

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.00pm
on **Wednesday 22nd March 2017** in Swarland Village Hall.

1.	Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total)	Action
1.	Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total) None.	
2.	Present: Cllr D. Francis (Chairman), Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr Mrs S. Stanley, Cllr M. Bettel, Cllr G. Cunningham, Cllr Ms S. Spurling, Cllr B. Ryan, Cllr Mrs H. Handyside, Cllr N. Mansfield and Cllr Mrs S. Richardson. County Cllr Trevor Thorne was in attendance. The Clerk was in attendance.	
3.	Apologies – Cllr R. Brotherton, Cllr P Lewney.	
4.	Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda Cllr Handyside – Section 10b applications 17/00194/FUL, 17/00195 and 17/00388/OUT. Cllr Richardson – Section 10c application 17/00500/OUT.	
5.	Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2017 – These were agreed after a slight amendment from Cllr Brotherton to 6b that both he and Cllr Ryan would draft a plain English item for the Column regarding NCC’s road repair responsibilities.	
6.	<p>To consider matters arising from the meeting on 22nd February 2017.</p> <p>a. <u>Speeding and safety issues on roads</u> – Cllr Ryan said he’d sent a response to the local resident who complained about speeding etc, NCC possibly looking at traffic calming measures. He had also written to NCC about the complaint from the Nelson Drive resident. NCC consistently saying they don’t have responsibility BUT they do own the road and therefore do have some responsibility. After some effort Cllr Ryan has finally had email from NCC saying that as a matter of good will, on this occasion, they will fill in potholes in Nelson Drive. Cllr Stanley said that NCC is hoping to introduce a 20mph limit outside all schools in the county, and Cllr Thorne confirmed this. Cllr Ryan said he had completed the article for The Column.</p> <p>b. <u>Condition of Roads in Swarland</u> – See above.</p> <p>c. <u>Adoption of roads</u> – At the meeting on 22nd February, Cllr Brotherton had said he’d received a hard copy of a plan from NCC showing adopted roads. Cllrs asked if this could be scanned and circulated.</p> <p>d. <u>Budget/Review of Parish Council Risk Assessment Policy</u> – The Chairman said the Finance Group (FG) meeting had taken place on 9th March. FG consists of Cllrs Francis, Stanley, Handyside, Brotherton and the Clerk, but Cllr Brotherton had been unable to attend so the FG had only got partially through the review of the risk assessment. The fine detail of Vyner Park has been taken out but the PC will need to check the VPC is on top of things. FG also looked at internal audit arrangements. Happy to continue with current auditor but going to ask for some transaction ‘start to finish’ audit checks. The Chairman has produced a draft which needs to be circulated to the FG and then to everyone else. Some of the reserves are to be designated for village halls – next step is to have face to face talks with village hall committees. Clerk is to try to produce figures for BDO return for April meeting.</p> <p>e. <u>Affordable Housing</u> – meeting had taken place on 8th March, and notes have been circulated. The Chairman summarised the meeting and said that if the PC wants to see affordable housing in the parish, the PC would probably have to be in the driving seat. Work is needed on quantifying the need, then finding out what is needed to make the housing happen. Day to day management could be through a Housing Association, or private company. Cllr Thorne said that the recent development at Longframlington was totally funded by the Government and has 25 homes mainly for the young and elderly. Scheme was very successful. He said there was also the Arch scheme in Shilbottle for rental properties.</p> <p>f. <u>Bus Service</u> – The Clerk had contacted NCC to see if they would pay to extend the bus service to two days a week. Response was that NCC wouldn’t pay. Costs would have to be paid by PC or others. Cllrs discussed the provision of bus service in the parish generally, which seems unfairly served compared to Felton and Shilbottle. Cllr Thorne suggested asking officer from NCC to attend PC meeting to discuss issue. Clerk to contact NCC to see if the date of the current service could be moved, then can find out what days people want via Column and PC website.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cllr Francis</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p>

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	<p>Percy Wood Golf Club And Country Retreat, Coast View, Swarland, Northumberland. PC made extensive comments and objections.</p> <p>17/00195/OUT - Outline application for the demolition of existing golf club house and associated buildings and development of up to 16 dwellings with all matters reserved apart from access. Golf Club House Percy Wood Golf Club And Country Retreat Coast View, Swarland, Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 9JW. PC made extensive comments and objections.</p> <p>17/00388/OUT Outline Application with all matters reserved - Construction of approximately 4 detached bungalows (C3 use) - Woodside 1 Coast View Swarland NE65 9JE. PC objected.</p> <p>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider</p> <p>17/00500/OUT Change of use to residential (C3 use) by erecting approximately 10 no. detached dwellings. Land South West Of The Old Tweed Mill, Springwood, Swarland. Northumberland. Comments invited until 28th March 2017.</p> <p>17/00606/DISCON Discharge of conditions 3 (landscaping), 5 (clean cover system), 6 (verification report) & 7 (surface water) of application 15/01476/VARYCO. Land North Of Swarland Equestrian Centre Old Park Road, Swarland, Northumberland. PC has been given extra time to comment until 31st March 2017. See item 6i above.</p> <p>17/00680/FUL Resubmission: Construction of two detached dwellings with freestanding garages. Land Adjacent To Ryan Leigh, Newton-On-The-Moor, Morpeth, Northumberland. Comments invited until 31st March 2017. Cllr Cunningham said PC should be firm about not moving bus shelter. Cllr Francis said shelter is not owned by PC, and that if PC wanted to keep it, the PC may have to take over responsibility for it.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>LOVE Northumberland Awards 2017 – Closing date for applications 31st May 2017. Briefing note to candidates for the coming parish elections NCC Active Northumberland Residents Festival leaflets - 1st and 2nd April 2017. Consultation on Thrunton Woods – information circulated.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Urgent items – None.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>Requests for next agenda - None.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting - 26/4/2017 JH, 17/5/2017 SVH, 28/6/2017 JH.</p>	

Meeting finished at 20.30