

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7pm on
Wednesday 27th April 2016 in Swarland Village Hall.

1.	Public Question Time	Action
	<p>i. Mrs V. Vaggs – Mrs Vaggs complained about the numbers of Caravan for sale signs displayed by Percy Wood Caravan Park which she felt were an eyesore and excessive. – Cllr Heal is liaison with the Park and will raised this matter with them. Mrs Vaggs also complained about the SE corner of Vyner Park which is looking very scruffy with random signs displayed – these should be on one of the official noticeboards – agreed.</p> <p>ii. Mr D. Rixon – Mr Rixon referred to the road accident which occurred in NotM on 8th April (see also agenda item d) which he felt speed was a contributing factor. He called for the introduction of a one way system down the hill past Sycamore Syde and/or chicane at the west end of the village.</p>	Cllr Heal
2.	<p>Present: Cllr D. Francis (Chairman) Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr N. Mansfield, Cllr Mrs S. Stanley, Cllr R. Ryan, Cllr Ms S. Spurling, Cllr R. Brotherton, Cllr Mrs H. Handyside, Cllr. C, Heal, Cllr G. Cunningham.</p> <p>The Clerk was in attendance.</p>	
3.	<p>Apologies - Cllr Mrs E. Sells and Cllr Mrs S. Richardson.</p>	
4.	<p>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda – Cllr Spurling – Planning applications for Hartlaw and The Paddock.</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2016 – Agreed as a true record and signed.</p>	
	<p>To consider matters arising from the meeting on 23rd March 2016.</p> <p>a. Superfast Broadband in Newton on the Moor – The Chairman confirmed that Superfast Broadband was now available in NotM. There have been promotional events run by NCC at Swarland Village Hall and in Jubilee Hall, NotM and it's now up to residents to make the most of it. He thanked British Telecom, and NCC together with campaigners over the years including David Rixon and Dave Pettifer. Mr Rixon asked what would be happening about those people left in the parish unable to access Superfast Broadband and Cllr Francis responded that there were other methods such as satellite which might be possible.</p> <p>b. Review of Parish Boundary – The Clerk reported that letters had been sent out to the occupiers of the 25 properties east of the A1 in the Parish. Responses had been requested by 17th May to allow for a report to the May PC meeting.</p> <p>c. Condition of southern & northern road from Newton on the Moor to A1 – The Clerk reported that the potholes in the Parish had been repaired but the damaged surface on the south road leading from NotM to the A1 had not been repaired as promised. Agreed Clerk to remind NCC and also ask for sweeping to remove build up of gravel at junction.</p> <p>d. Alternative provision of weekly dial a ride bus service – NCC Public Transport team have been talking to Spirit Buses about their providing a service once a week preferably on Wednesdays, with two hours in Alnwick before return journey. There would be no cost to the PC. Service could be available by late May, however transport services are being reviewed in September. If the service is not used well, it might be lost. After discussion it was agreed that the PC welcomed the proposal, that it would help promote the scheme and encourage residents to use it as much as possible. The preferred option was 1 – running on Wednesdays.</p> <p>e. First Aid Training Request for contribution from Parish Council (Cllr Handyside) – Decision needed on PC contribution to course costs. Cllr Handyside said the scheme was advertised in The Column but there were no responses however around 6 people are interested in training. She will provide an update to the next meeting.</p> <p>f. Commemorative medal Queens 90th Birthday Swarland 1st School – (See item 6e).</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Handyside.</p>
6.	<p>Requested agenda items</p> <p>a. Vyner Park update (Councillor Brotherton)</p> <p>i. Lease etc - Cllr Brotherton said he had met with Cllr Francis to discuss proceeding with the lease arrangements (between the PC and Vyner Park Charity) and also the Sport England requirements. New arrangements for playing tennis/bowls will be in place from 1st May on a voluntary donation basis. The £10,000 grant funding had been received for the</p>	

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	<p>capital works at Vyner Park, and it is hoped that an account can be set up with MKM so materials can be bought by PC and VAT reclaimed. It was agreed that authority be delegated to the Clerk, Cllr Brotherton (Chair of VPC) and Cllr Handyside (Treasurer VPC) to make the necessary arrangements.</p> <p>ii. Premises Licence – The Clerk confirmed that application had been made to NCC for a premises licence, with an advert in the current ‘The Column’ and on the premises. Comments are invited until 12th May. If application is approved the licence will be in place from 16th May.</p> <p>iii. Hedge to east of Vyner Park – Cllrs are concerned at the mounding up of possible contaminated soil against the hedge which appears to be damaging the hedge. This has been reported to NCC as an apparent breach of planning conditions on Application 15/02656/FUL. Cllr Brotherton confirmed that during the annual inspection of Vyner Park on 26thApril, it was noticed that the earth mounding seemed higher, and more hedge damaged. Clerk to advise NCC Planning.</p> <p>b. Review of Parish Council Insurance prior to renewal – any changes needed (Clerk). This was discussed. Issues to be raised with insurers are the imminent Premises licence, and also to inquire whether indemnity is required for the Management Committee who will be the licensees.</p> <p>c. Condition of Roads in Parish (Councillor Ryan). – Cllr Ryan reported that he had put an item in the current issue of ‘The Column’ advising residents to report any potholes noted. He had reported three he felt were dangerous; Outside 1st school, road from school to NotM and bottom of Coast View. Most repaired within two weeks. A complaint had been received from a Swarland resident about the condition of Nelson Road – This road is not adopted and its therefore up to NCC whether they do work on it which would be very costly. Cllr Ryan has spoken to David Brookes at NCC who was very helpful. He suggested that David Laux, Head of Highways, be approached to look at options. It was felt that some roads in Swarland must be very close to adoptable standard. Is it possible to put a community levy via planning? Cllrs asked if Planning officer could also attend with Highways as there may be planning enforcement issues also. Clerk to arrange meeting.</p> <p>d. Complaint from local resident about speeding in Newton on the Moor – A letter and photos had been sent to the Clerk from Mr and Mrs Oliver, residents of NotM regarding a tractor/trailer accident on 8th April, damaging their wall and a telegraph pole. Mr & Mrs Oliver called for the introduction of speed control measures. Cllrs discussed the issue and it was agreed a meeting should be arranged with NCC Highways and Northumbria Police.</p> <p>e. Commemorative medal for Queens 90th Birthday Swarland 1st School – In absence of other contributors, funding was agreed up to £200 to provide medals for all the children at the 1st school and at Chester Bears. It was suggested that a press release/presentation be arranged.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Ryan</p>
7.	<p>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors Cllrs Francis and Anderson had attended NCC run Planning training in Alnwick which was very useful. One particular issue covered was planning enforcement. This has been under resourced in the past but NCC is now recruiting staff to these posts. NCC does rely on local people flagging up u issues on planning enforcement.</p>	
8.	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Bank statements – Lloyds Treasurers Account £21,475.64 @ 21/4/2016 & Lloyds Instant Access £16,010.26 @ 31/3/2016.</p> <p>b. Clerk’s salary (for April 2016) £334.29 Clerk’s expenses (Including repayment of £100 for application for VP licence fee) £139.65 HM Revenues & Customs PAYE (For April 2016) - £66.80 Payment to Clerk = £334.29+ £139.65 - £66.80 = £407.14 Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE - £ 66.80</p> <p>c. Other receipts and payments:</p> <p>i)Receipts: 2016-17 Precept from NCC (first half) - £9000. Grant from NCC from Small Grants Fund - £10,000</p> <p>ii) Payments: Upper Coquetdale Community Transport: March 2016 – £350. Cemetery Levy request - £1,701.20</p>	

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Caretech Annual Fire alarm and PAT testing at Vyner Park - £154.80 inc. VAT. Aln Fire – Fire Extinguisher checking at Vyner Park – £30.00 inc VAT. Northumberland Community Enterprises (Printing 'The Column') £75.00 inc. VAT.</p> <p>All the above were noted and agreed. It was agreed that in future, Vyner Park Invoices should be paid by the Vyner Park Charity Treasurer.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. To report on any planning decisions made by NCC (as at 17/2/16):</p> <p>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. Granted permission 4 April 2016.</p> <p>16/00389/FUL New build property with associated garage - Land South West Of 2 The Orchard Nelson Drive Swarland Northumberland. – Granted 18th April 2016</p> <p>b.Applications pending decision by NCC</p> <p>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>15/02656/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. – Comments made by PC</p> <p>16/00726/FELTPO Tree preservation order application to fell T1 Pine (severe lean towards house, unbalanced crown) and fell T2 Pine (too dominated by large species. tall with lack of stability) - 2 Dawnway Drive Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9BA.- Objections made by PC.</p> <p>Revocation of previous Tree Preservation Order and Notice of making a replacement Tree Preservation Order (No 04 Of 2016) by Northumberland County Council – Land at Leamington Lane, The Avenue and the Park, Swarland. – Supported by PC.</p> <p>16/00910/FUL Proposed single storey glazed rear extension – Hartlaw Manor, Acklington, NE65 9AR. Comments invited until 21st April 2016</p> <p>16/00912/LBC Listed building consent for proposed single storey glazed rear extension - Hartlaw Manor, Acklington Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9AR. Comments invited until 21st April 2016</p> <p>16/00930/LBC Listed building consent for removal of an internal wall – the West Wing, Newton Hall, Road to Newton Hall, Newton on the Moor. Comments invited until 21st April 2016</p> <p>c.Planning matters for Parish Council to consider</p> <p>16/01114/FELTPO Tree Preservation Order: TG1 - Fell 1no. dead Cypress tree; T5 - Remove 1no. Rowan tree and replace; T6 - Cherry - Sever and strip Ivy and remove deadwood; T14 - Fell and replace 1no. Lime tree; T18 - Fell and replace 1no. Cypress tree; T20 - Fell and replace 1no. Silver Maple; T22 - Oak - Remove deadwood including that to Western side of crown; T24 - Oak - Remove long extending branch; T25 - Oak, T28 - Ash, T30 - Beech, and T37 - Scots Pine - sever and remove ivy to allow closer inspection; T27 - Oak - Crown lift to above 6m and remove deadwood; T42 - Fell and replace Cherry tree; Generally clear brambles and other vegetation around trees in areas TG3, TG4, TG5 and woodland strip adjacent to Leamington Lane</p>	

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	<p>5 Studley Drive Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JT - Comments invited until 3rd May 2016.</p> <p>d. Other Cllrs raised concerns about property in Park Road recently granted planning permissions for a large shed which, it is alleged, is being used for commercial purposes in contravention of Planning Conditions. Clerk to advise NCC Planning.</p> <p>The current pre-application consultation response deadline was required by 25th April – Clerk to submit it based on responses received from Cllrs.</p>	Clerk
10.	<p>Correspondence Letter from Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP about Battle of the Somme Commemoration on 1st July 2016. NCC Love Northumberland Awards. NCC North Area Meeting.</p>	
11.	<p>Urgent items i. Damaged NotM bench - Cllr Mrs Stanley reported that the bench at the west end of NotM has been damaged and the timber removed. It is on land owned by Judith Draycott who is happy for it to be replaced. The bench is owned by the PC and was originally built by Carl Taylor. Cllr Anderson volunteered to carry out the necessary repairs – agreed.</p>	
12.	<p>Requests for next agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Flytipping (Cllr Brotherton). ii. The Chairman reminded the PC that the next meeting will comprise the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. He gave his apologies for the meeting and will provide a report. Other reports needed are for Swarland Village Hall, Jubilee Hall and for the Burial Committee. Clerk to contact for reports. Cllr Francis gave his apologies for the next meeting which will therefore be Chaired by Cllr Ryan. 	Clerk
13.	<p>Date of Next Meeting to be held on 25th May 2016 Jubilee Hall (Including Annual Parish Meeting), Newton on the Moor. Future Meetings: 22/6/2016 SVH, 27/7/2016 JH, 24/8/2016 SVH, 28/9/2016 JH, 26/10/2016 SVH.</p>	