

# NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7pm on  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015** in Swarland Village Hall.

1.	<p><b>Present</b>          Cllr D. Francis, Cllr Mrs S. Stanley, Cllr Mrs S. Richardson, Cllr N. Mansfield, Cllr B. Ryan, Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr R. Brotherton.          County Councillor Trevor Thorne was in attendance. The Clerk was in attendance.</p>	Action
2.	<p><b>Public questions and Reports (including Police Updates) (Max 15 minutes in total)</b>  <b>i. Mrs Vaggs</b> – asked to make a correction from the previous meeting in which she had asked to read out a letter from Ken Walters. The correction was that she had permission to read it out.  <b>ii. Mrs Vaggs</b> – asked if Parish Council had included in its comments to NCC the point she had raised with the Clerk that an NCC owned road had been included on the application by the Equestrian Centre 15/02656/FUL. The Clerk apologised that she had forgotten to pass on Mrs Vaggs comment to Councillors. Reference had however been made to Highways in the comments. Cllr Francis said the PC comments were viewable on the NCC planning portal or the Clerk would send copies out on request.  <b>iii. Mrs Vaggs</b> pointed out that the NCC notice about application 15/02656/FUL had been poorly displayed to the right of the entrance to Vyner Park, behind the bins. She felt this was unacceptable and the notice should have been more prominent.  <b>iv. Mrs Vaggs</b> asked the PC if it would apply for Tree Preservation Orders on the remaining four clumps of trees in Nile Park. She holds a lot of information relating to this if needed. The previous application to Alnwick District Council was turned down as the trees were not under threat, but the situation has now changed. Councillors were in agreement on this.  <b>v. Mr Waters</b> commented on the minutes of the July PC meeting which referred to the Northumbria Water comment about the foul sewerage capacity in Swarland being satisfactory. He pointed out that the foul sewer crossing Vyner Park the across his property had hydraulic incapacity (not large enough for sewerage load), so this comment was incorrect.  <b>vi. Mr Waters</b> asked if a response had been received from NCC in answer to the planning questions raised earlier in the year. The Clerk said a response had been received but she would need to check with the Chair before making them public.  <b>vii. Mr Waters</b> referred to the previous planning application submitted by the equestrian centre and points that were raised in a letter sent to Cllr Thorne. Cllr Thorne responded that it was useful for him to be sent information and he very much valued it, but that he couldn't discuss NCC planning applications at PC meetings. Mr Waters asked if – when application 15/02656/FUL has been decided – that the PC have an item on the agenda to review what went on. Cllr Francis agreed. Cllr Francis also said that the PC had answers to a list of questions on this application which could be shared with particular reference to brownfield sites and settlement boundaries.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
3.	<p><b>Apologies</b> - Cllrs Heal, Sells, Spurling, Cunningham and Handyside.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda</b> – None.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015</b> – Agreed.</p>	
6.	<p><b>To consider matters arising from the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015</b>  <b>a. Recurring potholes at crossroads near school</b> – Despite cleansing and root removal in sewer, Cllr Stanley reported that water was still coming to the surface of the road, Cllr Brotherton suggested it could be a collapsed pipe and that he had noticed problems at this site for about 20 years.  <b>b. Update on Superfast Broadband</b> – The Clerk reported that she'd not heard back from iNorthumberland. Cllr Thorne he'd had a brief report from John Cooper from NCC that smaller schemes are moving forward and gathering momentum.  <b>c. Review of Parish Boundary</b> – A discussion document had been sent to the seven Parish Councils which neighbour Newton on the Moor &amp; Swarland. Responses received from all PC's except Denwick &amp; Shilbottle. Felton had responded saying that in 2009 it had been agreed that no further action would be taken. This was not NotM &amp; S's position and it was intended to carry out consultation but this didn't happen as NCC was busy with District/County reorganisation. Agreed copy of discussion document would be sent to Cllr Thorne,  <b>d. Coast View</b> – Letter still to go to residents of Coast View saying planings available.  <b>e. Condition of southern and northern road from Newton on the Moor to A1</b> – This has been formally reported to NCC.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>



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	<p>week, and on this basis cost for the year would be £3640. The 'Get Going' grant provided by NCC was being used in the current year but there was a possibility of getting funding from other funding bodies.</p> <p>Councillor Brotherton said that there would be various items for Vyner Park.</p> <p>In the current year the PC had given the Jubilee Hall a donation of £1000 which had been as part of a payment for windows. Cllr Francis suggested – if the Parish Council were minded – that the same grant be made for 2016/17, and that this could be brought forward so that the whole of the windows bill was paid by the PC (£2,127). This would give the advantage of the whole of the VAT being claimable by the PC which was £425.40.</p> <p>This was agreed.</p> <p>Councillor Stanley suggested that the Clerk could bring copies of the budget so far to the October meeting to help inform discussions. Cllr Francis reminded Cllrs that the budget needed to be finalised towards the end of November.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors</b></p> <p>Councillor Thorne talked about his role on NCC's Planning Committee and the current strong presumption in favour of development. He said the old Alnwick District Local Plan has little weight regarding applications being submitted now so in effect there are no village envelopes. Cllrs are waiting for the new Core Strategy to be in place. Cllr Thorne said that he listens to what Parish Councils say, and tries to represent local views but has to look at how applications fit in with planning law. County Councillors have been criticised in the past for going against Officer recommendations and now tend to follow the recommendations. Cllr Ryan said he felt PC views are being ignored. Cllr Thorne responded that they are always taken on board. Cllr Francis said that the response the PC has had from NCC Officers is that the old settlement boundaries are not totally dead. He asked when the Delivery Document will be issued and Cllr Thorne responded early 2016. Cllr Thorne said despite little weight being given to local plans, there is still the national planning framework so good planning is still being done.</p> <p>NCC has recently introduced charges for taking soil, and DIY building materials to recycling sites. There is concern that there will be a lot of fly (illegal) tipping in consequence but NCC has spoken to Devon &amp; Cornwall Council which had found that although this had happened initially, fly tipping had tailed off. Cllr Thorne said the reason the charges have been introduced is because the current scene is being abused. Cllr Ryan asked if NCC had put aside money to deal with fly tipping and Cllr Thorne said that it had.</p> <p>Cllr Thorne asked if the PC had decided on a project for his Small Grant Scheme and was assured that it had and the details were currently being worked out. Quotes are expected to be with NCC in the next few weeks.</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>a.</b>Bank statements – Lloyds Treasurers Account £3,314.24 (@ 18/8/2015) &amp; Lloyds Instant Access £930.15 Reserve £15,000.</p> <p><b>b.</b>Clerks' salary £334.29 Clerk's expenses £29.41, HM Revenues &amp; Customs PAYE - £66.80.          Payment to Clerk = £334.29 + £29.41 - £66.80 = £296.90          Payment to HM Revenues &amp; Customs PAYE - £66.80.</p> <p><b>c.</b>Other receipts and payments:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i)Receipts: VAT repayment (to 31.3.2015) £583.08          NCC Precept £10,000          Nelson's repayment of Licence legal costs £200.00.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ii) Payments:          Upper Coquetdale Community Transport: August 2015 – £280.00          BDO Annual fee and additional correspondence external audit - £162.00 inc VAT.</p> <p>All the above were agreed.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>a.To report on any planning decisions made by NCC (as at 15/9/2015):</b></p> <p>15/02406/FUL – Construction of single storey rear extension (as amended 5/8/2015) – 14 Kenmore Road, Swarland, NE65 9JS – Permitted 18/8/2015.</p> <p>15/02506/FUL – Oak framed orangery and entrance hall extension (as amended 10/8/15) – The Steading, Home Farm, NotM, NE65 9JX. – Granted 1/9/2015.</p> <p>15/02580/VARYCO – Removal of condition 2 (Holiday use) from application A/2006/0032 to allow permanent residential letting – The Bungalow, Newton Low Hall Farm, NotM, NE65</p>	

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	<p>9LD – Granted 4/9/2015.</p> <p><b>b.Applications pending decision by NCC</b></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>14/03340/FUL – Development of 20 houses, Leamington Lane, Swarland. This application is in Felton Parish.</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.</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. – Pending as at 4/9/15.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Reserved matters for application 13/03931/OUT – Change of use of land to use as plot for residential dwelling – 3 The Paddock, Swarland, NE65 9BS – No 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.</p> <p>15/02773/FUL Proposed new dwelling with stables. Land North West Of Swarland First School, Leamington Lane, Swarland.</p> <p>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</p> <p><b>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider</b></p> <p>15/02650/LBC Retrospective Permission required to install an Air Source Heat Pump - Newton Hall Road To Newton Hall Newton-On-The-Moor Northumberland NE65 9JU</p>	
11.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Information from NCC on ‘pay as you go’ charges for disposing of DIY waste by residents. Email request (treated as FOI) for PC minutes from 2014 – Now on PC website.</p> <p>NCC Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy -Publication and consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft (previously circulated).-Drop in dates are taking place around the country.</p> <p>NCC – LOVE Northumberland PC nomination shortlisted – Swarland Forest Footpath – Presentation took place on 17<sup>th</sup> September and came second in category winning £100 and framed certificate. Cllr Brotherton suggested thank you event for everyone concerned. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Mansfield.</p> <p>NotM Jubilee Hall Committee thank you letter for window contribution.</p> <p>Invitation to NALC AGM 17<sup>th</sup> October 201 5 10.30am Storey Park, Morpeth.</p> <p>Noise complaint from Swarland resident – an anonymous email had been received by the Clerk and circulated to Cllrs. Cllrs agreed that builders leaving radios playing full blast showed a lack of courtesy. Complainant needs to let Env. Health at NCC know. Clerk to respond.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p>
12.	<p><b>Urgent Items – None.</b></p>	
13.	<p><b>Requests for next agenda</b></p> <p>i. Cllr Anderson asked if the disused telephone box in NotM could be discussed regarding future possible uses. Location of defibrillator was suggested.</p> <p>ii. Professor Andrew Gray NHS rep and NotM resident for short item and Q/A's.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> to be held on <b>28th October 2015 at 7.00pm</b> in <b>Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor.</b></p> <p><b>Future Meetings:</b> 28/10/2015 JH, 25/11/2015 SVH, No meeting December 2015, 27/1/2016 JH, 24/2/2016 SVH.</p> <p>Meeting finished at 20.45pm</p>	