

# NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held online via **ZOOM**  
**Wednesday 28th July 2021**

Due to the continuing Covid restrictions and the ending of the ability to hold formal decision-making meetings remotely the Parish Council resolved on 28th April 2021 Minute Reference Page 1475 7d that decisions made by the Parish Council remotely would have the standing of recommendations which would have to be confirmed by the Chairman or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, to be legally valid.

1.	<b>Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total) –</b> No public present. No questions.	
2.	<b>Present:</b> Cllr D. Francis (Chair) Cllr E. Clark, Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr S. Stanley, Cllr S. Woolfrey, Cllr D. Rixon, Cllr C. Letts, Cllr K. Howard-Row, Cllr J. Fallais, Cllr N. Mansfield. The Clerk was in attendance.	
3.	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> None.	
4.	<b>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda:</b> None.	
5.	<b>Minutes of the electronic meeting held on 23rd June 2021 -</b> Agreed.	
6.	<p><b>To consider matters arising from the electronic meeting of 23rd June 2021.</b></p> <p>a. <u>Complaint to NCC about planning conditions being overridden by developers</u> – update on training by Rob Murfin, NCC Director of Planning. Date of 14th September agreed. Need to make Mr Murfin aware of issues beforehand including unadopted roads, Admiral Close unpursued road upgrade condition, houses being occupied on Cussins site before roads etc were completed, and sewerage infrastructure concerns. Areas of concern to be passed to the Clerk.</p> <p>b. <u>Dossier of sewer/drainage problems in Swarland &amp; NCC FOI response on council tax paid over the last 10 years</u> – Cllr Rixon had obtained some historical information from a past parish Cllr about unadopted roads and promises made. He will go back to her about photos of sewage problems.</p> <p><b>19.10 At this point Cllr N. Mansfield joined the meeting.</b></p> <p>Clerk to put information received so far into chronological order and circulate.</p> <p>Cllr Rixon reported on a recent court case regarding illegal sewage contamination of a river. This has highlighted that water companies are discharging into rivers more often than they should and has possible implications for the discharge of sewage into the Mereburn by NWA. Cllr Francis asked if Cllr Rixon could locate the newspaper article and circulate it.</p> <p>c. <u>Title Deed ND88983 Land and buildings south side of Leamington Lane</u> – The Clerk had been unable to locate the plan and will obtain a further copy from the Land Registry.</p> <p>d. <u>Feedback from NCC on Public Transport provision &amp; use in the Parish</u> – The Clerk had been in contact with Neil Easton, NCC Public Transport Manager. No plans for improving bus services in Parish. NCC could look at this again but need evidence of unmet demand, evidence regarding possible future use, and what provision is being looked for. NCC need some assurances that they wouldn't be running empty buses. Other PC's have carried out surveys. NCC would help with questions to include.</p> <p>NCC Local transport Plan strategy 2011-2026 is on NCC website but only has broad aims – no details.</p> <p>This issue was discussed and Cllrs supported carrying out a survey. Clerk to contact Neil Easton for questions and contact details of PC's who'd already done this.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cllr Rixon</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p>



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	<p>cannot drive this way to the Bari Bar. Golf buggies can still get through. Cllr Stanley said that Harrisons are awaiting the signs to go on Coast View. Unfortunately the site manager has had a heart attack which has put things on hold. Cllr Stanley has spoken to Billy Harrison today about the removal of the brown sign at the Leamington Lane crossroads. This will happen asap. Bryan Stanley will be working with PW to amend the Google Maps location marking of the site.</p>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors: None.</b></p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Clerk's salary £395.50 plus expenses £72.77 = £468.27              Payment to HM Revenues &amp; Customs PAYE = £79.20              Payment to Clerk = £395.50 + £72.77 - £79.20 = £389.07</p> <p><b>b.</b> Other receipts and payments:              i)Receipts: VAT repayment from HMRC (1-4-20 to 30-5-21) £4104.00              ii)Payments: Payment to Vyner Park Charity for VAT element £3649.00 (amount tbc)</p> <p><b>c.</b> Account balance as at 21st July 2021 £26,893.58          All the above were agreed/noted.</p>	<p align="center">Clerk</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>a. Decisions made by NCC – None to report.</b></p> <p><b>b. Applications pending decision by NCC</b>  <b>19/01687/FUL</b> - 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><b>20/02884/CCMEIA</b> - 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 that nothing has moved on this application except that Highways England have reiterated the need to resolve highways matters before the application is determined.</p> <p><b>21/01139/FUL</b> - Loft conversion with dorma [sic] windows to front elevation and front extension to lounge/sitting room. 1 Nelson Drive, Swarland, NE65 9JR. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.</p> <p><b>21/02042/FUL</b> - Construction of dormer windows to existing roof. Hazon Mill Cottage, Acklington, Morpeth Northumberland, NE65 9AT. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.</p> <p><b>21/02065/CCD</b> Swarland Primary School, Leamington Lane, Swarland, Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 9JP. The PC had no objections.</p> <p><b>21/02359/FUL</b> – One one and a half storey dwelling - Plot 4 to rear of Kenmore Road, Swarland. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.</p> <p><b>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider</b>  <b>21/02696/S106A</b> - Hawkshaw, Old Swarland, Swarland, Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9H. Comments invited until 5th August 2021.          Cllrs felt the applicants claim of unfair treatment doesn't hold water, and NCC Planners have been consistent with their policy for local needs only.</p> <p><b>21/02654/VARYCO</b> - Variation of Conditions 2 (Approved Plans), 5 (Landscape Planting), 6</p>	

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	(Integrated Bird Boxes) and 9 (Surface Water Drainage) pursuant to approved planning appeal APP/2935/W/19/3241813 Land South West Of Chesterhill Farm, Leamington Lane, Swarland, Northumberland. Comments invited until 5th August 2021.	
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Complaints:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leamington Lane drain and manhole outside Swarland Primary school – blockage issues referred to NCC 5.2.2020. Being taken up by NCC/OpenReach.</li> <li>• ‘No footpath’ sign at entrance of The Springwood knocked down.</li> <li>• Overhanging branches on C106 from Alnwick Fords to Glantlees turnoff.</li> <li>• Complaints of speeding vehicles in connection with development in Swarland.</li> <li>• Pothole in Coast View near Swarland Club.</li> <li>• Pothole complaints A697 and Longframlington Road (Cllr Mansfield).</li> <li>• Pothole on Longframlington Road (Cllr Francis).</li> <li>• Footpath sign opposite Blue House NotM broken off – referred to NCC.</li> <li>• Condition of unadopted roads in Swarland.</li> <li>• Sewer problems at Ferney Bank, Swarland.</li> <li>• Cars on track through Swarland Wood.</li> <li>• Weeds not being treated on footpath to south of The Square.</li> <li>• Signage to Percy Wood site and vehicles using Coast View.</li> <li>• Water mains leak outside Cook &amp; Barker, NotM.</li> </ul>	
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>Love Northumberland Scheme invitation for entries by 6th August 2021. Church &amp; Community in Shilbottle by the Rev'd Canon Colin Gough received. Google Analytics report on July useage of PC website. Citizens Advice Northumberland thank you for PC donation. Northumbria Police CCTV survey.</p>	
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Requests for Next Agenda:</b></p> <p>a. <u>Problem Parking</u> - Cllr Howard-Row raised the issue of parking in NotM by occupiers of holiday lets, attendees at the Jubilee Hall, and others on the corner of the road leading to her home. This is obscuring visibility and the problem is compounded by drivers speeding through the village. There have been 2 recent misses.</p> <p>b. <u>Provision of public transport in the Parish.</u></p>	
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>Urgent items:</b></p> <p>a. <u>Road surface near north access to A1 NotM</u> – Cllr Rixon said the surface has been taken off the road where a Mini burned out. Complaint to go to Highways Agency/NCC.</p> <p>b. <u>Road repairs/water main installation</u> – Cllr Rixon said that there is a trench on the road surface near Hudsons Croft NotM. If water main not going in repairs are needed. Clerk to check with NW/NCC.</p> <p>c. <u>Trees overhanging The Avenue, Swarland</u> – Cllr Fallais queried the responsibility for dealing with these trees. Cllr Stanley said it was mainly the house owners. The trees are legally protected.</p> <p>d. <u>Endorsement of recommendations made at this meeting 28th July 2021</u> Councillor Francis confirmed that he endorsed all the recommendations made at this meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<b>15.</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meetings:</b> 25/8/21, 22/9/21 Venues/meeting arrangements to be confirmed depending on Government advice. The public would be invited, and any recommendations arising from the meetings would be ratified by the authority delegated to the Chairman or Vice Chairman.</p>	

**Meeting finished: 21:00**