

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7pm on
Wednesday 28th October 2015 in the Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor.

		Action
1.	<p>Public questions and Reports (including Police Updates) (Max 15 minutes in total) Including Northumbria Police Coquetdale community message.</p> <p>a.Update on Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Professor Andrew Gray who is an elected public governor for the Berwick Constituency on the Governing Council of the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (and who also lived in NotM) gave an update on the Trust & answered a wide range of questions. Any members of the public can join the Trust as a member and vote for Governors and Chair of the Trust. Despite NHS facing extreme challenges, the service in Northumberland is one of the best performing trusts in the country. It is the only trust in the north east which is 'in the black' so he feels its well managed. The new hospital is open in Cramlington for dealing with accidents. It's fully staffed with consultants 24/7 and aims to deal with patients so they don't need to be admitted overnight. Alnwick Infirmary is still open for minor injuries. Cllrs raised concerns over parking charges at Hospitals and highlighted free parking at the new Emergency Care Unit, Cramlington was good practice. Professor Gray promised to feedback concerns to Trust. If anyone wants to have a say – get in touch with Professor Gray by email on profandrewgray@btinternet.com.</p> <p>b.Planning Application 15/03254/FUL - 14 Kenmore Road Swarland, NE65 9JS Cllr Ryan referred to the above planning application currently submitted to NCC. The closing date for comments has bn extended for the PC to 3rd November. A number of issues have been raised by the public and Parish Cllrs. Cllr Ryan said that he would investigate the situation and report back in writing and verbally to the next PC meeting. In consequence questions on the planning process would not be answered at today's meeting. He asked the Clerk not to respond to any further questions but to forward queries to Cllr Ryan and these would be covered in his report. Any questions to be sent to the Clerk by 7/11/15.</p> <p>c. Ken Walters – with reference to planning questions asked of NCC back in February 2015, Mr Walters had recently been sent a response to his questions by the Clerk, and asked if these had also been sent to Parish Councillors as he would be interested in Cllrs responses. Clerk to pull information together and send to Cllrs.</p> <p>d. Ken Walters – With regard to the NCC Core Strategy currently out for consultation, Mr Walters said he hoped the PC would be making a contribution to this process. Cllrs discussed the form that consultation in Parish could take. In public meeting/drop in session but it was felt there was insufficient time for this (consultation finishes on 25/11/15). Comments to be made to Clerk by email.</p> <p>e. Mrs Vaggs – commented that she thought NCC planning strategy was currently very confusing eg. One recent plan referred to Alnwick District Plan H2 which she thought was now defunct.</p> <p>f. Mrs Vaggs – Had recently met with Northumberland MP and asked why she hadn't visited our Parish. The MP said she tried to visit larger settlements and seemed unaware of the 500 units at Percy Wood Caravan Park.</p> <p>g. Mrs Vaggs – RE: Planning application 15/02656/FUL she had checked with NCC and road apparently included in application (U13135) is owned by NCC.</p> <p>h. Mrs Vaggs – Queried presence of advertising sign at The Avenue/Leamington Lane crossroads – The Clerk had already forwarded details to NCC Planning enforcement for its removal.</p> <p>i. Mr Rixon – RE: Superfast Broadband. Referred to recent enabling of Hampeth at the end of September. Mr Rixon has spoken to PlusNet (part of BT group) and they said nothing was planned for NotM until late 2017. He felt PC was being fobbed off. Clerk responded that John Cooper at NCC in Northumberland had definitely said that works were programmed in current contract and she felt there was no reason to doubt this. It was suggested that John Cooper be asked to next PC meeting. Mr Walters agreed with Mr Rixons stance that the Parish was not being listened to by different organisations, and felt it was necessary to have Press involvement to achieve things.</p> <p>j.Lack of attention - Following lengthy discussions and concerns being raised from both Cllrs and the public, particularly around the lack attention being given by public bodies to NotM and Swarland issues, it was agreed that the next PC meeting should focus on public concerns with an extended period being given for the public to raise and discuss any issues</p>	<p></p> <p>Cllr Ryan</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p></p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	they wished. Agreed that MP, Cllr Trevor Thorne and John Cooper be invited.	
2.	Present - Cllr Mrs S. Richardson, Cllr B. Ryan (Chair), Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr R. Brotherton, Cllr Ms S. Spurling, Cllr Mrs E. Sells, Cllrs Mrs S. Richardson, Cllr C. Heal. The Clerk was in attendance.	
3.	Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllrs Francis, Mrs Stanley, Cunningham, and Mansfield.	
4.	Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda Cllr Brotherton declared an interest in item 9a 15/02773/FUL Cllr Ryan declared an interest in item 9b 15/03165/VARYCO	
5.	To consider matters arising from the meeting on 23rd September 2015 a.Update on Superfast Broadband. – already covered during public question time. b.Review of Parish Boundary – Clerk advised responses received from all but Shilbottle PC. Information to be passed to Cllr Francis. c.Condition of southern & northern road from Newton on the Moor to A1.- The Clerk had met with NCC and potholes have been filled at southern end of road junction with A1. Other shallower patching to be done in spring. Accumulations of detritus at junction had been removed by NCC. Clerk has contacted Highways England about possibility of deceleration lane or other safety measures at A1 junctions. d.Parish Council Health & Safety Policy (Cllr Handyside) – to January meeting.	Clerk
6.	Requested agenda items a. Update on Vyner Park Charity (VPC) (Cllr Brotherton). Cllr Brotherton said that work was continuing on the lease between VP and the PC. With regards to the shepherds hut Cllr Brotherton was working on the licence agreement to put hut in the VP Car Park hopefully for 6/11/15. The VP budget has been reviewed for 2016/17 and hope to reduce impact on precept. To be discussed at meeting of VPC Committee on 4/11/15. Fireworks Night is on 6 th November (gates open 6pm) and fireworks have been sponsored again by Percy Wood Country Park. Risk Assessment to be circulated for comments. Cllr Ryan reminded Cllrs that walking football was running at 8pm on Mondays – all welcome. b. Remembrance Sunday, 12 Noon, 8th November 2015 Jubilee Hall, NotM and Swarland also 11.00 am Felton War Memorial – Clerk to circulate Cllrs for representation. Cllr Richardson volunteered to attend at Felton. c. Proposals for PC Budget 2016/17 – 6 month review of PC accounts previously circulated. After brief discussion, Cllr Ryan asked Cllrs to look at the financial summary, and ideas for next year for discussion at January meeting. The Clerk said that an early decision on the continuation of the bus service would be useful for the service provider and for customers. Cllrs asked for an item to go in next edition of The Colum to alert people. d. Provision of Christmas Tree in December 2015 for The Square, Swarland. – It was suggested that a tree could also be obtained for outside the Jubilee Hall at NotM. It was agreed that 2 trees could be arranged upto £120 total.	Cllr Brotherton Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk/Cllr Richardson
7.	Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors No report had been received from County Councillor Thorne. Councillor Francis and the Clerk had attended to Parish and Town Council Conference organised by NCC on 24 th September. Cllr Francis to feedback at next PC meeting.	Cllr Francis.
8.	Finance a. Bank statements – Lloyds Treasurers Account £12,401.67(@ 30/9/2015 & Lloyds Instant Access £930.15 Reserve £15,000. b. Clerks' salary £334.29 Clerk's expenses £4.05, HM Revenues & Customs PAYE - £66.80. Payment to Clerk = £334.29 + £4.05 - £66.80 = £271.54 Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE - £66.80. c. Other receipts and payments: i)Receipts: Cheque from SVA towards The Column £62.50. Cheque from Vyner Park Charity (Window repair) - £249.33. ii) Payments: Upper Coquetdale Community Transport: September 2015 – £280.00	Clerk

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	<p>Reimbursement to Cllr Anderson Enclosures for ext lights at Vyner Park (purchased from QVS - £154.62 inc VAT also £14.02 wood – total £168.64. Reimbursement to Cllr Brotherton Plan of Vyner Park £58.80 inv VAT. NCEL (printing The Column) £75.00 inc VAT. Grant/donation to Swarland Village Hall £1,800. Protego – Vyner Park Charity Website - £240 inc VAT – agreed pending Clerk confirming amount. Hilton Media – Vyner Park Leaflets - £50.40 inc VAT. Caretech – Electrical work at Vyner Park - £900 inc VAT. Aln Fire- Vyner Park Extinguisher inspection – £34.40 inv VAT. All the above were agreed.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Planning a. To report on any planning decisions made by NCC (as at 15/9/2015): Reserved matters for application 13/03931/OUT – Change of use of land to use as plot for residential dwelling – 3 The Paddock, Swarland, NE65 9BS – No objection made by PC. Granted 1/10/15. 15/02773/FUL Proposed new dwelling with stables. Land North West Of Swarland First School, Leamington Lane, Swarland. PC made comments. Granted 20 October 2015. 15/02650/LBC Retrospective Permission required to install an Air Source Heat Pump - Newton Hall Road To Newton Hall Newton-On-The-Moor Northumberland NE65 9JU – No objections made by PC. Granted 22/10/15.</p>	
	<p>b.Applications pending decision by NCC 14/02284/OUT - Residential development of detached houses with access road and turning area to enable vehicles to enter and leave onto Percy Drive in a forward facing direction. Provision of widened vehicle access to improve vehicle passing on Percy Drive. – Objections made by PC. 14/03340/FUL – Development of 20 houses, Leamington Lane, Swarland. This application is in Felton Parish – Objections made by PC. 15/01431/FUL Retrospective: Change of use from agriculture to airgun shooting range, erection of indoor shooting range building, shooting galleries to outdoor shooting ranges, waiting shelter, siting of two portable storage containers and formation of hardcore car parking area and associated fencing. Land West Of Dykehead, Newton-On-The-Moor Northumberland. Objections made by PC. 15/02407/FUL Proposed demolition of single storey flat roof dwelling and replacement with a new pitched roof dwelling incorporating rooms within the roof space – 2 The Avenue, Swarland, NE65 9JL. – No objections made by PC. Listed Building Consent 15/02547/LBC - Rebuilding of greenhouses and potting sheds with new build pavilion extension to create a single private dwelling house, construction of associated garage block, new sewage treatment plant and access route, and renovation of the walled garden - No objection made by PC. 15/02546/FUL - Rebuilding of greenhouses and potting sheds with new build pavilion extension to create a single private dwelling house, construction of associated garage block, new sewage treatment plant and access route, and renovation of the walled garden - No objection made by PC. 15/02656/FUL – Demolition of existing indoor riding arena and outbuildings and erection of 15no residential units with associated garages and alterations to existing private access road – Land west of Swarland Equestrian Centre, Old Park Road, Swarland. - The Clerk confirmed that the PC had asked NCC for further information on this application and for additional time. Answers had been provided by NCC - Objections made by PC. 15/02447/VARYCO Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from application 14/01321/FUL (Proposed construction of a new dormered dwelling with attached garage). - Land North Of 38 Park Road Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JD 15/03165/VARYCO Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) relating to planning permission 15/01455/VARYCO (Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) relating to planning permission 14/01027/FUL (Proposed construction of a dormered bungalow with detached single garage) - Variation is to relocate the garage and make it an attached double garage to the house - Land West Of 1 Studley Drive Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JT. Comments invited by 20/10/2015.</p>	
	<p>c.Planning matters for Parish Council to consider 15/03181/FUL Construction of two detached dwellings with freestanding garages on land south of Ryan Leigh, NotM. Comments invited by 4/11/2015. 15/03254/FUL - 14 Kenmore Road Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JS - Proposed new roof to form one and a half storey dwelling with rear extension. Comments invited by</p>	

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	<p>26/10/2015. – Extension had been given to PC by NCC until 31/10/2015 Cllr Ryan asked for any additional comments to go to Clerk by Thursday to enable Clerk to submit PC formal response on Friday 30th October.</p> <p>15/03354/FUL Proposed new detached dwelling with detached timber constructed garage and store building for use by the proposed new dwelling - Land West Of 38 Park Road Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JD. Comments invited by 4/11/2015 – Preliminary discussion took place with Cllrs objecting to the application on grounds of visual amenity, water run off and that drainage is by soakaway which doesn't work in this area.</p> <p>15/02881/FELTPO Works to trees protected by TPO: Fell 2no lime, 1no larch, 1no chestnut and 1no cypress. 1 The Lea, Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9HB. Comments invited by 10th November 2015.</p> <p>15/03441/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension and single storey front extension 21 Kenmore Road Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JS. Comments invited by 10th November 2015.</p> <p>Website Information</p> <p>With regard to Planning, the Clerk asked if Councillors felt that the current practice of putting information on the PC website about current applications was useful and should be continued – this was agreed as it made the process more transparent.</p>	Clerk
<p>10.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>NCC Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy: Pre-Submission Draft Consultation until 25th November 2015 – Previously circulated.</p> <p>Local Resident – Query about putting stones on grass verges – previously circulated, NCC Consultation on Homelessness Strategy for Northumberland – comments invited until 30th October 2015 – previously circulated.</p> <p>Alnwick and Denwick Neighbourhood Plan - Comments invited by NCC on draft plan by midnight 23rd November 2015. (previously circulated).</p> <p>Community Governance Review – Letter from NCC with copy of official order reducing number of PC Councillors in Newton on the Moor & Swarland PC from 12 to 10 from next normal Parish Elections in 2017 (previously circulated).</p> <p>Northern Powergrid – letter requesting unmetered supply inventory for 2015 – Clerk to refer NP to NCC.</p> <p>Swarland & Newton on the Moor Show Team – thank you letter – previously circulated - there were some questions included in the letter for the PC – to February Agenda.</p> <p>Letter from resident about planning application 15/03254/FUL – previously circulated.</p> <p>Rough Sleeping Count 2015 NCC – responses requested by 30th October – previously circulated – Agreed that zero return to be submitted.</p> <p>Tynedale Community Bank – invitation to official launch at Hexham Abbey 6th November 2015 – previously circulated.</p> <p>NCC – Parking Enforcement Briefing Note – enforcement outside schools from January 2016 – previously circulated.</p> <p>NCC invitation to consultation event on supported bus services in the North of the County – previously circulated – Cllr Spurling may be able to attend. Clerk to make sure Cllr Mansfield knows about consultation.</p>	All Clerk
<p>11.</p>	<p>Urgent items</p> <p>a.Tree Preservation Order for Nile Park</p> <p>The Clerk had met with Mrs Vaggs and now had the information necessary to make application for the TPOs to NCC. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft the application and advise the owners of the trees in question (Mr Blackshaw and Mr Derek Mason) of the PC's intention.</p> <p>b.Old Phone Box, Newton on the Moor</p> <p>Cllr Anderson asked if there were any suggestions for the future use of the old phone box outside the Old Post Office. It has already been suggested that it could be a site for a defibrillator. Agreed to put this on Agenda for January meeting. Cllr Anderson agreed to find out if defibrillator could be provided by Stephen Carey fund alternatively, James Knott Trust could be approached.</p> <p>c.Electric cable replacement Kenmore Road</p> <p>As an item for information Cllr Ryan advised Cllrs that Npower had had to replace cables that would have gone over a building with underground cables. As a result they dug up Kenmore Road and verges without notifying anyone.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Anderson</p>

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	<p>d. Dog Fouling in Low Chesters, Swarland Cllr Brotherton had been contacted by a local resident (email also received by Clerk) exasperated with dogs fouling pavement in Low Chesters and asking for PC's assistance. This was discussed. NCC have the function regarding enforcement, PC will put something in Column in next issue on dog fouling. Clerk to respond.</p> <p>e. NCC Bus Service for School Children Cllr Ryan has been discussing bus service arrangement with NCC regarding school children travelling on NCC buses outside their catchment areas. This affects children in the Parish who travel to Morpeth to school. Parents want children from Felton & Swarland to be allowed to use the buses (and pay) but NCC are saying no, even though there are spare places. Cllr Ryan invited those affected to contact him.</p>	Clerk
12.	<p>Requests for next agenda a. First Aid training for events – Training can be done at cost if there is a large enough number interested.</p>	Clerk
13.	<p>Date of Next Meeting to be held on 25th November 2015 at 7.00pm in Swarland Village Hall. Future Meetings: December – no meeting, 27/1/2016 JH, 24/2/2015 SVH, 23/3/2015 JH. Meeting finished at 21.15.</p>	