of the location to the Clerk to take up with NCC Highways..</p>	Cllr Clark
13.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Two requests for information about becoming a Parish Cllr. Thank you letter from Northumberland Citizens Advice for PC donation. Emails for info re: Planning Application 19/01687/FUL (Swarland). Suggestion to help visitors to Percy Wood locate the site. – Clerk to send details of the suggestion to Percy Wood. Longframlington PC Consultation on Neighbourhood Plan – consultation until 25th April 2021 at 5pm.</p>	Clerk
14.	<p>Requests for Next Agenda: None.</p>	
15.	<p>Urgent items:</p> <p>a.<u>David Bradbrook</u> – Cllr Rixon announced that sadly David Bradbrook had recently died. A longtime resident of Swarland, David had done an enormous amount of community work in the area and will be missed. Cllr Stanley said this had been reported in the Column in February.</p>	
16.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: 24/3/2021, 28/4/2021, 26/5/2021 Venues/meeting arrangements to be confirmed depending on Government advice.</p>	

Meeting finished at: 20.23