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	<p>theoretically the superfast signal would reach as far as Home Farm, NotM but that because of land profiles this was difficult to predict. Cllr Cunningham said he had found it impossible to reach people in BT for information. The Chairman suggested contacting John Cooper at iNorthumberland (NCC).</p> <p>b. <u>Review of Parish Boundary – progress report.</u> – The Chairman explained that the ball is now in the PC’s court with regards to submitting a proposal to NCC. He and the Clerk had met and will arrange consultation of residents of those dwellings to the east of the A1 to evaluate their opinions. It is likely though that the proposal will include the area adjacent to Leamington Lane as this is manifestly part of NotM & S Parish.</p> <p>c. <u>Condition of southern & northern road from Newton on the Moor to A1 – progress report.</u> – The Clerk advised that she had reported these potholes to NCC. She was asked to contact NCC (Carol Hessey) to get date when repairs to be done.</p> <p>d. <u>Alternative provision of weekly dial a ride bus service – provision of additional quotes for service provision and decision needed on service continuation.</u> The Clerk had only been able to obtain one quote and three were needed. One Taxi company (A) was unable to provide the service on Thursdays, and another company (B) hadn’t provided a quote. Confirmation is also needed from NCC as to the contribution they are willing to make and whether this would have any conditions attached to it as this might affect the service provider selected. Cllrs suggested the Clerk contact ABC taxis and also ask company (A) if service could be provided on another day. Needs to be pursued as quickly as possible.</p> <p>e. <u>First Aid Training Request for contribution from Parish Council (Cllr Handyside)</u> – A letter requesting a donation had been submitted by Cllr Handyside. The PC asked for more detail including when the course was likely to run, how long it would last and the number of people interested in attending. Cllr Mansfield said that other local groups would be interested in attending but might not be available for first aid ‘duty’ within this parish.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Francis/Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Handyside</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Requested agenda items</p> <p>a.Vyner Park update (Councillor Brotherton)</p> <p>VPC Income - Cllr Brotherton said there was a need to clarify the precept ask from the Vyner Park Charity. The aim is for the Charity to pay for services etc through its own bank account which would need a review of the Charity’s terms of reference. Ideally the Charity would like a block grant from the PC of £8,800 and would work to achieve £1000 income over and above the income from the annual firework event.</p> <p>Sport England – SE had contacted the VPC in 2015 to arrange a regular follow up audit to monitor progress of the grant it gave to build the Pavilion and associated facilities. There had been a good, positive meeting and SE appreciated the efforts which were being made to increase usage of Vyner Park. Grant conditions will need to be transferred to VPC.</p> <p>Lease between PC and VPC – The first draft has been prepared but this is still outstanding.</p> <p>Risk Assessment – Currently being reviewed.</p> <p>Capital Works at VP paid for by grant from NCC – Cllr Brotherton thanked County Cllr Thorne for agreeing to fund £10,000 of capital works to VP via the small grants scheme.</p> <p>Alcohol & Public Entertainments licence – Nelsons want to have licence and Cllr Brotherton has been in touch with Licencing Officer at NCC who has advised application should be made by the PC/VPC. The Clerk reported that the application form was almost complete and a meeting was to be held with Nelsons on Saturday to go over details. . The Chairman suggested speaking to Louise Curry at CAN for advice.</p> <p>The Chairman responded to this update by Cllr Brotherton that the PC was generally agreed that financial decisions should be delegated to VPC, and that he was keen to see VPC with a financial reserve. The PC will need to look in detail at the terms of reference.</p> <p>b.Swarland & Newton on the Moor Show – Mrs Sue Brotherton (Chairman of Show Committee) attended for this item. Mrs Brotherton thanked the PC for its help with the 2015 Show. The next show is planned for Saturday 27th August 2016 and some of the arrangements will have to be revised if no other people come forward as volunteers eg. Hire of marquee to replace heavy work of putting up tents will cost about £1600. Marquee is available for an evening event if someone wants to arrange this. Parking is a problem and PC input is requested in suggesting solutions. Cllr Ryan said Police would provide ‘no parking’ signs. School and Golf club suggested as alternative parking sites.</p> <p>c.Parish Council action Plan – (Cllr Ryan) – Update. – At the November meeting of the PC, nine issues were raised for the Parish Council to deal with as part of an action plan.</p> <p>i. Superfast Broadband – Now being installed in NotM.</p>	

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	<p>ii. <u>Swarland Population size</u> – specific questions were sent to NCC. Population June 2015 – 672. The Percy Wood Caravan Park (from census 2011) has 26 permanent residents who pay Council tax to NCC, and there are 47 caravans which Council Tax is charged on. The caravan park is not within the Swarland settlement boundary. The Chairman said that the Alnwick District Local Plan from 2008 is still referred to in planning matters eg, the recent Leamington Lane development was rejected not for being outside settlement boundary, but because it would affect local countryside.</p> <p>iii. <u>Encouragement of attendance of County Cllr and MP at PC meetings</u> – Cllr Thornes presence at tonight's meeting was welcomed.</p> <p>iv. <u>Response on NCC Planning Core Strategy</u> – Comments from the PC were submitted to NCC by Cllr Francis on November 25th.</p> <p>v. <u>Adoption of Roads in Swarland and condition of Swarland roads</u> – Cllr Brotherton had been in touch with NCC and obtained a map of adopted roads. The Clerk said she had obtained details of plans approved in the last 10 years which included works to roads – she will pass summary to Cllr Brotherton.</p> <p>d. Condition of Coast Road, Swarland following temporary repair works - Cllr Mrs Richardson provided an update that there was still a flooding problem in the vicinity. Excess planings had been removed. Residents are looking for PC support.</p> <p>e. Recent refusal of planning application 15/02407/FULK at The Avenue, Swarland - Cllr Mrs Richardson explained that two sets of plans had been submitted for these premises, one set was to remove roof and build extra storey and new roof, the second was to demolish the whole building and rebuild. The first application was approved but the second was refused on the basis that a bat survey was required which seems to be inconsistent. The applicant had contacted their MP and NCC, and Cllr Richardson had contacted NCC but received no response. Cllr Thorne said he would ask again.</p> <p>f. Health & Safety Policy (Councillor Handyside) For consideration and approval – To next meeting.</p> <p>g. Purchase of Parish Council laptop and scanner/printer via Government Transparency Fund – Agreed for Clerk to pursue with a view to applying for the grant and purchasing the equipment.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Brotherton/ Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">County Cllr Thorne</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Handyside Clerk</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors – Cllr Thorne said that the settlement grant for Northumberland from Government had been poor. The County Council is being asked to make savings of £68 Million over the next 4 years and he feels this is unachievable. Household Waste recycling sites at Wooler, and North Sunderland will only be open Friday to Monday but the Alnwick site is not affected. Fire Services are being asked to make £0.5 Million in cuts. Cllr Thorne felt he couldn't support the proposed £40 Million new Council building in Ashington.</p> <p>Cllr Thorne said there had been problems with planning at NCC with two major reports raising a range of issues. In response to this are planning committees had been replaced with two new Committee, one for larger applications, and the other for smaller applications. The emphasis is for Officer recommendations to be agreed. Planning benchmarks are now being met but Cllr Thorne feels that the quality of decisions now needs to be reviewed.</p> <p>[At this point of the meeting it was 21.00 and the Chairman proposed suspending standing orders to continue to continue the meeting – this was agreed.]</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Bank statements – Lloyds Treasurers Account £4,507.02 & Lloyds Instant Access £16,009.67 both @ 18/2/2016. The Reserve Account has been closed and balance transferred to Instant Access Account.</p> <p>b. Clerk's salary (for February 2016) £334.29 Clerk's expenses £28.55 HM Revenues & Customs PAYE (For February 2016) - £66.80 Payment to Clerk = £334.29+ ££28.55 - £66.80 = £296.04 Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE - £ 66.80</p> <p>c. Other receipts and payments: i) Receipts: SVA (For Column). £62.50 ii) Payments: Upper Coquetdale Community Transport: January 2016 - £210.00 All the above were agreed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. To report on any planning decisions made by NCC (as at 17/2/16): 15/04048/LBC Listed building consent for change of use of post office to residential (C3)</p>	

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	<p>and refurbishment of windows (amended description) Old Post Office 6 The Square Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JQ. Comments made by PC – Granted Permission 28 January 2016.</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 – Granted Permission 28 January 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>15/03181/FUL Construction of two detached dwellings with freestanding garages on land south of Ryan Leigh, NotM. Objection made by PC</p> <p>15/02656FUL – 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 made by PC</p> <p>c.Planning matters for Parish Council to consider 16/00367/REM - Approval of Reserved Matters for Design, appearance, materials, landscaping, layout and all associated matters reserved with outline permission 13/01310/OUT 1 The Paddock Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9BS – Comments invited until 1st March 2016.</p>	
11.	<p>Correspondence Northumbria Police - Volunteers - Sought For Community Speed – Previously circulated. Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy – Update – Previously circulated. Alnwick Playhouse – Request for donation – A donation of £20 was agreed. Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP – Requesting information on current status of PC Local Plan/Neighbourhood etc (Previously circulated).</p>	Clerk
12.	<p>Urgent items – None.</p>	
13.	<p>Requests for next agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Condition of Roads – Cllr Ryan ii. Continuation of Dial-a-Ride bus service – Cllr Mansfield. 	
14.	<p>CLOSED SESSION – The Press and the public were required to leave the meeting at this stage at 21.10. Feedback on investigation into planning process followed by PC in connection with recent planning application 15/03254/FUL (Councillor Ryan) Minuted separately. Meeting finished at 22.15.</p>	
15.	<p>Date of Next Meeting to be held on 23rd March 2016 at 7.00pm in Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor. Future Meetings: 27/4/2016 SVH, 25/5/2016 JH, 22/6/2016 SVH.</p>	