

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7pm on
Wednesday 25th November 2015 in Swarland Village Hall.

		Action
1.	<p>Special Public question time – Normally this section is a maximum 15 minutes long but by agreement at the previous PC meeting it was been extended for the public to ask questions and participate in discussion and was chaired by Cllr Bob Ryan. Cllr Ryan invited suggestions on the headline issues in the Parish which could then have an action plan agreed. The following were agreed;</p> <p>a. Superfast Broadband Mr Rixon said he had been in touch with the local MP’s office. BT had advised the MP that a complex build of an additional cabinet was required and the dates provided were indicative. The PC had also spoken to BT and John Cooper at iNorthumberland and all confirmed that work would be done if not by end of December, within current financial year. Cllr Frances suggested that Mr Rixon and the Clerk should copy each other into communications each had received.</p> <p>b. Definition of Swarland ie. Population size, whether caravan park is included, village envelope. Village envelope in old Alnwick Local Plan. Clerk has feedback from NCC on questions including whether impact of number of Country park residents is included in consultation considerations. Cllr Francis said that NCC will define new village envelopes as part of the new planning delivery document due in autumn 2016. Mr Walters felt mixed messages were being given by NCC on village envelopes in deciding planning applications.</p> <p>c. Encouraging attendance of County Councillor and Member of Parliament at PC meetings. Chairman to contact Cllr Thorne for informal chat on getting reports back on what’s happening at County level.</p> <p>d. NCC Planning Core Strategy. See agenda item 6d. Cllr Frances said intention is to make response to NCC tonight.</p> <p>e. Improving condition of unadopted roads in Swarland. Map of adopted roads is shown on NCC website (GIS section), but many roads in Swarland won’t be adopted because they are not at the adoptable standard. Cllr Ryan offered to speak to NCC on best way to take this forward (Cllr Brotherton has some information that might be of use here).</p> <p>f. Sewerage including surface water drainage.</p> <p>g. Issues around safety on the A1 junctions serving the Parish.</p> <p>h. Lack of provision of public bus service.</p> <p>i. Review of Parish Plan. Clerk to send copy of current plan to Cllrs.</p> <p>It was agreed that due to time constraints issues 1f – 1i would be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting in January and an action plan drawn up.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Ryan</p> <p>Cllr Francis</p> <p>Cllr Francis</p> <p>Cllr Ryan</p> <p>Clerk</p>
2.	<p>Present: - Councillor Francis, Anderson, Mrs Stanley, Mrs Handyside, Mrs Sells, Brotherton, Mansfield, Ryan.</p>	
3.	<p>Apologies – Received from County Cllr Thorne, Cllrs Cunningham, Heal, Mrs Richardson, and Ms Spurling.</p>	
4.	<p>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda – None.</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 28th October 2015 – These were agreed and signed.</p>	
6.	<p>To consider matters arising from the meeting on 28th October 2015.</p> <p>a. Update on Superfast Broadband – already covered at 1a.</p> <p>b. Review of Parish Boundary – Cllr Francis said he’d now had responses from all neighbouring Parishes. Only Shilbottle felt that it would be useful to meet. Only Felton was strongly against the review. He suggested that a meeting be arranged with Shilbottle – agreed. Cllr Francis said that NCC are currently reviewing the boundary of Denwick PC (Denwick Detached) and suggested that it would be worth flagging up that while NCC are doing this they should look at the south part of Denwick too – Agreed.</p> <p>c. Condition of southern & northern road from Newton on the Moor to A1 – The Clerk reported that Highways England had said they wouldn’t install a deceleration lane or other improvements and she had asked for further information on the reasoning behind this. Cllrs asked for Highways England be asked to fill in potholes etc on the A1 side of the southernmost junction.</p>	<p>Cllr Francis</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>d.Planings to improve surface of Coast View, Swarland. – The Clerk reported that letters offering the planings had been delivered to homes in Coast View, and that any planings remaining at the end of November would be offered to the Club for spreading in the car park. Councillors thanked Cllr Richardson for the efforts she has made to improve access using some of the planings.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Requested agenda items</p> <p>a.Vyner Park Charity Forward Plan (Cllr Brotherton/Handyside). Cllr Brotherton described the work that had been done on the precept ask for 2016/17 and also income/expenditure for the 1st 6 months. Also income from the Firework night was up £500 on last year with £1567.69 being banked, and Cllr Brotherton thanked everyone who had helped. There is to be a ‘wash-up’ meeting in January. The allocation to Vyner Park in 2015/16 had been £13,000 but this had not all been spent as the small schemes grant from Cllr Thorne was expected to help with some of the works needed. The request to next year’s precept was proposed to be £8,800. This figure was accepted but Cllr Francis cautioned that the figure might need to be revisited depending on the PC’s budget discussions. Ideas for future development were invited. One recently received is for a community orchard. Priorities for 2016 are to increase numbers of people using Vyner Park, to have an income target and to have more community events. Cllr Ryan is the sports lead for VPC and he reported on the massive improvements made, new equipment, and on the sports running at present. Suggestions are invited for development but these need the backing of someone who is willing to run them.</p> <p>b.Review of 2015/16 budget and proposed PC 2016/17 budget. – information previously circulated. Parish Councillors discussed draft budget drafted by the Clerk. There were still some questions about the outturn predicted for 2015/16 especially regarding Vyner Park. Cllr Brotherton was unhappy with breaking the VP figure down and asked Cllrs to refer to the Sheet provided by Cllr Handyside. Cllr Ryan suggested that the payment system for VP should be more streamlined and PC should not have to approve payment of each invoice/avoid bureaucracy. PC could pay VP £8,800 when precept paid and then VP could manage its own accounts. Cllr Francis said budget doesn’t have to be agreed at this meeting so there is still time to air issues in The Column before final decision in January. Provisional figure for the precept is £18,000. Cllr Francis agreed that VP should build up a reserve, and he also suggested that PC could be more generous to Jubilee Hall/Swarland Village Hall. Looking at the running of the Dial a ride bus on Thursdays, could look at whether bus could be run using a cheaper service. Cllr Brotherton offered to obtain quote and liaise with Cllr Mansfield and the Clerk. Clerk to find out how much notice UCCT require. Cllr Francis reminded Cllrs that the proposed budget would erode into reserves. Should try to avoid this and keep precept to £18,000. The Clerk asked for permission to withdraw £2000 from reserves asap – agreed. Cllrs discussed current interest rate for reserves account which is very low yielding - less than £100 per annum. Clerk to look for alternatives.</p> <p>c.New NCC procedure for Pre-Application planning consultation with PC’s and Town Councils. Cllr Francis explained this process has been in place since October. Aim is to speed up decision making process by thrashing out issues (if any) before formal planning application is made. Two cases so far and information has been circulated by Clerk. Comments made at this stage are not binding. Process is confidential so can’t be discussed at meetings.</p> <p>d.Response to NCC Consultation on Planning Core Strategy. Cllr Francis has looked at this in detail. He suggested comment should be made on affordable housing requirement being dropped from 30% to 15%. Strategy doesn’t address public transport. Cllr Francis will respond to NCC immediately after this meeting – Agreed.</p> <p>e.Recent refusal of planning application 15/02407/FUL at The Avenue Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JL (Cllr Mrs Richardson.) – To next</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Cllr. Brotherton Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cllr Francis</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p>

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8.	<p>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors</p> <p>Parish and Town Council Conference 24 September 2015 (Cllr Francis) – to circulate notes. Bus Services in North Northumberland (Cllr Spurling) – to circulates notes.</p>	<p>Cllr Frances Cllr Spurling</p>
9.	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Bank statements – Lloyds Treasurers Account £11,647.76 @ 30/10/2015 & Lloyds Instant Access £930.15, Reserve £15,000.</p> <p>b. Clerks' salary £334.29 Clerk's expenses £34.39, HM Revenues & Customs PAYE £66.80. Payment to Clerk = £334.29 + £34.39 - £66.80 = £301.88 Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE - £66.80.</p> <p>c. Other receipts and payments:</p> <p>i) Receipts: Reimbursement of legal fees from The Shepherds Hut and licence fee for 2015/16 - £205.00</p> <p>ii) Payments: Upper Coquetdale Community Transport: October 2015 – £350.00 Playdale – items for play area at VP - £530.22 Inc VAT. Northwood Tree Surgery in Vyner Park - £160.00 NCC Annual Grasscutting Vyner Park - £1204.10 inc VAT. British Royal Legion (Remembrance Sunday Wreaths) £50.00 (includes £17.00 donation). Northwood Tree Surgery in Vyner Park - £440 inc VAT. Kielder Forest Products (Chippings for play area) - £564.00 inc VAT. All the above were agreed.</p>	
9.	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. To report on any planning decisions made by NCC</p> <p>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. – REFUSED 4/11/15.</p> <p>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 – Granted 12/11/15.</p> <p>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 submitted by PC. - Granted 19/11/15</p> <p>15/03254/FUL - 14 Kenmore Road Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JS - Proposed new roof to form one and a half storey dwelling with rear extension. Application withdrawn by applicant 12/11/15.</p> <p>15/03441/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension and single storey front extension (as amended 26/10/15) 21 Kenmore Road Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JS. No objections made by PC. Granted 18/11/15.</p> <p>15/02845/FELTPO Fell 1 No diseased Beech Tree, 1 Low Chesters, Swarland. Comments invited by 27 November 2015 – Application withdrawn.</p>	

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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.

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. – 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 – No objections made by PC.

15/03181/FUL Construction of two detached dwellings with freestanding garages on land south of Ryan Leigh, NotM. Objection made by PC

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.

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.

15/03441/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension and single storey front extension 21 Kenmore Road Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JS. Comments submitted by PC.

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. Parish Council has raised objections.

c.Planning matters for Parish Council to consider

15/03694/FUL Proposal for 1no. new domestic dwelling -Land South East Of 4 Lanton Close, Swarland Northumberland . Comments invited until 3rd December 2015.

15/03803/FUL Re-submission of 15/03254/FUL: Proposed new roof to form one and a half storey dwelling with rear extension.14 Kenmore Road Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JS. Comments invited until 14th December 2015.

15/03824/OUT 1No. dwelling with driveway and car turning area. Land To The Rear Of 2 Kenmore Road Swarland Morpeth Northumberland. Comments invited until 15th December 2015.

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11.	<p>Correspondence NCC Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy Consultation until 11th December 2015 – previously circulated. Northumberland Theatre Company – request for support – previously circulated – Donation of £20 agreed. North East Air Ambulance – Request for funding – Donation of £50 agreed. NCC – Launch of new Northumberland Community Voluntary Action – invitation to join Northumberland VCS Assembly as Associate Members – To January meeting. NCC Consultation to proposed changes to NCC Fire & Rescue Service – previously circulated.</p>	Clerk
12.	<p>Urgent items – Cllr Handyside alerted Cllrs to a suspicious white Vauxhall van with blacked out windows seen in Swarland, the driver of which drove away when challenged. Any suspicious incidents should be reported to the Police.</p>	
13.	<p>Requests for next agenda Planning Procedure – Councillor Handyside Health & Safety Policy – Councillor Handyside. Use of redundant Telephone Box, NotM as site for Defibrillator – Councillor Anderson. Ideas for alternatives were invited.</p>	
14.	<p>CLOSED SESSION – The Press and the public are required to leave the meeting at this stage. Feedback on investigation into planning process followed by PC in connection with recent planning application 15/03254/FUL (Councillor Ryan).</p>	
15.	<p>Date of Next Meeting to be held on 27th January 2016 at 7.00pm in Jubilee Hall, NotM. Future Meetings: December – no meeting, 27/1/2016 JH, 24/2/2015 SVH, 23/3/2015 JH, 27/4/2016 SVH. Meeting finished at 21.45</p>	