

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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

1.	Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total) –	
2.	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.	
3.	Apologies for absence: No apologies.	
4.	Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None.	
5.	Minutes of the ‘virtual’ meeting held on 24th February 2021: Agreed.	
6.	<p>To consider matters arising from the electronic meeting 24th February 2021:</p> <p>a. <u>Grants from Cllr Thorne for Interactive Speed Monitoring signs or other traffic calming works</u> – No response from NCC on works recommended. Clerk to keep trying.</p> <p>b. <u>Poor Broadband speeds</u> – Details needed of what broadband suppliers have said/done about poor speeds. Item to go into Column for input from residents. Cllr Rixon said NCC is one of five areas selected for the Governments Gigabit fibre broadband project launched this month.</p> <p>c. <u>Review of Vyner Park Charity terms of reference</u> – Cllr Francis and Clark had looked at the terms of reference and recommended increasing the Committee to 5 community reps, and reducing the quorum required for decisions to 5 people of whom two must be Parish Cllrs.</p> <p>19.07 At this point Cllr Mansfield joined the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Francis encouraged Cllrs on the Committee to try to attend and give notice in good time if they can't. He also said that the Committee need to agree a process for agreeing items by email. Agreed.</p> <p>d. <u>Direction sign to Alexander Grove on Leamington Lane</u> – Cllr Stanley said that there are now additional signs obscuring oncoming traffic on Leamington Lane. The Clerk confirmed this matter has been referred to the NCC Planning enforcement team.</p> <p>e. <u>PC Facebook Page</u> – After this was raised at the last PC meeting the Chairman said it was good to see that the FB group ‘Swarland Residents’ had been set up by a Swarland resident. They are happy to include issues from the whole of the Parish and there are now over 100 members in the group.</p>	
7.	<p>Requested agenda items:</p> <p>a. <u>Vyner Park update</u> - (Cllr Woolfrey) and request for additional general funding for 20/21 Item for discussion and decision. Cllr Woolfrey explained that the VPC wants to embark on a series of improvements;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis Court and MUGA refurbishment • Basketball post installation following donation of equipment. • Bowling Green cleanup. • Outdoor Gym £1000. <p>Total cost £9,200. The VPC has £5300 so there is a shortfall of £3,900 but confirmation of a Covid business grant is expected for £2,000. The PC agreed to earmark £3,900 in 2021/22 for these projects.</p> <p>Cllr Woolfrey said that a team of volunteers had spread 16 tonnes of wood chips on the play area and thanks everyone who was involved. The next VPC Committee meeting is on 30th March. Cllrs Anderson and Stanley were</p>	

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	<p>planting 5 oak trees in the park this week.</p> <p>b. <u>State of repair of Park Road, Swarland (between Old Swarland and South Lodge)</u> - Discussion of complaint and decision on way forward. Details have been provided by a local resident with a photos and additional material from Cllr Cutforth. Poor drainage, sides of road dropped 7", road too narrow for safe passing. Complaint/Information to go the NCC.</p> <p>c. <u>Unadopted roads in Swarland</u> (Cllr Woolfrey) – Discussion of complaint and decision on way forward. Local resident recently submitted an FOI to NCC. Information circulated by Cllr Woolfrey. NCC seem to think that as it's not an adopted road, they have no responsibility. After discussion agreed to ask NCC for a list of criteria they use for making assessments of unadopted roads, and apparent contradiction in statements.</p> <p>The Clerk said she had been told that unadopted roads are maintained by NCC Estates Department ie not Highways. Resident has asked if they are entitled to Council Tax rebate because of condition of the roads – they would need to approach NCC themselves. Cllr Woolfrey to provide feedback to the complainant.</p> <p>d. <u>Police & Crime Commissioner and Local Government Elections - Thursday 6th May 2021</u> – Briefing on nomination procedure etc. Clerk to send copy of Electoral Register to Cllrs. Proposers have to be on the Register. If more than 10 candidates there will be an election otherwise appointed as 'non contested'. Completed nomination forms have to be taken in by hand to NCC or can be dropped off with Clerk who has appointment on 31st March for form checking/submission.</p> <p>e. <u>NCC Consultation on 20mph speed limit Swarland School</u> – The PC considered that as this restriction would affect all road users, consultation through The Column for an appropriate time was essential before a decision was made. Clerk to ask Neil Snowden for a description of the scheme which can be used in The Column. Initial thoughts on the scheme were whether the signs would be mains or solar powered, whether the signs would be active 24/7 or just through school opening times, that southern part of The Avenue should be included in the 20mph limit, and where the PC's interactive speed sign was in the scheme.</p> <p>f. <u>Longframlington Neighbourhood Plan Consultation</u> – Until 25th April 2021. For discussion and decision on response. Didn't appear to be anything in the draft plan that affected our Parish. Clerk to send 'thank you for consultation but no specific comments' response.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors:</p> <p>Meeting with Cussins on 24th March via ZOOM RE: 20/03622/FUL by Cllrs Stanley and Woolfrey – Went through the PC's objections to this application particularly with reference to environmental considerations and works to the culvert. Site meeting to be held 26th March with the Planning Director and the Technical Director. At the site meeting the size of the ecology strip will be discussed and the use of coir not plastic matting to reinforce the stream bank. Cllrs asked about the resurfacing of Old Park Road, and installation of path from the crossroads to Vyner Park entrance (Conditions from Rosetta Gardens development). Cussins say they have asked NCC to do the work and have paid for it already. Letter to go to NCC complaining about conditions being overridden by developers. Asking what is the point of having planning conditions.</p> <p>Cllr Woolfrey said that he and Cllr Stanley will report back to the PC after the site meeting and a formal report is to go to NCC from the PC after the meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

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<p>9.</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a. Clerk’s salary £395.50 + Clerks Expenses £6.35 = £401.85. Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE = £79.20 Payment to Clerk = £395.50 + £6.35 - £79.20 = £322.65</p> <p>b. Other receipts and payments: i) Receipts: None. ii) Payments: None.</p> <p>c. Account balance as at 18th March 2021 - £25,823.92. The above were agreed/noted.</p>	<p align="center">Clerk</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Planning:</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. Application PERMITTED 2nd March 2021.</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. Application PERMITTED 22/2/21.</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. Application REFUSED 9/2/21.</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. Application PERMITTED 12/2/21.</p> <p>b. Applications pending decision by NCC 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. Land North West Of Springwood, Coast View, Swarland, Northumberland. 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. Cllr Rixon said this application is to be considered by the NCC Planning Committee. Several people have written to their MP about the application. Issues with drainage which has not been improved in Swarland. Concerns that a number of residents were only aware of the application because of the amendment that was submitted. Reference had been made in referral to Committee about the strong objections of the</p>	

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	<p>PC and Cllrs welcomed NCC taking the PC more seriously.</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 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>20/01296/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>20/04161/FUL - New single storey rear extension. 12 C106 Newton on the Moor, NE65 9JY. The PC had no objections.</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 agreed objected to the use of plastics. The original application specified the use of coir.</p> <p>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider. 21/00646/FUL - Proposed single storey side extension. North Lodge 8 Park Road Swarland NE65 9JY. Comments invited until 26th March 2021. The PC had no objections to this application.</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. • 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). • Two blocked drains on north side of Leamington Lane. Felton PC advised. • Pothole on Longframlington Road (Cllr Francis). • Street Light 4NE beside Jubilee Hall hanging off – Removed. • Street Light 4NE beside Jubilee Hall request for replacement made 17/3/21. <p>Additional complaints to add: Cllr Clark will send the Clerk details of damage to Highways in Hazon. Cllr Anderson reported broken off footpath sign opposite the Blue House NotM.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Cllr Clark</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Cussins request for meeting re: 20/03622/FUL. NCC forms and other documents relating to upcoming elections.</p>	

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	NCC Polling Station Safety Marshall and Polling Station staff vacancies Copy emails relating to Planning Application 19/01687/FUL.	Clerk
13.	Requests for Next Agenda: a. Review of PC Risk Assessment.	
14.	Urgent items: a. Cllr Stanley said that from meeting with Cussins have found that Studley Drive , Swarland is adopted from Low Wood to Leamington Lane which has implications for repairs. b. Litter Pick 2021 – The Litter Pick had to be postponed but several residents have been litter picking. The PC would like to thank Val Allport in particular for her efforts but an unknown person has been clearing north of NotM. Cllr Stanley said that she and Bryan Stanley had litter picked Leamington Lane and the old A1 to the Column.	
15.	Date of Next Meeting: 28/4/2021, 26/5/2021 Venues/meeting arrangements to be confirmed depending on Government advice and the May meeting may need to be brought forward because of the Election.	

Meeting finished at: 20.43