

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
on **Wednesday 27th June 2018** in **Swarland Village Hall**

1.	<p>Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total) Metal railings to Forestry Commission land – a resident asked if the PC had been consulted on the removal of historic metal railings to the west of two adjacent properties on Park Road, Swarland, which had been replaced with gates to Forestry Commission land. The Chairman responded that the PC had not been consulted on this but the matter would be taken up with the Forestry Commission.</p>	Clerk
2.	<p>Present: Cllr D. Francis, Cllr S. Gallico, Cllr Mrs S. Stanley, Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr Mr D. Rixon. County Councillor Trevor Thorne was in attendance. The Clerk was in attendance.</p>	
3.	<p>Apologies: Cllr Woolfrey Absence: Cllr Mansfield.</p>	
4.	<p>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: Cllr Anderson declared an interest in item 7a regarding Felton Cemetery.</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2018 - The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>	
6.	<p>To consider matters arising from the meeting on 27th June 2018:</p> <p>a. <u>Speeding in Newton on the Moor update (Clerk)</u> – The Clerk had been advised that the installation works had been delayed because the Highways Agency needed to give permission for the rumble strips and they had not yet responded on this. Road marking renewals requested in NotM and Swarland at the same time as road works had been raised with NCC and expected to be done. With regard to interactive road sign bulk purchase, new officer has taken this over and not aware of proposed scheme – he will check and get back to PC. Sec to chase up these matters when back from leave.</p> <p>b. <u>NCC gathering views of highways hierarchy update</u> – Clerk has sent in view of PC that the road running parallel with A1 should be upgraded. DF said this has been reported by NCC as part of the feedback to County Cllrs on the consultation process.</p> <p>c. <u>Coast View road condition and drainage issues</u> – Clerk has sent request for feedback to residents but not heard anything back so Cllr Anderson visited and has spoken to two of the residents who are happy with newly laid planings but time and bad weather will show if work has been effective. The PC welcomed the resurfacing on the adopted part of Coast View, and the work done by NCC in laying the planings.</p> <p>d. <u>Condition of animal shelters Percy Wood (matter raised by resident)</u> – Cllr Stanley said the NCC Conservation Officer has been in touch with land owners who have taken on the responsibility for doing the work. Resident has been updated.</p> <p>e. <u>New Flags for The Square update. (Clerk)</u> – Flags have been purchased and passed on to <u>resident who raised matter. Noted.</u></p> <p>f. <u>General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (Clerk)</u> Update on progress – The Clerk advised she was working through the action plan agreed by the PC and has completed the first two sections which include an audit of any personal data held by the PC. She will continue with this work.</p>	Clerk.
7.	<p>Requested agenda items:</p> <p>a. <u>Vyner Park update (Cllr Stanley & Cllr Gallico)</u> – Cllr Stanley said the Charity's AGM had taken place on 13th June. Cllr Stanley was again Chairman, and Steve Woolfrey Vice Chairman. The four PC reps had already been appointed by the PC, and four Community reps were appointed; Andy Ferguson, Alison Cowen, David Blackshaw and Andrew Hastie. John Richardson was appointed as bowls/allotments Rep in a non-voting role. Cllr Stanley thanked retiring Community Rep Elizabeth Hilton for her considerable work for the VPC. At AGM did a review of the Charities finances, and will be carrying out a review of assets. A demountable storage area (Stage 1 kitchen redevelopment) was being constructed within the pavilion, and the surface of the tennis courts de-mossed. Football pitch lines have been done, and sockets installed for full sized goal posts. There has been good progress with Hedge/path at east end of park. A tree survey has been done to plan remedial work. Dislodged tree branch has been removed. Nelsons are working on the design/cost of stage 2 kitchen redevelopment with decision yet to be made on apportioning costs. Grant to be sought for work. Cllr Gallico said insurance discussed at AGM. Agreed with Cllr Francis that Cllr Gallico</p>	

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	<p>would find a professional valuer to give updated 'replacement cost' valuations of all assets owned by PC, including Swarland Village Hall, bus shelters, square, benches etc. Jubilee Hall may wish to be included in this to share costs of Valuation. Cllr Francis proposed that the PC meet the cost of this exercise without recovering costs from the village halls or from the Vyner Park Charity – This was agreed.</p> <p>the Cllr Stanley said she has been in touch with original VP architect, who has given verbally an updated rebuild figure for Pavilion of between £250,000 - 300,000. Cllr Anderson is looking at cost of rebuilding play area and fencing.</p> <p>Clerk asked if this valuation process would include the Cemetery, Obelisk and War memorial also on PC's asset list. It was agreed these would not be included but Cllr Anderson to let Felton PC know of valuation review via Cemetery Cttee.</p> <p>b. <u>Resignation of Cllr Jones</u> – Parish Council should have 10 Cllrs (now has 7 following resignation of Cllr Jones). Cllr Francis said there was one vacancy that can be co-opted to, but the other two vacancies following resignations have to be formally advertised for 14 days – Clerk to arrange this. Thanks to Ivor Jones in next Column.</p> <p>Have had an application from a Swarland resident for vacancy, but need to check position regarding representation on the VPC Management team. It was agreed that the co-option would be made at July PC meeting, and matters sorted out with VPC via usual channels.</p> <p>c. <u>Formal complaint about NCC Planning and response from Liz Sinnamon.</u> (Cllr Woolfrey) Update. Cllrs to consider further action if necessary. Clerk confirmed a holding reply had been sent to Liz Sinnamon. Cllr Woolfrey has been looking at the documentation and has produced a paper on this matter which has been circulated to Parish Cllrs. It was agreed that Cllr Francis, Cllr Woolfrey and the Clerk should arrange to meet with Liz Sinnamon in line with Cllr Woolfrey's recommendations.</p> <p>d. <u>Email and photographs from local resident suggesting the Parish Council considers a proactive safety campaign to encourage tree safety in Swarland</u> (already circulated) – Parish Cllrs agreed that this suggestion was very timely in view of recent high winds. Situation in parish is complicated by multiplicity of ownerships and many trees protected by TPO's which might deter people from doing work on trees. It was agreed to ask relevant officer from NCC to recommend ways of taking suggestion forward. Cllr Stanley said she had spoken to local tree surgeon who had mentioned the National Tree Safety Group and she was asking for an article for the next issue of The Column. Clerk to provide feedback to local resident and ask if he had any trees in mind when he made the suggestion.</p> <p>e. <u>Strother Charity in Newton on the Moor</u> – To discuss PC agreeing to take the lead in updating the trustee arrangements, with a view to closing the charity and applying its assets to a suitable purpose within the community – Cllr Francis explained the Strother Charity had been an educational charity which, as it was moribund, was taken off the Charity Commission registration list. Jubilee Hall Cttee has asked PC to revive the charity, and formally wind it up so its assets can be used. Cllr Gallico is working on a briefing paper – It was agreed that the PC would oversee the process. When completed, the charity records would be passed to Woodhorn Archives.</p> <p>f. <u>NCC Forthcoming consultation on Local Plan.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on draft Local Plan - 4 July 2018 to 15 August 2018 • Publication - January 2019 • Submission - May 2019 • Examination hearings - September 2019 • Adoption - March 2020 <p>Cllr Francis said the PC needs to make sure that it makes a response to this consultation and so all Cllrs need to look at the information which has been provided.</p> <p>Settlement boundaries are shown on the NCC interactive map for Swarland but not for NotM. PC to share views and agree response by email. May need to be included on July PC meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Anderson</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Gallico</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors – Cllr Thorne said he was the Vice Chair of NCC's Local Development Plan Cttee. The original LD plan had been withdrawn for various reasons, and the new plan has reduced the number of dwellings that can be built. He said it was very important for residents to consider and comment on the new draft. NCC Highways have made a lot of progress on repairing</p>	

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	<p>17/01936/OUT Outline planning application for two built to rent affordable homes and five open market dwellings (as amended 09/08/17) Land East Of Old Hall Farm, Old Swarland, Swarland NE65 9HU. This application was refused by NCC 25th August 2017 and an Appeal has now been lodged by the applicant with the Secretary of State. Additional comments were submitted by the PC in objection to this appeal.</p> <p>18/00590/FUL Construction of new dwelling house on the land adjacent to Quarry House and associated external works. Land South Of Quarry House Newton-On-The-Moor Northumberland. Parish Council objected.</p> <p>18/01791/PRUTPO Tree Preservation Order: Crown reduce Larch trees (T1, T2, T7 and T8) to approx 4m and remove deadwood , crown reduce Lime trees (T3 and T5), Horse Chestnut trees (T4 and T9), Beech tree (T6) to approx 2m and crown thin by 15-20% to remove deadwood and Lime tree (T10) crown reduce to approx 2m, crown thin by 15-20% and remove deadwood - 3 Beechcroft Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9HA.. Parish Council asked for more information.</p> <p>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider</p> <p>18/01911/FELTPO Tree Preservation Order Application - Remove and replant T16, T23, T24, T26 (Larch) and T25, T32 (Scots Pine); Crown thin by 15%, including the removal of deadwood/crossing branches T17, T20, T22, T31 (Lime); Crown thin by 15% T19 (Horse Chestnut) and T27 (Lime); Crown lift to low branches to South that intersect with T21 to give 3.5m clearance above ground level T22 (Lime); Prune out stub to east and remediate previous branch tares from past pruning of T21 (Purple Beech). - 2 Dawnway Drive Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9BA . Comments invited until 26th June 2018.</p> <p>18/01894/FELTPO Tree Preservation Order Application - T1 (horse chestnut), T2, 3, 4, 8, 15 (larch) remove and replace; T5 (sycamore) crown lift and not exceed 3.5m height above ground level; T6 (horse chestnut), T9, T11 (lime) thin crown by 15%; T7 (larch) remove Ivy; T10 (beech) thin crown by 15% and remove Ivy; T12 (sycamore) crown lift to give 3m ground clearance; T13 (horse chestnut) remove long etiolated branch extending east at approx 2m ground level) - 1 Dawnway Drive Swarland Northumberland NE65 9BA. Comments invited until 26th June 2018.</p> <p>With regards to 18/01911/FELTPO and 18/01894/FELTPO Cllr Francis asked Cllrs to pass any comments to the Clerk preferably straight after this meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley said that TPO's trees should have a condition applied by NCC requiring replacement but that she has seen little evidence of replanting esp. as tree stumps are not being removed. Agreed to bring this up with Tree Officer in connection with 7d above.</p> <p>18/01040/VARYCO - 14 Kenmore Road Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JS - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of approved planning application 15/03803/FUL. Comments invited until 6th July 2018</p>	
11.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. NCC Local Transport Plan 2018-19 feedback. Feedback on PC's submissions. b. NALC – General information about road closures eg. where to find details – with regard to this item Cllr Rixon mentioned the road closure planned for the A1 and asked if it was possible to find out what works were being planned and why? 	Clerk
12.	<p>Urgent items:</p> <p>The Clerk advised the PC that a complaint had been received about extensions to a property in the parish exceeding permitted development. This had been referred to NCC.</p>	
13.	<p>Requests for next agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preparation for the next NCC Local Transport Plan- Refer to feedback on 2018/19 plan. Possible item for the Column in August. b. Insurance (Asset valuation) review progress report. c. NCC Draft Local Plan – for discussion. 	Clerk Cllr Gallico
14.	<p>Date of Next Meeting - 25/7/2018 JH, 22/8/2018 SVH (or JH) tbc, 26/9/2018 JH, 24/10/2018 SVH.</p>	

Meeting finished at 20.36