

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, NotM
Wednesday 27th April 2022

1.	Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total) None.	
2.	Present: Cllr D. Francis (Chair), Cllr Stanley, Cllr K. Howard-Row, Cllr D. Rixon, Cllr S. Woolfrey, and Cllr L. Clark. The Minutes were taken by Cllr Clark.	
3.	Apologies for absence: Cllrs N. Mansfield, G. Anderson, C. Letts, J. Fallais and County Cllr Trevor Thorne. The Clerk had also given apologies.	
4.	Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None.	
5.	Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2022: These were agreed.	
6.	<p>To consider matters arising from meeting held on 23rd March 2022:</p> <p><u>a.Condition of Swarland Roads:</u> DF reported that it is believed that Rob Murfin is meeting with his officers to discuss a site meeting re roads in Swarland. DF said that while progress is slow, it is a complex issue.</p> <p><u>b.Resilient Communities:</u> DF reported that two provisional dates have been identified, but said that it should be community, rather than PC led. DF indicated that there should be some PC representation however. LC offered to attend, subject to availability.</p> <p><u>c.Car Parking in Newton:</u> DF has spoken to a number of residents regarding their parking arrangements. DR suggested asking NCC to install mirrors to improve visibility when turning out of some entrances.</p> <p><u>d.PC Accounts 2021/22:</u> The Clerk is finalising the accounts and will bring these to the next meeting.</p> <p><u>e.PW Planning application:</u> DF wanted to record his thanks to TT, SS and Jackie Stent for their work.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about Northumbrian Water's response of saying that all developments can be accommodated by the existing infrastructure, and to the ongoing problem of illegal discharges of water into rivers and the sea and overflows of sewage, for example around Vyner Park and other areas of Swarland. SW reported that incidents are being reported by members of the VP committee. It was agreed that the PC should contact the North Area Planning Committee to try and take these issues further.</p> <p>DF also noted that had the PW application been approved, the only S106 contribution would have been a) 40 mph speed limit and b) £10.5k contribution to NCC for a coastal bird warden. The latter was as a result of a late amendment to the NCC Local Plan regarding the impact of tourism on the coast. He noted that this had limited consultation and in any case PW is likely to be outside the 'zone' in which this should apply. DF suggested taking this up with planners as it is likely to arise again the future.</p> <p><u>f.Alncom:</u> it was noted that Alncom have sent information to all households in Newton and Swarland. SS will follow up with PW to see if they are taking part. The project looks fairly certain to go ahead in Swarland, but the position re Newton is less clear.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cllr Stanley</p>
7.	<p>Requested agenda items:</p> <p><u>a.Vyner Park Update:</u> SW reported that a number of areas of maintenance work are underway, including the bowling green and the lighting system in the MUGA. The decision has been taken to go ahead with the Show and the Bonfire. The Jubilee Party will also go ahead and the Committee have agreed that VP insurance will provide cover. SW will check if there is any limit on the number of volunteers that are covered. It was agreed in principle to upgrade the</p>	

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	<p>cover if that proves necessary.</p> <p>b.<u>SNAC Update</u>: LC reported that there have been over 80 responses to the Bus Use Survey, which ends on April 30th. Results will be brought to the next SNAC meeting and then to the PC. A footpath survey is also underway. LC also referred to an application which has been made to the QPJF for planting in Newton, Swarland, Hazon and Hartlaw. It is now thought likely that this will be approved, but LC asked the PC to cover the costs should the application be unsuccessful. This was agreed.</p> <p>c.<u>Neighbourhood Plan</u>: DR reported that the new NCC Local Plan has now been approved and takes a strong position on the building of new second homes. He reported that there will consultation on whether S106 contributions should go into a fund that PCs can apply for. The contribution to funding would be higher for those PCs with a Neighbourhood Plan. These can now be short and simple and he suggested that the PC considers producing one. It would have to be put to a local referendum and be approved. DF suggested awaiting further information on what the offer from NCC is re Neighbourhood Plans. DR suggested that we begin to think about what we might want in the Neighbourhood Plan for the parish.</p> <p>d.<u>Bus Shelter</u>: DF reported that the majority of councillors are in favour of undertaking work to maintain the shelter at the end of Leamington Lane. The first step would be to inform Felton PC of our decision to adopt and maintain the bus shelter.</p> <p>e.<u>Additional PC spending</u>: DF referred to the discussion that had taken place under item 6b. He highlighted the potential need for small amounts of spending to cover, for example, room hire. This was agreed in principle.</p>	Clerk
8.	Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors: None.	
9.	<p>Finance</p> <p>a.Clerk's salary for April 2022 - £410.55 plus National Pay Award 2021/22 £177.13 Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE = £117.54 Payment to Clerk = £410.55 + £177.13 + Expenses £66.98 - PAYE £117.54 = £537.12</p> <p>b. Other receipts and payments:</p> <p>i)Receipts: NCC Precept 22/23 50% payment £11,500 ii)Payments: NALC Subscription 2022 £246.97 Grant to Vyner Park Charity less insurance payments 21/22 and 22/23 £7000 minus £694x2 = £5612 Grant to Swarland Village Hall 2022/23 = £2400</p> <p>c. Account balance as at 22nd April 2022 £37,084.28</p> <p>a)Clerks salary: This was agreed b)Payments: Cllr Francis declared in interest in the NALC subscription. NALC subscription, VP grant and SVH grant approved. It was agreed that payment of the SVH grant should wait until further information is received about how to fund proposed improvements in a tax-effective way. c)Account Balance: Noted.</p>	
10.	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. Decisions made 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. Application REFUSED 24th March 2022.</p>	

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<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. Application PERMITTED 29.3.22.</p> <p>b. Applications pending decision by NCC</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. As at 22.4.22 decision still awaited.</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. As at 22.4.22 decision still awaited.</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. As at 22.4.22 decision still awaited.</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 sufficient evidence of an Engineering inspection had not been provided.</p> <p>21/03288/SN – Street Naming - Land North Of 3 Nelson Drive Nelson Drive Swarland. Proposal for 1-7 Trafalgar Drive. The Parish Council did not object to the proposed name but did object to it being for 1-7 properties as this was objected to in application 21/04446/FUL. Update requested from NCC 22.4.22.</p> <p>22/00196/FUL – Land south of Newton on the Moor. New field entrance and hard standing. The Parish Council objected to this application for a range of reasons including, no information had been provided as to the reason for the application, Highways safety, and errors on the application form. As at 22.4.22 decision still awaited.</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. The Parish Council objected to this Application mainly as a two storey house was considered unsuitable for this site. As at 22.4.22 decision still awaited.</p> <p>22/01325/VARYCO - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) on approved application 18/02730/FUL to alter design and position of the two bungalows on site and erection of a detached single garage to serve one of the bungalows.Land West Of 36 Park Road, Swarland, Northumberland. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.</p> <p>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider</p> <p>22/04972/FUL - Tourism development comprising of 9no. timber lodges within woodland setting with associated access, hardstanding and landscaping. Garden And Rush Plantations, Newton-On-The-Moor, Northumberland. Comments invited until 28th April.</p> <p><u>Alexander Grove:</u> SW will ensure that an appropriate response is made with regard to Cussins application for a DISCON.</p> <p><u>Kenmore Drive:</u> SW will also investigate the ‘Change of House Type’ which has appeared in relation to an application.</p> <p><u>Newton Hall:</u> DF has reminded NCC about publishing their pre-application planning guidance.</p>	<p>Cllr Woolfrey</p> <p>Cllr Woolfrey</p>
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11.	<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 Footpath sign opposite Blue House NotM broken off. Footpath sign broken off east of PW main entrance, Leamington Lane Footpath sign broken off behind Douglas Crescent, Swarland. • Request for ‘No entry’ sign at Cherry Tree Drive due to Percy Wood visitors getting lost. - referred to NCC - 22.9.21. • Overhanging branches on C106 from Alnwick Fords to Glantlees turnoff • Two sites in Swarland where substantial structures are being built – referred to NCC Planning Enforcement 30.3.22. 	<p>All signs reported to NCC and to be reinstated spring/summer 2022.</p>
12.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request from local resident to put a cupboard for a community book exchange in the PC’s bus shelter opposite The Square, Swarland. The PC has agreed to this and the resident advised. • Costain Community Relations Team obo National Highways on A1 dualling. • Google Analytics - Website user report for March. • NCC Planning Validation Checklist re-consultation until 17.4.22. 	
13.	<p>Requests for next agenda;</p> <p>a) It was noted that the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>b) Cllr Rixon requested an item on speeding in Swarland and Newton on the Moor.</p> <p>c) Cllr Clark requested an item on the Bus Survey Results.</p>	
14.	<p>Urgent Items: None.</p>	
15.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: 25/5/22 SVH, 22/6/22 JH, 27/7/22 SVH.</p>	