

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7pm on
Wednesday 27th January 2016 in Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor.

1.	<p>Public Question Time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <u>Mrs Vaggs</u> - asked if residents were getting value for money with the current Dial a Ride bus service. She asked further if an item could be put in the next 'Column' explaining the scheme. Cllr Francis responded that the PC is currently reviewing the budget allocation for the bus service at tonight's meeting and is looking at other possible service providers. NCC have said they are minded to make a contribution to the cost of the service but no details yet provided. ii. <u>Mr Rixon</u> – described a recent report to Parliament regarding BT spending on Superfast Broadband. He is concerned that MP's will apply pressure to concentrate on cities to the detriment of rural areas. He asked if the PC would write to the local MP to say NotM is still out on a limb and still has no service. iii. <u>Mr Rixon</u> – asked if the PC would bring to the attention of NCC the worsening situation with water running off nearby fields to the south road from A1 to NotM. Also two potholes have opened up on the north road from the A1 to NotM – agreed. iv. <u>Mr Rixon</u> – asked if it could be brought to the attention of Highways England that a large square pothole is opening up again on A1 northbound on hill – agreed. 	All items Clerk.
2.	<p>Present: Cllr D. Francis, Cllr N. Mansfield, Cllr Mrs E. Sells, Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr Ms S. Spurling, Cllr Mrs H. Handyside, Cllr G. Cunningham, Cllr C. Heal. The Clerk was in attendance.</p>	
3.	<p>Apologies: Cllr R. Brotherton, Cllr Mrs S. Stanley, Cllr R. Ryan Cllr Mrs S. Richardson.</p>	
4.	<p>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None.</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2015. Amendments were required at Minute 9 as the additional following payments had been agreed at the meeting; Upper Coquetdale Community Transport (November) £280, Great North Air Ambulance donation £50 and N'land Theatre Company donation £20. Also Minute 14 to be removed as the planned closed session did not take place. Subject to these amendments the minutes were agreed.</p>	Clerk
6.	<p>To consider matters arising from the meeting on 25th November 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Update on Superfast Broadband</u> – It was agreed that the Clerk would write to AM Trevelyan MP and Openreach as requested by Mr Rixon (1ii), including asking if Broadband speeds supplied to Swarland will continue in the light of higher than expected demand for service via the Felton exchange. Cllr Francis advised that BT have submitted planning notification to NCC for superfast broadband 'green box' in NotM. b. <u>Review of Parish Boundary</u> – After last PC meeting, Clerk contacted NCC about 'piggybacking' on current Denwick/Alnwick review. Response from NCC received that this is not necessary. NotM&S PC can apply in its own right and it is suggested application made before election. Need map on which to mark firm proposals and also a formal minute from the PC that it agrees with the proposals submitted. It was agreed that Cllr Francis and the Clerk would work on this for next meeting. After discussion it was agreed that potentially affected residents would be asked for their views. c. <u>Condition of southern & northern road from Newton on the Moor to A1.</u> Clerk advised that Highways England have agreed to look again at the pothole issues at the A1 south road leading to NotM. Owner of field causing problems to be contacted by Cllr Francis. Cllrs also reported problems of flooding on Leamington Lane by the crossroads (between the two turnings to Studley Drive) with the road being flooded but the ditches being empty. Clerk to contact NCC. 	Clerk Cllr Francis/Clerk Clerk
7.	<p>Requested agenda items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Alternative provision of weekly dial a ride bus service</u> – Clerk to obtain third quote for service on dial a ride basis. b. <u>First Aid Training (Cllr Handyside)</u> – Offer has been made to train a minimum of 10 people to enable them to provide 1st aid cover for community events in the Parish at a cost of £25 pp. The Vyner Park Charity asks if the PC would make a contribution. Cllr 	Clerk Cllr Handyside.

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	<p>said PC probably would make donation subject to details in writing being submitted for consideration at next meeting.</p> <p><u>c.Vyner Park update.</u> Forward plan & precept request decision required on amount (Cllr Brotherton/Handyside) – Request for precept from the Vyner Park Charity is reduced from last year (£13,000) to £8,800 in 2016/17. Cllr Handyside emphasised that a large part of the precept request is for work that the PC has always paid for at Vyner Park eg, cutting of grass on playing field. Utilities are being paid for by Nelson’s. The aim is for Vyner Park to be self financing and the Management Cttee want to encourage users to raise funds for their own areas of interest. The general feeling is that Vyner park has been transformed and thanks go to all who have been involved. Report on 1st review meeting with Nelson’s (Councillor Spurling) – Cllr Spurling had chaired the first Nelson’s review meeting. The opening of Nelson’s has made a terrific difference to the use of Vyner Park and greatly increased numbers of people using he park. Also now have the Shepherds Hut which is another draw. Over first 5 months Nelsons has shown a small operating profit and full accounts in July will be publicly available. The review covered community use, production of a hire agreement, minor issues on storage, Health & Safety and waste management. Discussed application for an annual alcohol licence with VPC/PC making overall application. This would be cheaper than applying for multiple licences over the year. It was agreed to roll over the Nelson’s licence with the next review meeting set for January 2017 and at that point look further at a contribution being made to VPC. Cllr Francis suggested that VPC should keep an eye on planning applications relating to properties neighbouring Vyner Park as these could have boundary implications/usage complaints. Please note: Vyner Park Clean up 10.00 Sunday 13th March 2016.</p> <p><u>d.Parish Council precept – to confirm precept for 2016-17</u> – The Clerk had circulated the spreadsheet from the November meeting with some slight amendments. Cllr Francis proposed that the precept request be £18,000 and this was agreed.</p> <p><u>e.Parish Council action Plan – (Cllr Ryan)</u> – Postponed to next meeting.</p> <p><u>f. Condition of Coast View, Swarland following temporary repair works (Cllr Mrs Richardson)</u> – NCC have put down chippings on part of Coast View and the result has been disastrous. Cllr Richardson has been in touch with NCC and has a copy of a letter from NCC which mentions a more permanent solution being found. Cllr Handyside said that potholes in Coast View also need attention. Clerk to advise NCC.</p> <p><u>g.Recent refusal of planning application 15/02407/FULK at The Avenue Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JL (Cllr Mrs Richardson.)</u> – This item was raised in connection with lack of consistency by NCC planning. Clerk to check with Cllr Richardson before next meeting on what action she is requesting from PC.</p> <p><u>h.Health & Safety Policy – (Councillor Handyside)</u> – To next meeting.</p> <p><u>i.Use of redundant Telephone Box, NotM as site for Defibrillator – (Councillor Anderson)</u> – Has contacted Stephen Carey Trust which would contribute £1000 to project so another £1500 would be needed plus costs of re-installing electricity to the box. Alternative is to put defibrillator on Jubilee Hall. Cllr Francis suggested looking at this more with Cllr Anderson.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Francis/Cllr Anderson</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors</p> <p>a. <u>Bus Services in North Northumberland (Cllr Spurling)</u> – Cllr Spurling had obtained information on the county wide review which is looking at making a saving of £200,000 on subsidised bus services. NCC want to prioritise transport for social & economic activity and enable children to travel. The review of the west area is finished but the review of the north area is not yet complete. Cllr Spurling also mentioned the Total Transport scheme which aims to make sure there are no cut off communities in Northumberland, and also that the WRVS transport scheme is being recommissioned.</p> <p>b. <u>Report on ‘Transparency for Small Councils’ Training event 26/1/016 (Cllr Francis)</u> – Cllr Francis updated on the NALC training event for small Councils on recent transparency legislation. Changes include specified information to be on PC websites eg draft minutes within 1 month and more detailed budget information. New fund is available for PC’s with income less than £25K pa which would enable PC to buy computer/scanner equipment instead of Clerks providing their own. Can only apply for</p>	

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	<p>what is spent in current financial year so Cllr Francis recommended PC making application in April 2016.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bank statements – Lloyds Treasurers Account £11,647.76 @ 30/10/2015 & Lloyds Instant Access £930.15 Reserve £15,000. b. Clerks’ salary (for December 2015 & January 2016) £668.58 Clerk’s expenses £21.69 HM Revenues & Customs PAYE (For December 2015 & January 2016) - £133.60. Payment to Clerk = £668.58 + £21.69 - £133.60 = £556.67 Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE - £133.60 c. Other receipts and payments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Receipts: VAT repayment £1224.18 ii) Payments: Upper Coquetdale Community Transport: December 2015 – £210. James Thompson (Mole Control Vyner Park) - £120. Keilder Forest Products – balance of payment. - £84.00 (Original invoice for £648, only £564 paid in Nov 2015 due to calculation error by Clerk therefore £84.00 still payable). Forestry Commission (Christmas trees) - £75.00 Caretech -£90 Alderson Law (Licence for Shepherd Hut) - £240 Alderson Law (Initial half payment for VPC/PC lease) - £312 All the above were noted/agreed. 	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To report on any planning decisions made by NCC (as at 19/11/15): 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 – No objections made by PC. Application Returned. 15/03499/FUL Proposed construction of stables; tack room and horsebox storage; solar panels on roof; take down existing conservatory and re-construct a new rear extension Pinegarth 40A Park Road Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JD. Objections made by Parish Council. Granted 30th November 2015. 15/02845/FELTPO Fell 1 No diseased Beech Tree, 1 Low Chesters, Swarland. Application withdrawn. 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 submitted by PC. Application Permitted 18/11/2015. 15/03511RENE Proposed installation of 24no ground mounted solar panels Glantlees farm, Newton on the Moor, NE65 9LR. Granted 11/12/15. 14/03340/FUL – Development of 20 houses, Leamington Lane, Swarland. This application is in Felton Parish. – Application Refused 23 December 2015. This was discussed and Cllr Francis said it was clear that objections to applications can’t just be made on the basis of them being outside village boundary but can draw upon the argument such as adverse impact on open countryside etc. He suggested Cllrs had a look at the Alnwick District Plan 2007 which is on the NCC website – Clerk to send link and information on the Leamington Lane decision again. 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. – Objections made by PC. Granted Permission 7/1/2016. 15/03441/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension and single storey front extension 21 Kenmore Road Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JS. Comments submitted 	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>

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	<p>by PC. Granted Permission 18/11/2015.</p> <p>15/03694/FUL Proposal for 1no. new domestic dwelling - Land South East Of 4 Lanton Close, Lanton Close Swarland Northumberland. Application Refused 6/1/2016.</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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>15/03181/FUL Construction of two detached dwellings with freestanding garages on land south of Ryan Leigh, NotM. Objection made by PC</p> <p>15/04048/LBC Listed building consent for change of use of post office to residential (C3) and refurbishment of windows (amended description) Old Post Office 6 The Square Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JQ. Comments made by PC.</p> <p>15/04049/FUL Change of use of post office to residential (C3) and refurbishment of windows (amended description) Old Post Office 6 The Square Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JQ. Comments made by PC.</p> <p>c.Planning matters for Parish Council to consider 15/02656FUL – 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. – Comments invited until 28/1/2016. This application was discussed and it was agreed that comments on original application would be resent plus comments about impact on open countryside and comments from Cllr Handyside. In addition add that it had been brought to PC’s attention that plan encroaches on neighbours land. Cllr Handyside to provide Clerk with a form of words.</p>	<p>Cllr Handyside/Clerk</p>
11.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Northumberland Theatre Company – thank you letter for donation. NCC Animal Boarding Establishment Policy Consultation – Until 31/1/2016 details previously circulated. This was discussed and Cllrs commented on the vagueness of the document and that the response would be that the PC would like to be consulted on a more detailed set of proposals. It was suggested that a threshold should be set below which the policy wouldn’t apply.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
12.	<p>Urgent items: - None.</p>	
13.	<p>Requests for next agenda: a.Swarland & Newton on the Moor Show – (follow up from thank you letter).</p>	
14.	<p>CLOSED SESSION – The Press and the public are required to leave the meeting at this stage.</p> <p>Feedback on investigation into planning process followed by PC in connection with recent planning application 15/03254/FUL (Councillor Ryan) – In the absence of Cllr Ryan this matter was postponed and there was no closed session, any queries on this issue in the meantime should be directed to Cllr Ryan.</p>	
15.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: to be held on 24th February 2016 at 7.00pm in Swarland Village Hall.Meeting finished at 21.05. Future Meetings: 24/2/2015 SVH, 23/3/2015 JH, 27/4/2016 SVH, 25/5/2016 JH.</p>	