

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
on **Wednesday 26th February 2020 in Swarland Village Hall.**

1.	<p>Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total); a. Speeding in NotM – A resident expressed her continued concern at speeding in NotM. Has received copy of speed monitoring carried out by NCC in late 2019 which says speed are not excessive but has experienced recent accident caused by speeding large vehicle where she was thrown off her horse. Speed monitoring statistics don't record size of vehicles. (See also 6a below for PC response). b. Bottles being dumped along old A1 – A resident expressed dismay at the number of whisky bottles being dumped along the old A1 road between NotM and Newton Hall entrance, also tyres dumped. The Chairman said the PC was aware of this issue, and animal entrails have also been noticed, and a deer carcass with one leg removed suggesting poachers operating in the area. The dumped bottles may be linked to this issue and the matter has been reported to the Police.</p>	
2.	<p>Present: Cllr D. Francis, Cllr D. Rixon, Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr Mrs S. Stanley, Cllr Mrs K. Howard-Row, Cllr S. Cutforth and Cllr S. Woolfrey. The Clerk was in attendance.</p>	
3.	<p>Apologies for absence and consent for absence - Cllr Ms E. Clark.</p>	
4.	<p>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None.</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2020 – The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.</p>	
6.	<p>To consider matters arising from the meeting on 22nd January 2020. a. Highways Issues : Updates on speed monitoring in Newton on the Moor and Swarland, (Clerk), condition of road at Hazon (Cllr Clark), Water on the road by Quarry House, Newton on the Moor update (Clerk). Clerk has circulated the data received from NCC but there has been no response to the request for additional speed monitoring to be carried out. The principal Programme Officer in NCC Highways has however offered to meet on site to discuss options that are available. Clerk to arrange. Cllr Rixon added that 'Give Way' markings are not being abided by , and the road markings need to be repainted as promised by NCC some time ago. The water on the road problem continues opposite Quarry House. Clerk has not had a response to email to NCC Flooding. Complaint to be escalated via a formal letter including recent photos. b. Condition of the north end of Kenmore Road, Swarland (unadopted) – Update from Clerk. Following receipt of plans from Land Registry, a meeting (with Chairman & Clerk) was held with Stephen Rickitt, NALC's Chief Officer; Options for improving the estate roads in Swarland are limited to the following in Mr Rickitt's opinion; - Keep putting matter on PC Local Transport Plan priorities. - Get conveyancing information for land and building transfer as this may be of benefit to the community if property is transferred to the PC. - cost of works could be shared by the frontagers (owners of properties fronting onto the roads in question). The Clerk said that other options such as duty of care or public health nuisance are non-starters. The Chairman said that documents had been found that said</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>

	<p>NCC intended to bring some of the roads at least up to standard which might be useful.</p> <p>19.26 – At this point Cllr Mansfield joined the meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would contact NCC for the conveyancing information.</p> <p>c. <u>Grade II Listed animal shelters at Percy Wood</u> – Cllr Stanley said workers have been seen on site but progress continues to be piecemeal. She has been in touch with NCC Conservation Officer who said he will visit. Item to be left off agendas unless progress to report.</p> <p>d. <u>Superfast Broadband in Hazon & other areas in NotM.</u>– Update from Cllr Clark. To next meeting in absence of Cllr Clark.</p> <p>e. <u>Complaint to NCC about lack of enforcement action regarding Cussins development application 18/02250/FUL</u> – Cllr Francis hadn't spoken to Mr Murfin as yet and asked the Clerk to send him copies of the letter that had been sent to NCC on this issue.</p> <p>f. <u>Defibrillators</u> – Clerk said Listed Building Consent application was submitted and NCC came back for extra justification that defib had to go on Jubilee Hall wall. Cost of reconnecting electricity to telephone kiosk as alternative location was just under £3000 so not a viable option. Then NCC came back again for information on exact drill holes for installation. Defibrillator & case have been delivered and training of guardians done. Waiting for formal consent from NCC.</p> <p>g. <u>Continuing water problems at the school crossroads</u> – Clerk had referred this to NCC and been advised of site meeting to discuss. No further information has been received.</p> <p>h. <u>Condition of squirrel rope bridges on The Avenue in Swarland</u> - Update and decision on way forward. Issue had been researched and found that ropes were put up by local squirrel group. It is therefore up to owners of the relevant trees if they wish to remove ropes , not the PC. Clerk to advise resident who raised issue.</p> <p>i. <u>Horse Trough opposite Quarry House NotM</u> – Update following advice from NCC Archaeology team. Discussion on future of horse trough and decision on way forward. Archaeology Team had suggested leaving trough in situ and referring to Highways to take care over its care. It was agreed to follow this recommendation. Clerk to action.</p> <p>j. <u>Proposal to ask for voluntary contributions towards the Parish precept from owners of zero rated holiday house businesses</u> – Update from Clerk. NCC had provided information that occupants of 13 caravans pay Council Tax. It was agreed that letter should be sent to owners of small holiday cottage businesses in receipt of discretionary rate relief asking for a donation of £50.</p> <p>k. <u>Parish Litter Pick – Sunday 15th March 2020</u> - Meet 10.00 am The Square, Swarland – Item for information only. Information about litter pick has been put on posters around parish. Cllr Rixon mentioned that litter had been a problem after refuse collection in NotM. Cllrs to monitor next bin day. Cllr Stanley had noticed high levels of litter had been noticed on the A1 verges – Letter to go to NCC.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Requested agenda items:</p> <p>a. <u>Vyner Park update</u> - Cllr Woolfrey thanked the PC for its contribution in 20/21 of £7000 to maintenance of the Vyner Park. Money from other sources such as grants and donations will go towards funding VPC projects. Car park works are mainly complete with some remedial grassing to be done when the weather improves. Cllr Woolfrey thanked Andy Ferguson for leading the project, and also</p>	

	<p>for arranging repair of some of the paths. There are continued sewerage problems in the park which is being taken up with Northumbrian Water, and a meeting will be taking place with NW shortly. County Cllr Thorne has provided grant for outside gym of £2000. Further funding is needed and the Secretary has submitted a grant application to Sport England. Various maintenance issues continue and 50 trees are to go in but at present the ground is too wet. Moss on the tennis courts is just about removed and a new roof is planned for the container. Next Meeting of the VPC Management Team is on 13th May and this will be the AGM.</p> <p>b. <u>NALC Anti Social Behaviour and Petty Crime Survey 2019</u> – For discussion and response to NALC by 31st March 2020. Went through the questionnaire and answered questions – Clerk to submit.</p> <p>c. <u>Request from local resident for dog bin in lane to west of NotM</u> – For update on dog fouling complaint made to last PC meeting, and for discussion and decision on way forward on this latest request. Clerk has received signs from NCC and local resident is helping to put them up. After discussion it was agreed not to pursue getting additional litter/dog bin.</p> <p>d. <u>NCC Consultation on Public Spaces Protection Orders regarding alcohol consumption in designated public spaces.</u> For discussion and response (if any). Consultation open until 2nd March 2020. This was noted.</p> <p>e. <u>Minor amendments to planning applications that PC not normally consulted on</u>– Discussion and decision on the way the PC will deal with these. Clerk has checked with planning and these notifications can't be notified to the PC automatically. After discussion it was agreed that if there was an application that was sensitive, the Clerk would be alerted to keep an eye on situation/any minor applications submitted.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors: Cllr Francis, Stanley, Rixon and Cutforth had attended the presentation given by NCC Head of Planning , Rob Murfin in Felton on 24th Feb. Cllr Francis said the presentation had been ambitious and at a high level but there was disappointment that issues such as enforcement – of special interest to the PC - hadn't been covered. Cllr Rixon said that the PC should be asking for vehicle charging points to be installed when planning applications are being commented upon which was supported by Cllrs.</p> <p>With regard to pre-app advice, Mr Murfin has said there were some circumstances when confidentiality was needed but that he recognised that any pre-app advice given has to be part of the planning decision process and will ensure that if an application is made, any pre-app advice that has been given will then be made available via the planning portal.</p> <p>The Clerk said that Mr Murfin has offered to visit the PC to do a talk but Cllr Francis said he thought this would swamp any PC meeting and thought it might work best as a separate meeting. However this might be a possibility depending on the information that is sent out after the Felton presentation, and after Cllr Francis has spoken to Mr Murfin about enforcement issues.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a. Clerk's salary £362.95 Clerks Expenses £33.29 Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE = £72.60 Payment to Clerk = £362.95 + £33.29 - £72.60 = £323.64</p> <p>b. Other receipts and payments:</p>	

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	<p>i)Receipts: None.</p> <p>ii)Payments:-Thomas Sherriff & Co Ltd Ride on mower service £122.07 (Inc VAT) from Vyner Park funds held by the PC. Repayment to Andy Ferguson for purchase of heater and heater guard for Vyner Park £275.3 (Inc VAT) from Vyner Park funds held by the PC.</p> <p>c. Account balance as at 19th February 2020 - £20,537.74</p> <p>d. Request for grant from the Bailiffgate Museum - £50 agreed. Request for a donation from the Morpeth Gathering Committee – No. Request for a donation from Alnwick Playhouse - £50 agreed. All the above were agreed except the donation to the Morpeth gathering.</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 NVV on 7th November and an Appeal was lodged with the Secretary of State Appeal Ref: APP/P2935/W/19/3241813.</p> <p>18/02250/FUL - Discharge of condition 24 (SuDS Management) on approved planning application. Land Parcels South West Of Lisleswood Old Park Road Swarland Northumberland. Permitted 21st January 2020. (NB: This was a ‘minor’ application and the PC were not consulted).</p> <p>19/04182/FELTPO – Tree Preservation Order application to fell 2 No Oak trees (4&5) and cut branches of 1No Oak (6) back to the trunk to prevent severe leaning toward neighbouring property. 1 Old Park Road, Swarland. Additional information has been provided since application originally made. PERMITTED 10.2.2020.</p> <p>b. Applications pending decision by NCC</p> <p>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.</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.</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 – 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>19/04773/LBC – Attachment of defibrillator to exterior front of building, to short east facing wall beside main entrance. Addition of associated wiring – Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor, NE65 9JY. Comments invited until 30th December 2019. NCC requested additional justification of location of equipment.</p> <p>19/05021/FUL - Proposed new detached dwelling - 5 Kenmore Road Swarland NE65 9JS The Parish Council objected to this application for a variety of reasons, including lack of space, and the design being out of keeping with neighbouring properties.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>20/00369/FUL - Construction of 2no. bungalows and 1no. detached garage - Land To The Rear Of 2 Kenmore Road Swarland Morpeth Northumberland. Comments invited until 6th March 2020.</p> <p>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider</p> <p>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. Comments invited until 28th February 2020.</p> <p>20/00183/NONMAT - Non material amendment (alter the windows to the dormas on the front (South) elevation by removing 1 of the existing windows and repositioning the remain 3 windows) on approved planning application 19/04270/FUL - 11 Newton-On-The-Moor Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JY (Note: Not a statutory notification as a 'non-material' change).</p> <p>20/00163/FUL – Construction of new stables and access from private garden to field. 3 Old Park Road, Swarland, Northumberland. Comments invited until 5th March 2020.</p> <p>20/00036/FUL - Retrospective: Change outhouse to a living area with a pitched roof - 8 The Avenue Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JL. Comments invited until 9th March 2020.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Complaints:</p> <p>Report from Local Resident of unconverted (to LED) street light, Swarland No 79NE– reported to NCC 19th September 2019. Design works are pending. Park Road, Swarland – road edge crumbled at 'Slow' sign. Reported to NCC 19.10.2019.Repaired 23.1.2020.</p> <p>Water on road opposite Quarry House, NotM from old spring/obstructed ditch – reported to NCC 4th November 2019. Ditch cleared but some residual problems, further help sought from NCC.</p> <p>Lane behind The Square obstructed by overhanging/overgrown tree – reported to NCC 24th November 2019.</p> <p>Missing Horse awareness signs – reported to NCC 30th November 2019.</p> <p>Report from NCC officer – green slime on pavement beside Obelisk is slipping hazard – passed to Felton PC 5th December 2019.</p> <p>Broken litter bin lid at Vyner Park – PC responsibility to repair. Repaired by Cllr Anderson 23.1.2020.</p> <p>Loose sign at Leamington Lane/The Avenue crossroads. Reported to NCC 15.1.2020.</p> <p>Right hand turn sign broken off in NotM (beside Ash Cottage) reported to NCC 23.1.2020. Chased up with NCC Area Highways Manager 19.2.2020.</p> <p>Complaint about speeding though Notm received 26.1.2020.</p> <p>Leamington Lane drain and manhole outside Swarland Primary school – blockage issues referred to NCC 5.2.2020.</p> <p>Squirrel ropes across The Avenue, Swarland fraying with risk to traffic.</p> <p>Request from NotM resident for additional dog waste bin in village. On PC agenda 26.2.2020.</p> <p>Complaint from residents (repeated) defective streetlight on corner of The Avenue/Kenmore Road , Swarland – No. 11NE – (originally reported to NCC 18th October 2019 & Repaired 30th November 2019). Reported again 10.2.2020.</p> <p>Additional complaints since issue of agenda:</p> <p>Broken off oak finger sign at Vyner Park – found not to be NCC – VPC to repair.</p> <p>Potholes opposite Quarry House, NotM – reported to NCC.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Visitor guide 2020 and request for grant from Bailiffgate Museum.</p>	

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	<p>NCC Public Protection - Public Spaces Protection Order for the Control of Dogs came into force 30 January 2020. Request from Swarland resident for diagram of new Swarland village envelope – supplied. Email from resident about the road condition of Kenmore Road, Swarland. Speak Up 2020 - Healthwatch Annual Survey – events until 27th March 2020. Northumbria Police – Update on incidents/crimes in the Parish.</p>	
13.	Requests for Next Agenda:	
14.	<p>Urgent items; a.Planning complaint letter has been received which is being attended to.</p>	
15.	Date of Next Meeting – 25/3/2020 JH, 22/4/2020 SVH, 27/5/2020 JH.	

Meeting finished at: 20.33