

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Swarland Village Hall
Wednesday 26th January 2022

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| 1. | <p>Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total) A local resident raised the subject of ‘Resilient Communities’ and asked whether the PC would consider this. In her previous village they contacted their local council who came out and assessed the village for risks eg flooding, vehicle crashes. They provided a report and helped the village set up support and advice on creating emergency boxes, schedule of people’s names. A survey of residents was carried out (a copy of the questionnaire was given to the Clerk) asking if people would do something eg clear snow covered paths, pass on urgent messages etc. The system was designed to work with a network ‘tree’ of people with leaders in each street. Cllr Francis said NCC has an Emergency Planning Team but wasn’t sure if they would provide this sort of support. Cllr Thorne said NCC have been looking at the support set up in villages. Longframlington have also considered this question, and have set up a centre in the village able to provide warmth, snacks and hot drinks. It was agreed the Clerk would contact NCC to see what is available and what steps are needed.</p> | Clerk |
| 2. | <p>Present: Cllr D. Francis (Chair) Cllr E. Clark, Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr D. Rixon, Cllr Stanley, Cllr C. Letts, Cllr N. Mansfield. County Councillor Trevor Thorne The Clerk was in attendance and one member of the public.</p> | |
| 3. | <p>Apologies for absence: Cllrs K. Howard-Row, J. Fallais and S. Woolfrey. Cllr Francis asked if a formal resolution could be made to agree the continued absence of Cllr Fallais due to ill health so that the ‘six month rule’ would not be invoked. This was agreed.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2021: These were agreed.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>To consider matters arising from meeting held on 24th November 2021: a. <u>Alexander Grove site and culvert issues</u> - Update on DISCON applications. A new 21/04601/DISCON has been submitted. Cllrs felt that the application still falls short in the provision of an adequate professional assessment of the culvert. Comments are invited until 8th Feb. b. <u>Remote meeting/training session/feedback/ on drainage and other issues with NCC Director of Planning 14th Sept 2021</u> – The Clerk has been in touch with Rob Murfin who was under the impression that a copy of an NCC resolution on road adoptions from 2016 was all that was required. He has been asked to provide a formal response. Cllr agreed that the document from 2006 could be publicised if needed. Cllr Thorne said he had seen the document and hoped that when the site meeting occurs (see 6c) improvements can be pushed for. c. <u>Request for site meeting about Swarland roads with NCC Director of Planning – Update.</u> Clerk to contact Mr Murfin’s PA to ask again for the site meeting. Update to be done for The Column, on roads, drainage etc.</p> | Clerk |
| 7. | <p>Requested agenda items: a. <u>Vyner Park Update</u> (Cllr Woolfrey). No formal report had been received but the Clerk was aware that a request had been received to hold a celebration in the Park for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. b. <u>Changes to PC Risk Assessment 2021</u> – Proposed amended document circulated separately. For discussion and approval. The amended Risk Assessment was discussed. Cllr Clark suggested putting</p> | |

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| | <p>Thorne said it had been hoped the plan would have been signed off by the examiners in the new year and he said it was ‘nearly there’.</p> <p>Cllr Rixon said the south part of Park Road had been resurfaced, but surface water was now going into a residents drive, and when it froze the resident was unable to leave the house. It was understood a lip was to have been put on the edge of the road but this hasn’t happened. He asked if Cllr Thorne could pass on this concern to the relevant Department. Cllr Rixon commented that there was a similar problem opposite Quarry House in NotM.</p> <p><u>b.Meeting with Harrison Leisure (HL) re: Percy Wood.</u></p> <p>Cllr Stanley had been invited to a meeting with Billy Harrison on 13th January. PW are having to carry out a vast amount of work on site to fallen trees after the recent Storm Arwen. Over the next few months HL are buying back 35 caravans and will be taking out their hot tubs and fencing.</p> | | | | | | | |
| <p>9.</p> | <p>Finance</p> <p>a. Clerk’s salary for January 2022 - £395.50</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE</td> <td>=</td> <td>£79.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payment to Clerk = £395.50 plus expenses £27.09 - £79.00</td> <td>=</td> <td>£343.59</td> </tr> </table> <p>b. Other receipts and payments:</p> <p>i)Receipts: None.</p> <p>ii)Payments: Information Commissioners Office - Data protection renewal fee £35.00 is due and will be collected by direct debit payment on or before 28/02/2022.</p> <p>c. Account balance as at 20th January 2022: £31,089.35</p> <p>d. Reimbursement to Cllr Clark for the domain name for the SNAC Climate Change Group Website - £50.00</p> <p>All the above were agreed/noted.</p> | Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE | = | £79.00 | Payment to Clerk = £395.50 plus expenses £27.09 - £79.00 | = | £343.59 | |
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| <p>10.</p> | <p>Planning</p> <p>a. Decisions made by NCC</p> <p>21/01325/OUT – Outline permission for demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with 2no detached dwellings (all matters reserved) – 4 Kenmore Drive, Swarland, NE65 9QT. Application withdrawn 19th November 2021.</p> <p>21/02359/FUL – One, one and a half storey dwelling - Plot 4 to rear of Kenmore Road, Swarland. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Application GRANTED 13th December 2021.</p> <p>21/04103/FUL - Demolish existing rear conservatory and porch and replace with new extension. Replace existing white PVC double glazed windows, fascia boards and rainwater goods with new grey PVC double glazed windows, fascia boards and rainwater goods. Replace existing front porch - footprint, height and width will be like1for-like - colour to be grey to match windows etc.1 Beechcroft Swarland NE65 9HA. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Application GRANTED 15th December 2021.</p> <p>21/04252/FUL – Erection of single storey rear extension. The Willows, 3 The Old Tweed Mill, Swarland, NE65 9LX. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Application GRANTED 24th December 2021.</p> <p>21/04600/DISCON - Drainage and the culvert at Alexander Grove, Swarland. The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds that evidence of an Engineering inspection had not been provided. Application GRANTED 4th January 2022.</p> | | | | | | | |

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| | <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. 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.</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>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 to this application.</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 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>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider</p> <p>21/04601/DISCON - Land South Of Mereburn House, Low Wood, Swarland, Northumberland. Comments invited Until 8th February 2022.</p> <p>22/00196/FUL – Land south of Newton on the Moor. New field entrance and hard standing. Comments invited until 10th February 2022. Cllrs asked if the Clerk could contact NCC to see if more information could be provided on why this access is needed.</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. • Pothole complaints A697 and Longframlington Road (Cllr Mansfield). • Pothole on Longframlington Road (Cllr Francis). • Footpath sign opposite Blue House NotM broken off – referred to NCC. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weeds not being treated on footpath to south of The Square. • Damage to road north of NotM leading to A1 - 8.8.21 • Soil and other material in Bari Bar Car Park, Coast View, Swarland - 9.8.21. • 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. • Request to NCC for road sign to The Old Tweed Mill, Swarland - 3.11.21 • Query about caravan parking on private land – information obtained from NCC Planning. • Query about adoption of The Square, Swarland. – 21.12.21. Info provided to resident. • Mattress dumped on old A1 south of NotM - Reported to NCC 19.1.22. Removed 21.1.22. • Abandoned Ford Focus on old A1 south of NotM – Reported to NCC 19.1.22. <p>The Clerk said that she had sent a letter of complaint to the Chief Executive of NCC over the lack of response on all the above sign issues.</p> | |
| 12. | <p>Correspondence: NHS Improving Access Survey until 25th February 2022. NCC Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund. Awarded monthly until 28th October 2022. This was discussed and Cllrs suggested that possibly SNAC could think of something such as purchase of trees as so many had been lost. Also daffodils etc. Northumbria Police – Requested details of PC meetings for the year – info sent. NALC Survey on the relationship of PC's/TC's with NCC – Cllr Francis said that he had completed the survey with input from other Cllrs and the Clerk, and submitted it. National Highways - Development Consent Order on A1 decision delayed until June 2022. Google Analytics on PC website useage December 2021. NCC New national fostering film.</p> | |
| 13. | <p>Requests for next agenda;- None.</p> | |
| 14. | <p>Urgent Items – None.</p> | |
| 15. | <p>Dates of Next Meetings: 23/2/2022 JH/ZOOM, 23/3/22 SVH/ZOOM, 27/4/22 JH/ZOOM</p> | |

Meeting finished: 20.45