

# NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the electronic Parish Council Meeting held  
**Wednesday 23rd September 2020** at 7.00pm online via **ZOOM**: <https://zoom.us/join>  
**DURING COVID 19 EMERGENCY**

1.	<b>Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total)</b> – No members of the public present.	
2.	<b>Present:</b> Cllr D. Francis (Chair) Cllr Ms E. Clark, Cllr D. Rixon, Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr S. Cutforth, Cllr Mrs S. Stanley, Cllr Mrs K. Howard-Row, Cllr N. Mansfield, Cllr S. Woolfrey. 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 ‘virtual’ meeting held on 26th August 2020:</b> These were agreed.	
6.	<p><b>To consider matters arising from the ‘virtual’ meeting 26th August 2020:</b></p> <p>a. <u>Condition of wall at Newton on the Moor</u> – Supplementary email received from wall owner. Repointing of the wall had been satisfactorily completed. Subject to NCC consent, a tree surgeon would be undertaking crown lifting, and had confirmed that the roots had probably not affected the wall.</p> <p>b. <u>Annual Parish Council external audit</u> – Issues raised by external auditor around reporting of funds in 2018/19 held by the PC on behalf of the Vyner Park Charity for which it is sole Trustee. AGAR has been amended and sent to Auditor and hopefully issues resolved.</p> <p>c. <u>Speed monitoring strips north of NotM</u> – NCC has confirmed monitoring was not done by them. Clerk to check with Highways England/A-one+.</p> <p>d. <u>Road Safety Issues around A1 Guyzance turnoff</u> – Cllr Clark said she had spoken with Highways England’s Improvement Asset Manager who is aware of the safety concerns at this junction. Possibility of a bridge over A1 has been ruled out due to cost but they are looking at a smaller scheme in the vicinity but no funding has been secured yet and this project could take several years. Cllr Clark said she will contact next year to see if there has been any progress, The Clerk had been in touch with the Coroner’s Office about the possibility of an inquiry into the death of a motorist on northbound near NotM junction on the A1. No inquiry to take place as there has been a court case. Quote from Judge summing up said that signage was adequate. Signage improvements therefore unlikely to be implemented. Cllr Clark said she would ask contact in Highways England about the NotM junction.</p> <p>e. <u>Complaint about noise, rubbish storage &amp; hot tub water disposal issues at Percy Wood</u> – Update. Letters sent recently to Percy Wood Management about noise (complaints received by Cllr Woolfrey), and about lack of hot tub drainage, and overflowing refuse areas. A brief holding response has been received about the hot tub/refuse issues but there is a need for more detailed response from PW management. Clerk and Cllr Stanley to pursue.</p> <p>f. <u>Update on Old Park Road and footpath, Swarland.</u> – NCC’s Highways Development Management Officer has advised the extent of the road resurfacing and extension to the footpath has been agreed with NCC and it is hoped the works will be done before the end of the year.</p> <p>g. <u>Grants from Cllr Thorne for Interactive Speed monitoring sign and other speed control works.</u> – The Clerk has checked with the Grants officer at NCC and there may be problems in providing funding in current year, and a question over whether sign still needed at Swarland. Clerk to continue to pursue this.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Clark</p> <p>Clerk/ Cllr Stanley</p>

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<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Requested agenda items:</b></p> <p>a. <u>Vyner Park update</u> (Cllr Woolfrey) – VP Management Team volunteers are to do repairs to reinstate north gate shortly, and a donated seat is to go in the dog run area. The play area is being extremely well used and Nelson’s is operating successfully since reopening. The Management Team is waiting for Nelson’s 2019/20 accounts before holding the annual review meeting. This will inform the next VPC meeting which is going to be the AGM.</p> <p>Trees were planted in the summer which are doing well, and some oaks are to go in later in the autumn. Bonfire Night has been cancelled in view of Government advice on social distancing. Cllr Cutforth said the signs on the fence were unreadable and needed changing – Cllr Stanley said she will redo. Cllr Stanley said she had had a call about the NEED bus being parked in the VP car park. This has been resolved and it is now being parked in the car park beside SVH.</p> <p>b. <u>PC Website Accessibility Statement</u> - (Appendix A) – Cllr Clark had drafted the statement based on official guidance. Cllr Anderson suggested adding a link in for the EASS. The statement was agreed and will be added to PC website.</p> <p>c. <u>Forest Management Consultation</u> – Response requested by Forestry Commission by 13th October 2020. This was discussed and issues raised such as there being no exchange of information, difficulties in contacting Forestry Commission, PC not being made aware of forestry plans for the area, no named individual for contact etc. Cllr Stanley will read the document and draft response.</p> <p>d. <u>Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2020 arrangements</u>. Currently plans are uncertain in view of the Coronavirus emergency. Cllr Anderson said that the Cemetery Committee Clerk was seeking advice. PC Clerk to contact Shilbottle vicar about NotM service. It was agreed to purchase two wreaths as usual, total cost £60.00.</p> <p>e. <u>Apportionment of costs for Felton Cemetery</u> – It has been confirmed that eight NotM residents have been interred at the cemetery since 2002 and that the discounted rate was applied. It was agreed that the PC wished the apportionment arrangements to continue to be applied to the whole parish. The Cemetery Clerk will need to be advised that the Cemetery terms of reference should be amended to formalise this arrangement.</p> <p>f. <u>Local Transport Plan</u> – Request for PC three priorities 2021/22. This item had been initially discussed at the August meeting. Further discussion took place;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Improvements to the road in Hazon are in the 20/21 LTP but have been put back to February 2021 and now need additional funding. In view of uncertainty, it was agreed to make this one of the PC’s LTP priorities, with a ‘reserve’ in case the works are completed in the current year.</li> <li>II. Bus stops on the A1 both at Newton on the Moor (bridleway crossing the A1) and at Rasherap (byway).</li> <li>III. Footpath along the east end of Leamington Lane in view of the increased numbers of visitors using the Percy Wood caravan site, and proposed bus stops.</li> <li>IV. (Reserve) Resurface Nelson Drive and Kenmore Road to a drivable standard. LTP submission to include more explanation of the PC’s case for these works.</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Stanley</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors:</b> None.</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>a. Clerk’s salary £362.95 Clerks Expenses £ 10.69          Payment to HM Revenues &amp; Customs PAYE = £72.60</p>	

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	<p align="right">Payment to Clerk = £362.95 + £10.69 - £72.60 = £301.04</p> <p><b>b. Other receipts and payments:</b></p> <p>i) Receipts: NCC precept (50%) £11,350.</p> <p>ii) Payments: Transfer of NCC grant to Vyner Park Charity for outdoor gym. £2000</p> <p><b>c. Account balance as at 15th September 2020</b> £36,288.56</p> <p>All the above were agreed/noted.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>a. To report on any planning decisions made by NCC:</b></p> <p><b>19/00335/FUL</b> - 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. This application was withdrawn by the applicant on 1st September 2020.</p> <p><b>20/00570/CLEXIS</b> - 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. Application REFUSED 30th July 2020.</p> <p><b>20/01037/OUT</b> - 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. Application GRANTED 15th September 2020.</p> <p><b>b. Applications pending decision by NCC</b></p> <p><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 – 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.</p> <p><b>19/05021/FUL</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>20/01079/FUL</b> – 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.</p> <p><b>20/00717/FUL</b> – Construction of detached garage - The Old Pheasantry, 5 Home Farm Cottages Swarland NE65 9JH. The Parish Council had no objections.</p> <p><b>20/01191/REM</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>20/02082/VARYCO</b> – 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</p>	

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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. Comments invited until 21st August 2020.

**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.

**20/00176/OUT** - Outline planning permission with all matters reserved, except for access, for the construction of up to 9 No 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. Application still undecided as at 18th Sept 2020.

**20/01963/PRUTPO** - Tree Preservation Order: works to 1 no. Sycamore tree to cut back 3 no. branches to the trunk. 1 Ferny Bank Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9BB. Parish Council objected because of lack of information provided.

**20/02390/TREECA** – Works to Trees In A Conservation Area : Ash (T1) - Retrenchment pruning and removal of several lower limbs resulting in an overall 20% reduction in crown height and spread. 21 Newton on the Moor, Morpeth, Northumberland. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

**20/02399/FUL** - Garage and garden room extension, enclosure of porch with windows and door. 1 The Old Tweed Mill Swarland NE65 9LX. The Parish Council had no objections to this application

**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.

**20/02455/FUL** 8 Old Park Road, Swarland, Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 9HJ. Proposed single storey rear sunroom extension. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

**20/02508/FUL** - Pine Lodge, Old Swarland, Swarland, NE65 9HU. Proposed single storey side extension. The Parish Council supported this application.

### **c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider.**

**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. Comments are invited until 29th September 2020.

Draft response is needed on this application on the basis of the comments already circulated. Cllrs Howard-Row and Cutforth asked for their objections (on the basis of noise and mess) to this application to be minuted.

**20/02525/DISCON** - Land South Of Mereburn House Low Wood Swarland Northumberland. Discharge of Condition 6 (Highways) relating to planning permission 16/04129/OUT.

Cllr Rixon expressed his concern over Developers running roughshod over the PC. Cllrs were alarmed in connection with **20/02525/DISCON** that works had started before the application has been decided. There were also problems with

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	<p>the development at Old Park Road with occupation of the site before the road had been resurfaced. Cllr Rixon had been speaking to County Cllr Glen Sanderson who had asked for more detail. The Parish Council had written to the Director of Planning to ask for the development to be stopped pending the situation being resolved on the culvert issue which is distressing to residents and likely to lead to flooding potentially of several properties. NCC has apparently accepted Cussins' findings on flooding despite evidence of photos. The following actions were agreed;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Cllr Woolfrey and Stanley to draft objection to 20/02525/DISCON for circulation, and aim to upload to Planning Portal by noon 24.9.20.</li> <li>ii. Send copy of email sent to Director of Planning (to cease development) to County Cllr Sanderson including summary of situation provided by residents.</li> <li>iii. Letter to County Cllr Sanderson about PC concerns on developers running roughshod over PC, including Old Park Road development and the land south of Mereburn House development.</li> </ol> <p>It was also suggested that residents should also be encouraged to write.</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Complaints:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missing Horse awareness signs – reported to NCC 30th November 2019.</li> <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>• Worn road markings at NotM reported 10.3.2020.</li> <li>• Broken off directions footpath sign on Footpath No 35 (south end) reported to NCC 10.3.20 and photos sent in to Countryside Officer.</li> <li>• Accumulations and smoke problems from land at Old Swarland.</li> <li>• Overgrown Hawthorn bush Park Road, Swarland</li> <li>• Overgrown hedge to west of NotM. Sides now trimmed and top to be cut in October.</li> <li>• Need for weedspray to footpath to south of The Square, Swarland.</li> <li>• Noise from music event at Percy Wood.</li> <li>• Anti dog fouling signs needed The Square, Swarland.</li> <li>• Spacing of bollards on A1 during verge works.</li> </ul> <p>A complaint had been received 23rd Sept about noise from construction works in Admiral Close, and non response from NCC regarding this complaint. Email (from 10.6.20) to be re-forwarded to NCC asking for a response to be made. PC could ask for noisy working conditions to be applied when applications are submitted but not likely to be necessary for single dwellings. Cllr Stanley to reply to the complainant.</p>	<p align="center">Clerk</p>
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>FOI request regarding current planning application in Swarland – Response sent.</p> <p>Emails concerning objections to approved planning application <b>20/00176/OUT</b>.</p> <p>Community Police van – Jubilee Hall 10.00-11.30 Thursday 15th October 2020.</p> <p>NCC Northumberland Local Plan: Notification of Phase 2 Examination Hearings Oct/Nov.</p> <p>Street naming consultation Swarland.</p> <p>Definitive map Modification Order (13 &amp; 16 ) 2019.- Cllr Clark said she had met with NCC Officer from Highways on site and as a result the path has been cleared to give access to horse riders and pedestrians and it is beginning to be used. Cllrs felt this was a good result.</p>	
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b>Requests for Next Agenda:</b></p> <p>a.PC budget – Finance group will need to confer to inform October or November meeting. Item to go in next Column asking if public have</p>	

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	suggestions.	
<b>14.</b>	<b>Urgent items:</b> a. Cllr Francis said that Longframlington all weather sports court was closed and suggested that Longframlington PC might find the risk assessment prepared by the Vyner Park Management team to be useful. Cllr Woolfrey agreed to this.	
<b>15.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> 28/10/2020, 25/11/2020, No meeting Dec. Venues/meeting arrangements to be confirmed depending on Government advice.	

**Meeting finished at: 20.40**