

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.00pm on **Wednesday 26th October 2016** in Swarland Village Hall.

1.	Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total) and Northumbria Police update.	Action
	<p>Northumbria Police PC Paul Sykes – Provided an update on crime in the parish, personnel changes at Rothbury Police Station and an event aimed at drivers aged 17-24 at Rothbury Fire Station 15th November at 7pm. PC Sykes updated the PC on the Community Speedwatch scheme. Trained volunteers use speed cameras in areas recommended by Northumbria Police. Letters sent to offenders and multiple offenders are visited by the police. In this area – which covers Felton, Longframlington, Alwinton, Powburn and Newton by the Sea, there are 19 volunteers plus 8 waiting for training. Monitoring has been carried out 40 times this year checking 9,272 vehicles of which 729 were speeding. In Swarland has had two lots of monitoring; June (75 vehicles monitored of which 10 were speeding, 10 letters sent) and October (49 vehicles – no speeding). In Newton on the Moor monitoring was carried out in April (140 vehicles checked, 2 vehicles speeding, 2 letters sent). Speeding for the purposes of this scheme is slightly higher than the set speed limit. In Swarland the speed risk areas are; The Avenue and Park Road. Volunteers carry out monitoring standing at the side of the road and wear hi viz jackets. Cllrs raised concerns that volunteers had been seen apparently operating vehicles and PC Sykes said he'd send a reminder out to volunteers on procedure.</p> <p>Mr Jim Henderson – Has had a letter from NCC advising that an appeal has been lodged regarding planning application 14/02284/OUT (see section 10b) against NCC for non determination ie. not making a decision. Cllr Francis said that applications should be decided within 8 weeks and this application was made in 2014. The Clerk clarified from letter received by PC that comments already raised had been forwarded by NCC to the Planning Inspector. Mr Henderson said that although Northumbrian Water have carried out repairs and improved the system, there has been recent flooding which additional properties would worsen, and asked what the PC was going to do in response to the appeal. [7.30 Cllr Lewney joined the meeting at this point.]</p> <p>Cllr Francis said that the PC would check out the current situation of where NCC is with the applicant, and would appreciate details of flooding incidents from Mr Henderson (which he agreed to provide to the Clerk).</p> <p>Mr Brian ? - Asked in connection with the same application, who would be responsible for road maintenance in Percy Drive if the application is approved, as currently the road is unadopted.</p> <p>Mrs Vera Vaggs – Said that Mrs Caroline Thomas had received an email from NCC regarding the application for the Tree Clumps adjacent to Park Road which was submitted by the PC (since copied to Parish Cllrs). Mrs Vaggs was however concerned at the potential risk to the clump of trees 'Vanguard' included in planning application 15/02656/FUL (see Section 10b) although NCC feel it will be protected.</p> <p>Cllr Cunningham proposed that landowners with trees protected by TPO's be written to by the PC to remind them of their responsibilities – agreed.</p> <p>Regarding the minutes of a previous meeting, Mrs Vaggs asked if a reference to 'Blacky Bank' could be amended to 'Blackhouse Bank' its correct name. This will be noted for future meetings.</p> <p>Mr Keith Walker?– Expressed his concern at speeding in Swarland especially on The Avenue and Park Road. He said in the past fortnight he had been nearly hit twice. Cllr Frances recapped the activities of the Community Speedwatch scheme which Mr Walker had missed. Information to be put in the next edition of The Column inviting new volunteers. Mr Walker said he would be interested in volunteering.</p>	<p></p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
2.	<p>Present: Cllr D. Francis (Chairman), Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr Ms S. Spurling, Cllr Mrs S. Richardson, Cllr Mrs S. Stanley, Cllr B. Ryan, Cllr M. Bettel, Cllr P. Lewney, Cllr G. Cunningham.</p> <p>The Clerk was in attendance.</p>	
3.	<p>Apologies – Cllr R. Brotherton, Cllr Mrs H. Handyside, Cllr N. Mansfield.</p>	
4.	<p>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda Cllr Bettel declared an interest in item 10a 114/02284/OUT. Cllr Spurling declared an interest in item 10b 16/03606/FUL.</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2016– These were agreed and signed</p>	

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	<p>the timing of the accounts approval/publishing for public comment – Cllrs approved and accepted the annual return and to action the recommendations in 2016/17.</p> <p>g. Consideration on how we go about getting out messages across to the various bodies that provide the PC with services – Proposal from Cllr Brotherton that a task and finish group be set up to action this – to next meeting.</p>	Clerk
8.	<p>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors</p> <p>a. No report provided by County Cllr.</p> <p>b. Town & Parish Council Conference - Thursday 13th October 2016 attended by Cllrs Francis and Stanley – Some elements useful but not very productive. PC's invited to suggest how they would like to work with NCC. Cllr Francis to draft response and circulate to PC.</p> <p>c. Northumberland Association of Local Councils AGM 1st October 2016 – attended by Cllr Francis who reported on an indignant discussion about Government proposals to cap PC precepts which seems ill thought out and unworkable.</p>	Cllr Francis
9.	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Bank statements – Lloyds Treasurers Account £18,568.67 @ 30/9/2016 & Lloyds Instant Access £16,019.29@30/9/2016 – Noted.</p> <p>b. Clerk's salary (for October 2016) £334.29 Clerk's expenses £16.75 HM Revenues & Customs PAYE (For October 2016) - £66.80 Payment to Clerk = £334.29 + £16.75 - £66.80 = £284.24 Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE - £ 66.80 - both payments agreed.</p> <p>c. Other receipts and payments:</p> <p>i) Receipts:</p> <p>SVA (For Column) £62.50. NALC Transparency Grant £760. NCC precept balance £9000</p> <p>ii) Payments:</p> <p>Request from Jubilee Hall Committee for balance of donation 2016/17. Grant for year £1200 – amount already paid out in advance 2015/16 £1127 = £73.00 Cllr Anderson asked if the PC would consider bringing forward payment of the 2017/18 grant due to unexpected building costs that have been incurred. JHC need to consider most VAT effective way of receiving grant.</p> <p>MKM Invoices for materials (Covered by Vyner Park grant)- £834.50 inc VAT. Royal British Legion wreaths for Remembrance Sunday- £50 total. All the above payments were agreed.</p>	Clerk
10.	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. To report on any planning decisions made by NCC:</p> <p>14/03340/FUL - APPEAL TO SECRETARY OF STATE - Development of 20 houses etc - Land North of Field House, Leamington Lane, Swarland. NOTE – This application relates to land within Felton Parish – Comments made by PC on original application. Appeal dismissed 5/9/2016.</p> <p>16/02564/FUL – Retrospective application for erection of temporary toilet blocks. Percy Wood Golf Club and Country Retreat, Coast View, Swarland, Morpeth NE65 9JW. PC objected. Application AGREED 7/10/2016.</p> <p>16/02534/FUL Construction of two detached dwellings with freestanding garages. Land south of Ryan Leigh, Newton on the Moor – Application WITHDRAWN 12/10/16.</p> <p>b. Applications pending decision by NCC</p> <p>14/02284/OUT - APPEAL TO SECRETARY OF STATE 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. Appeal lodged on basis of non determination by NCC. 5 weeks from 18/10/16 to make additional comments/changes/withdrawals. Procedure to be followed discussed. Information to be sought from NCC, discussions by email as response needed before next PC meeting.</p> <p>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</p>	Clerk

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	<p>– Land west of Swarland Equestrian Centre, Old Park Road, Swarland. – Comments made by PC. Application approved 25/9/2016. Cllr Francis said the PC will need to be involved in any discussions on some of the detail of this development with NCC planning. Need to check Northumbrian Water alleged lack of comment and challenge if necessary.</p> <p>Cllr Francis said this application also raises the issue of affordable housing and how this is integrated by developers. He suggested the PC needs to ‘sharpen’ its thinking on affordable housing and consider a strategy document at the next PC meeting after reading the housing section of the Community Plan recently circulated by Clerk possibly including Percy Wood Country Park as being affordable housing.</p> <p>16/01703/OUT Outline planning application including access with all matters reserved for up to 5 detached dwellings (amended number of dwellings and red line boundary submitted 12.7.16) Land East Of Old Hall Farm Old Swarland, Swarland NE65 9HU. Parish Council made objections.</p> <p>16/03164/OUT Outline permission for the development of a small motorhome site to include approximately 10 pitches plus a site managers chalet. Land East of the A1 Felton, Northumberland. Objections made by PC.</p> <p>16/03457/BT Removal of Telephone Box Number 01670787382 ADJ Bus Shelter, The Square, Swarland, Morpeth, Northumberland. Majority of Cllrs objected to removal.</p> <p>16/03606/FUL Replace double glazing, extend pitch roof to replace two flat roof sections. Modify existing layout to change use of three rooms to become a garage, utility room and bedroom, internal modifications of kitchen lounge area. Briardene Coast View Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JG . PC made no objections. Application approved 24/10/16</p> <p>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider</p> <p>16/03546/PRUTPO Tree Preservation Order: Crown reduction and thinning by 25%, remove weight of side branches overhanging on north side of tree, general thinning of side branches to improve shape by 10% and uplifting of lower branches by 10% to one sycamore tree - 2 Chesterwell, Swarland, Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 9NA. Comments invited until 1/11/2016.</p>	Clerk
11.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Active Northumberland – Request for financial assistance.</p> <p>Northumberland Age Concern – Request for financial assistance.</p> <p>Great North Air Ambulance - Request for financial assistance.</p> <p>Age UK - Request for financial assistance – It was agreed that these 4 funding applications would be scanned and circulated to Cllrs and discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>NCC – Proposed changes to arrangements for Local Services Liaison meetings with Parish & Town Councils.</p> <p>NCC – Notification of forthcoming consultation on further major modifications to the Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy between 11 November 2016 and 23 December 2016.</p> <p>Northern Powergrid – Request for information on PC’s unmetered supplies – Nil Return, transferred to NCC.</p> <p>Northumbria Police Commissioner Vera Baird – Invitation to consultation meetings.</p> <p>Northern Powergrid – Electricity off 28/10/16 between 9.00 am to 2.00pm. – Cllr Francis said this letter had been sent to NotM residents and asked if Swarland residents also. Just NotM following recent storm, work needed to cut back trees encroaching on power lines.</p>	Clerk
12.	<p>Urgent items - None.</p>	
13.	<p>Requests for next agenda</p> <p>PC Budget for 2017/16 – Precept request has to be submitted to NCC by 21st January 2017. Cllr Francis said Finance Group need to meet before next PC meeting to draft PC budget including VP budget draft.</p>	Clerk
14.	<p>Date of Next Meeting to be held on 23/11/2016 JH, no meeting in December, 25/1/2017 SVH, 22/2/2017 JH, 22/3/2017 SVH.</p>	

Meeting finished at 21.40