

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the electronic Parish Council Meeting held
Wednesday 26th August 2020 at 7.00pm online via **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 Ms E. Clark (Chair), 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.	Apologies for absence: Cllr D. Francis.	
4.	Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: Cllrs Stanley and Mansfield declared an interest in item 10: 19/05021/FUL. Cllr Rixon declared an interest in item 10: 20/02390/TREECA Cllr Woolfrey declared an interest in item 10: 20/02437/REM	
5.	Minutes of the ‘virtual’ meeting held on 22nd July 2020: These were agreed.	
6.	To consider matters arising from the ‘virtual’ meeting 22nd July 2020: a. <u>Condition of wall at Newton on the Moor</u> – An advisory email has been sent to the residents which they have acknowledged. 19.10 Councillor Mansfield joined the meeting. b. <u>Annual Parish Council external audit</u> – Several questions have been raised by the external auditors mainly regarding the figures for 2018/19. A draft response is being prepared for Cllr Francis to review/check. c. <u>Speed monitoring strips north of NotM</u> – No response as yet from NCC.	
7.	Requested agenda items: a. <u>Vyner Park update</u> (Cllr Woolfrey) Play park and Nelson’s opened on 29th July. The annual Bonfire night event has been reluctantly cancelled due to social distancing concerns and an announcement will go in The Column. Sponsors have been informed and Volunteers will be advised. People (not locals) have been caught allowing their dogs on the football field and were asked to clear up after their dogs fouled the area. Nelsons review meeting is due in September and Cllr Rixon would be asked to chair the meeting. b. <u>Apportionment of costs for Felton Cemetery</u> – Clarification of current arrangements for cost apportionment, discussion and decision on way forward. The Clerk had been unable to get details on NotM parishioners who had been interred at the Cemetery. Cllr Anderson was unaware of the date of the next Cemetery Cttee meeting. Clerk to write again for the information. c. <u>Road Safety Issues around A1 Guyzance turnoff</u> (Cllr Clark) –. Cllr Clark said road safety concerns had been raised by a resident at Hazon. Cllr Clark has looked at accident statistics and written to the Highways Agency to see if they have any plans to look at safety but has had no response. Cllr Woolfrey was aware of a complaint on this issue that was raised by a local resident. Outcome of inquest into death in 2017 would also be relevant, also as part of planned A1 duelling, junctions may be looked at. Cllr Stanley pointed out that this junction is in effect a crossroads and there is poor visibility. Cllr Rixon said he spoke to Highways Agency officer about 12 months ago who said the long term plan is to put a flyover at this point but couldn’t see this happening until the A1 is duelled, and is likely to mean closure of the Swarland and Newton on the Moor junctions. Cllr Clark to get contact details from Cllr Rixon. Possible item to go in The Column.	Clerk

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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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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'd 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.

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	<p>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.</p> <p>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. This application was GRANTED 26th August. Cllrs were unhappy with this decision from NCC.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 (Current Restriction is 120 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 (revised description 05.08.2020). Poultry Farm, Atheys Moor, Longframlington, Morpeth. Comments invited until 21st August 2020.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>20/01963/PRUTPO - Tree Preservation Order: works to 1no. Sycamore tree to cut back 3no. branches to the trunk. 1 Ferny Bank Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9BB. Parish Council objected because of lack of information provided.</p> <p>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider.</p> <p>20/023399/FUL - Garage and garden room extension, enclosure of porch with windows and door.1 The Old Tweed Mill Swarland NE65 9LX. Comments invited until 2nd September 2020.</p> <p>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. Comments invited until 4th September 2020.</p> <p>20/02455/FUL 8 Old Park Road Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9HJ. Proposed single storey rear sunroom extension. Comments invited until 10th September 2020.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Complaints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing Horse awareness signs – reported to NCC 30th November 2019. • 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. This needs to be chased up. • Broken off directions footpath sign on Footpath No 35 (south end) reported to NCC 10.3.20 and photos sent in to Countryside Officer. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for street sign to Old Park Road – referred to NCC 20.3.2020. Works completed 31.7.20. • Accumulations and smoke problems from land at Old Swarland. • Condition of wall & tree in Newton on the Moor • Overgrown Hawthorn bush Park Road, Swarland • Overgrown hedge to west of NotM – Sides have been cut by owner. Top to be cut in October. • Need for weedspray to footpath to south of The Square, Swarland. 	Clerk
12.	<p>Correspondence: Email from resident objecting to naming of Kenmore Drive. Email from resident about impending planning application in Swarland. Email from resident objecting to current planning application 20/01191/REM in Swarland. Further email from resident on footpath obstruction issues. FOI request regarding current planning application 19/05021/FUL in Swarland. Consultation on proposal for new road ‘Badger Lane’. Information about Local Plan Hearing A1 Duelling Broadband improvement – Information circulated by Cllr Rixon about grants for improving connectivity as levels drop markedly in NotM at times. Item to go in next Column.</p>	
13.	<p>Requests for Next Agenda: a.Website accessibility Statement (Cllr Clark).</p>	
14.	<p>Urgent items: a.It had been noted that household(s) on the new Cussins estate had been gaining access direct into Vyner Park. Did the PC agree to this? This was briefly discussed and the PC did not agree with access being gained like this.</p>	
15.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: 23/9/2020 JH, 28/10/2020 SVH, 25/11/2020 JH, No meeting Dec. Venues/Meeting arrangements to be confirmed subject to Government advice.</p>	

Meeting finished at: 20.15