

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the electronic Parish Council Meeting held
Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 7.00pm online via **ZOOM**: <https://zoom.us/join>
DURING COVID 19 EMERGENCY

1.	Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total) – None.	
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 and Cllr D. Rixon. The Clerk was in attendance. 1 Member of the public present.	
3.	Apologies for absence: Cllr N. Mansfield.	
4.	Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None.	
6.	Minutes of the ‘virtual’ meeting held on 23rd November 2020: Agreed.	
7.	To consider matters arising from the electronic meeting 23rd November 2020: a. <u>Hazon road surfacing</u> - Cllr Clark said that work has started improving drainage and resurfacing the road at Hazon. NCC hope to be finished by end of following week. b. <u>Grants from Cllr Thorne for Speed Monitoring signs/traffic calming measures</u> – Clerk advised no confirmation as yet on grants for interactive signs/traffic calming measures or on details of the proposed traffic calming measures in the vicinity of Swarland school. To be pursued. c. <u>Poor Broadband speeds</u> – Information from iNorthumberland has been circulated. Cllrs Anderson, Rixon and Howard-Row had all had broadband problems in NotM. Speeds variable and low at times so connection breaks. Item to go in Column asking residents to pass details of problems to Clerk. d. <u>Complaint about fence at Low Wood & lack of enforcement by NCC</u> – Clerk waiting to hear back from Planning Enforcement Manager. e. <u>Grant to Jubilee Hall and PC response to proposed change to legal structure</u> – Cllr Francis said grant had been passed to Jubilee Hall Cttee. PC doesn’t have a view either way on proposed change of structure but felt it important that the JH Cttee preserved original terms of the Trust. Cllr Francis said the Parish Council would like to see the proposed details when available.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
8.	Requested agenda items: a. <u>Vyner Park update and legal status</u> - Cllr Woolfrey reported that the park is open and being used. Pavilion is closed but is regularly checked. Have had meeting in past few days to discuss the governance of the charity to simplify its structure. VPC had had an issue with three Cllrs being needed to make the meetings quorate and this was proving difficult to achieve. Currently have 4 Cllrs and 4 Community Reps on Committee. At meeting also considered changes to charitable status but this would probably not simplify things. Agreed Cllrs Francis, Woolfrey, Clark and Parish Clerk to have ZOOM meeting to look at reviewing terms of reference and come back to the PC. A request has been made to park a charity minibus at Vyner Park. The VPC have recently had a grant to enlarge the car park after complaints were received about lack of parking. VPC Committee concerned that if permission given it would set a precedent. The PC requested that the VPC Cttee reconsider the request but recognised the final decision was for the VPC Cttee to make. Cllr Woolfrey said he had heard the Charity concerned had found alternative parking for the vehicle but the VPC would consider the matter again if that were not the case. b. <u>Elections May 2021</u> – Cllr Francis said assuming the elections will take place	Clerk

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	<p>in May, could put something in Column encouraging people to stand for the PC especially as the PC still has one vacancy.</p> <p>c. <u>Newton on the Moor Bus Shelter</u> – Cllr Francis said the NotM bus shelter had been repainted and repaired by local residents and friends at no cost to the Parish Council, and it was looking a lot better. Clerk to send thank you letter.</p>	Clerk
9.	<p>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors: None. Cllr discussed arrangement for Cllrs to attend training events which often incur a small charge. If Cllrs see a course they wish to attend, they can agree this with the Chair beforehand by email.</p>	
10.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a. Clerk’s salary (for Dec 2020 and Jan 2021) £791 + Clerks Expenses £21.34 = £791.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE = £158.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Payment to Clerk = £791 + £21.34 - £158.00 = £654.34</p> <p>b. Other receipts and payments:</p> <p>i) Receipts: None.</p> <p>ii) Payments: Annual charge to Information Commissions Office due 28th February (Direct Debit) £35.00 – This was noted.</p> <p>c. Account balance as at 21st January 2021 - £26,696.26</p> <p>A request for a donation had been received from Citizens Advice Northumberland. After a short discussion a donation of £25.00 was agreed.</p>	
11.	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. To report on any planning decisions made by NCC:</p> <p>20/01079/FUL – Proposed four bedroom detached dormer bungalow with attached double garage - Land South West Of 2 The Orchard, Nelson Drive, Swarland, Northumberland. The Parish Council asked for a TPO’d tree to be protected, and for a contribution to the repair of Nelson Drive. Application GRANTED 27th November 2020.</p> <p>20/02923/FELTPO - Tree Preservation Order: T8 (Horse Chestnut), T9 (dead stem), T10 (dead stem), T13 (Cupressaceae Spp), T14 (European Larch) - remove to ground level; T1 (Beech) - prune historic tree surgery limb removal back to main stem In accordance with BS3998: 2010; T2 (European Larch) - remove to ground; T3 (European Ash) - remove to ground level or habitat stump 3m; T4 (Beech) - remove hanging branch and deadwood; T5 (Beech) - remove broken top and deadwood. Reduce crown < 20% in order leave tree as decaying habitat; T6 (English Oak) - area surrounding buttress to be cleared and branches to lower main stem up to 1.8 m to be cut back in order to allow future inspection. T7 (Horse Chestnut) - remove to ground; T11 (Wych Elm) - 15% crown reduction, clear epicormic growth up to 1.8 m and surrounding area. Monitor as per valid policy; T12 (European Larch) - remove to ground; T15 (English Oak) - cut back broken branch and deadwood where required; T16 (Beech) - reduce roadside crown 15%; Tree Group G1 (4no. Acer Pseudoplatanus, Sycamore, 2no. European Ash) - remove to ground; Tree Group G2 (2no. Aesculus Hippocastanum, Horse Chestnut) - incremental removal to ground.</p> <p>Land West Of The Woodlands The Avenue Swarland Northumberland. Due to the contents of Tree Surgeon report, the Parish Council had no objections to this application but asked for replacement trees to be planted as soon as possible. Permission GRANTED 10.12.20.</p> <p>20/02437/REM - Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale on approved planning application 17/03676/OUT. Woodside 1 Coast View Swarland NE65 9JE. The Parish Council objected to this application mainly on grounds of access. Application PERMITTED 7th December 2020.</p> <p>20/03077/FUL - Conversion of 2No. redundant farm buildings to 2No. dwellings. Land South</p>	

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East Of Whittle Farm, Felton, Northumberland, NE65 9LN. The Parish Council did not object to the application but suggested the installation of a kitchen window in building A and using slate tiles. The application was withdrawn by the applicant on 18th December 2020.

20/03365/FUL – Extension to rear of single story [sic] property (sun room) – 27 Kenmore Road, Swarland, NE65 9JS. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Application GRANTED 21st December 2020.

20/03622/FUL - Increase no of dwellings by 2 dwellings from 9 to 11 dwellings. Land South Of Mereburn House, Low Wood, Swarland, Northumberland. Comments invited until 7th December 2020.

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 – Land north west of Springwood, Coast View, Swarland, Northumberland. 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.

20/01191/REM - Reserved matters application for layout, scale, appearance and landscaping of approved planning application 16/04129/OUT. Land South Of Mereburn House, Low Wood, Swarland. The Parish Council objected to this application on grounds which included that the application was incomplete, highways safety issues etc.

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.

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. Comments invited until 6th August 2020. PC objected to this application with concerns about road access, and safety of building over old mine ventilation shaft.

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. Cllr Francis said Highways England and the Environment Agency had made comments the latter saying serious issues of landwater and methane need mitigation before permission is granted.

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.

20/01296/SN - Street Naming Consultation - Land south of Mereburn House, Low Wood, Swarland. Name proposed is 'Alexander Grove'. Comments invited until 26th November 2020.

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

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	<p>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>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider.</p> <p>20/04161/FUL - New single storey rear extension. 12 C106 Newton On The Moor, NE65 9JY. Comments invited until 1st February 2021. Briefly discussed. Property is within NotM Conservation area. 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. Comments invited until 3rd February 2021. The PC had no objections.</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 no-show of Police Engagement van for a second time at NotM. • 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. NCC Highways say not their responsibility – matter to be pursued by Clerk. • Pothole complaints A697 and Longframlington Road (Cllr Mansfield). One pothole has been repaired very promptly. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Felton Cemetery Joint Committee request for latest numbers of registered electors to calculate cemetery contribution from PC. Agreed that Clerk should provide the information.</p> <p>NCC – Local election arrangements. Encouragement of postal votes.</p> <p>NCC – Private Sector Housing Strategy consultation until 14th February 2021. Cllr Woolfrey commented that the strategy seems to be based on making sure private rented property is in good condition and that properties are not left empty. Strategy will be difficult to implement. Cllrs to share views via email.</p> <p>NCC - Northumberland Communities Together 'Feeling Connected' webinar 29th January 2021.</p> <p>A1 Morpeth to Ellingham – Planning examination timetable.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>Requests for Next Agenda: None.</p>	
<p>15.</p>	<p>Urgent items:</p> <p>a. Parish Spring Litter Pick – Cllr Anderson said that Keep Britain Tidy are</p>	

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	<p>not promoting the usual spring litter picks. Cllr Francis suggested that if not contrary to current Covid Regs, that the litter pick should go ahead. Cllr Anderson to check that NCC will still provide equipment/bags etc. Provisional date set Sunday 21st March at 10.00 meeting in the Square, Swarland.</p> <p>b. Alnwick has highest number of Covid cases in Northumberland – Cllrs discussed the current NCC figures. Police were taking strong action. Our ward (Shilbottle) has one of the lowest levels of case numbers in Northumberland.</p>	<p align="center">Cllr Anderson</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting: 24/2/2021, 24/3/2021, 28/4/2021, Venues/meeting arrangements to be confirmed depending on Government advice.</p>	

Meeting finished at: 20.15