

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the electronic Parish Council Meeting held
Wednesday 22nd July 2020 at 7.00pm online at **ZOOM**: <https://zoom.us/join>
DURING COVID 19 EMERGENCY

1.	Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total) – No members of the public present.	
2.	Present: Cllr D. Francis, Cllr D. Rixon, Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr S. Cutforth, Cllr Ms E. Clark, Cllr Mrs S. Stanley, Cllr Mrs K. Howard-Row, Cllr N. Mansfield, Cllr S. Woolfrey. The Clerk was in attendance.	
3.	Apologies for absence: None.	
4.	Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: Cllrs Stanley and Mansfield declared an interest in item 10: 19/05021/FUL.	
5.	Minutes of the Annual Parish Council ‘virtual’ meeting held on 24th June 2020:	
6.	To consider matters arising from the ‘virtual’ meeting 24th June 2020: a. <u>Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20</u> – The AGAR 3 has been sent to the External Auditors and advertised on PC website. b. <u>Condition and drainage of road at Hazon</u> – Cllr Clark provided an update following an on site meeting with NCC Highways Officers and local landowners looking at drainage initially. It now looks unlikely that initial budget of £40K will be enough so this will be revisited. Cllr Clark said she felt the meeting was a good start to tackling the poor road condition. c. <u>Condition of wall at Newton on the Moor</u> – Update from Clerk. Photographs taken and circulated, and an email had been received from a neighbouring resident. Cllr Francis said that it now appeared the matter primarily a neighbour issue with the tree/wall being on private land also that there were other walls in the village which were much worse than this one. Cllr Rixon said there was risk to the Highway and possible criticism of the PC if it didn't refer the matter to NCC. It was agreed that initially, the owners of the tree/wall would be approached by the Chairman/Secretary about the situation.	
7.	Requested agenda items: a. <u>Vyner Park update</u> - Cllr Woolfrey (VPC Chairman) reported that the VPC management team had met on 30th June via ZOOM agreeing the Safeguarding Policy and revised Risk Assessment. The team is looking at providing a water supply for the allotments in the form of a large tank. Annual Play area inspection has been done with no major problems identified. The VPC is looking at re-opening the play area if the current Government Guidance can be complied with. A draft play area risk assessment is being drafted. The Emergency lighting/alarm inspection has been done with some minor works required and last week volunteers planted trees in the park with 10 Oaks to be planted later in the year. It is expected that Nelsons will open on 29th July following installation of a new kitchen and decorative improvements. Bonfire Night was discussed but no decision has yet been made on whether it will take place this year. b. <u>Apportionment of costs for Felton Cemetery</u> – The Cemetery terms of reference say the charge to the PC is for Swarland. NotM residents would therefore pay the higher rate for burials. However, it has come to light the charge to the PC has been on basis of the entire Parish, and some NotM residents have been buried in the Cemetery. The Clerk has asked for details but these have not yet been provided – to be followed up. c. <u>Continuing Problems arising during Coronavirus Emergency eg. flytipping, public rights of way closure</u> – for discussion and decision on action (if any). New	Clerk

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	<p>sign on footpath which was subject of previous discussion. No further action.</p> <p>d. <u>Request for Community Resource A3 Printer and laminator</u> – A local resident has requested that the PC buy this equipment for use by the Vyner Park Charity, Jubilee Hall Cttee, Swarland Show, Swarland Village Hall and other community groups in the Parish. Suitable equipment has been identified @ £100 laminator, £200 for printer and consumables. After some discussion about the continued use of consumables, purchase was agreed. Equipment to be added to Asset Register.</p>	<p align="center">Clerk</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors: None.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a. Clerk’s salary £362.95 Clerks Expenses £ 33.77 Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE = £72.60 Note: correction for errors found during internal audit – repayment of £6.76. Payment to Clerk = £362.95 + £33.77 - £72.60 - £6.76 = £334.44</p> <p>b. Other receipts and payments: i)Receipts: VAT reclaim 2.4.2019 – 31.3.20. £2499.46. ii)Payments: None.</p> <p>c. Account balance as at 16th July 2020 £25,954.68. The above were agreed/noted. Cllr Francis said the National settlement of local government salaries was expected soon and he will speak with Cllr Clark (as PC Deputy Chair) to review Parish Clerk hours/pay level.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. To report on any planning decisions made by NCC:</p> <p>19/00823/FUL - Erection of 1 No. dwellinghouse (C3 use) plus new access - Land South West of Chesterhill Farm, Leamington Lane, Swarland Northumberland. The Parish Council objected to this application for several reasons including safety risks regarding the proposed new access onto Leamington Lane.The application was refused by NCC on 7th November and an Appeal was lodged with the Secretary of State Appeal Ref: APP/P2935/W/19/3241813. Appeal ALLOWED and planning permission granted 9th July 2020.</p> <p>19/01688/FUL - Percy Wood Golf And Country Retreat, Sylvian House, Leamington Lane, Swarland, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9JW - Reconfiguration of existing reception area with a new restaurant and storage facility, splash park, caravan sales area and associated parking. Parish Council objected on basis of appearance of proposed building and problems with disposal of water from splash park. Application GRANTED permission – 24th June 2020</p> <p>20/00163/FUL – Construction of new stables and access from private garden to field. 3 Old Park Road, Swarland, Northumberland. The Parish Council made no objections to this application. Application GRANTED 1st July 2020.</p> <p>20/01279/REM - Reserved matters application relating to 17/03283/OUT seeking approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale - Land East And North East Of 8 Kenmore Road, Swarland NE65 9JS. The Parish Council did not object to this application but suggested white render instead of brick finish. Application GRANTED 30th June 2020.</p> <p>20/01343/PRUTPO - Land Adjacent To Plot 15 Old Park Road, Swarland, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9HJ - Tree Preservation Order: T740 - Ash tree - remove top 2m of tree and removal of remaining vertical stem, T739 - Ash tree - Broken branch at 4m to be removed and 3m to be removed from lower branch and deadwood to be removed where present at 8m, Tree T739a - Lime tree - remove at its base the minor offshoot on north east side of the tree and small Lime tree - partial crown reduction by 1m on north east side of tree. The Parish Council had no objections to this application but raised concerns about possible damage to trees on site. Application APPROVED 16th July 2020.</p>	

b. Applications pending decision by NCC

19/00335/FUL - Construction of No7 New dwellings at land adjacent 3 Nelson Drive Morpeth - 3 Nelson Drive Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JR. The Parish Council objected to this application on several grounds including too high a density and mass of development, no need for additional 4+ bedroomed houses in Swarland, and effects on tree belt.

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.

19/05021/FUL - Proposed new detached dwelling - 5 Kenmore Road, Swarland NE65 9JS. The Parish Council objected to this application for a range of reasons including that there was insufficient room for the development, and that the proposed development is out of keeping with neighbouring properties.

20/00176/OUT - Outline planning permission with all matters reserved, except for access, for the construction of up to 9No residential units - Land South Of Mereburn House, Low Wood, Swarland, Northumberland. The Parish Council objected to this application for a range of reasons including lack of justification of the need for the development, traffic concerns, and highways issues. As at 19/6/20, awaiting decision.

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’s tree to be protected, and for a contribution to the repair of Nelson Drive.

20/00717/FUL – Construction of detached garage - The Old Pheasantry, 5 Home Farm Cottages Swarland NE65 9JH. The Parish Council had no objections.

20/00570/CLEXIS - Certificate of lawful development for existing vehicular access to Pine Lodge off B6345, Pine Lodge, Old Swarland, Swarland, Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9HU. The Parish Council objected to this application on grounds including that it was of the opinion the access was unlawful having only been established in 2019.

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 a etc.

20/01037/OUT - Resubmission Outline permission for the development of 2 dwellings, all matters reserved. Land South Of Bowling Green U3135 Swarland Village Loop Road, Swarland Northumberland. The Parish Council did not object to this application but made several comments including suggestions for improving the appearance of the buildings, and the need to protect trees and shrubs on the site.

c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider.

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.

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 (Restriction to 90 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 Poultry Farm, Atheys Moor, Longframlington, Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 8EG. Comments

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	<p>invited until 10th August 2020.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley said she'd heard a rumour that an application was being submitted to make a new entrance on Studley Drive from land south of the Mere Burn. Clerk said nothing has been received.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Complaints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing Horse awareness signs – reported to NCC 30th November 2019. • Report from NCC officer – green slime on pavement beside Obelisk is slipping hazard – passed to Felton PC 5th December 2019. 19.3.2020 Felton PC advised work completed. • Loose sign at Leamington Lane/The Avenue crossroads. Reported to NCC 15.1.2020. Sign removed. To be replaced. • Leamington Lane drain and manhole outside Swarland Primary school – blockage issues referred to NCC 5.2.2020. Being taken up by NCC/OpenReach. • Worn road markings at NotM reported 10.3.2020. • Broken off directions footpath sign on Footpath No 35 (south end) reported to NCC 10.3.20 and photos sent in to Countryside Officer. • Request for street sign to Old Park Road – referred to NCC 20.3.2020 who have placed order for sign. Temporary sign put in place by Cussins. • Accumulations and smoke problems from land at Old Swarland. Update from NCC, being dealt with by Environment Agency. Cllr Mansfield said plastic seems to be being burned on site. Cllr Cutforth said smoke was visible now (19.49). • Condition of wall & tree in Newton on the Moor. • Maintenance of verge in Coast View – agreed to just leave this. Clerk has advised NCC of this and raised again issue of overgrown tree in footpath south of The Square. Cllr Anderson said he'd checked this and light output from streetlight LED is substantially reduced by tree so it needs attention. • Complaint about noise from Percy Wood has just been received. Cllr Stanley has sent email to management and spoken with them. Acoustic guitar and microphone from single performer 6.30- 8.30. Not breaching premises licence. Event will be once every two weeks. Cllrs agreed to wait to see if other complaints came in. Cllr Stanley will ask for a formal response from Percy Wood which can be passed to the complainant. 	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Further email correspondence regarding footpath obstruction issue. Query from local resident about recent appeal decision 19/00823/FUL. Email from resident about condition of wall & tree in Newton on the Moor. Letters in support/against planning application 19/05021/FUL. NCC Northumberland Local Plan – Consultation on additional evidence until 7th September 2020. Northumbria Police – Police Engagement Van to be outside Jubilee Hall Thursday 23rd July 3-4pm to give advice etc.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>Requests for Next Agenda: None.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>Urgent items:</p>	

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	<p>a.Sign outside 4 NotM. Cllr Rixon said this has been broken off. The problem has been reported to NCC who have removed old sign.</p> <p>b.Speed monitoring strips have been installed on the road leading from NotM to A1. Clerk to ask NCC if they have any information on this.</p> <p>c.Column Item - Cllr Francis said that item for the Column is due, and he suggested including an invitation for ideas for the Local Transport Plan 2021/22 from residents even though the formal request from NCC has not been received yet.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting: 26/8/2020 SVH, 23/9/2020 JH, 28/10/2020 SVH</p>	

Meeting finished at: 20.04.