

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
on **Wednesday 25th September 2019 in Swarland Village Hall.**

1.	<p>Present: Cllr S. Woolfrey, Cllr D. Rixon, Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr Ms E. Clark, Cllr Mrs S. Stanley, Cllr A. Ferguson, Cllr Mrs K. Howard-Row and Cllr N. Mansfield. County Councillor Trevor Thorne was in attendance.</p> <p>The Clerk was in attendance.</p> <p>The meeting was chaired by Cllr Woolfrey in the absence of Cllr Francis.</p>	
2.	<p>Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total) –</p> <p>a.Speeding on Park Road – Two residents raised concerns about speeding in Park Road, Swarland, pedestrians being at risk, and their fear of a serious accident occurring.</p> <p>b.An email was read out from a local resident also commenting on speeding in Park Road which outlined some of the options available to tackle the problem. Cllrs were sympathetic to the problem. Cllr Howard-Row suggested contact Northumbria Police at Alnwick and request speed camera, or ask NCC Highways to install monitor so a case could be made to the Police for enforcement action. It was agreed the Clerk would contact NCC for monitoring as a starting point.</p>	Clerk
3.	<p>Apologies: Cllr D. Francis and Cllr A. Ferguson.</p>	
4.	<p>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None.</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2019 – These were agreed as a true record and signed.</p>	
6.	<p>To consider matters arising from the meeting on 28th August 2019.</p> <p>a. <u>Highways Issues</u> : Updates on interactive speed monitoring sign for Newton on the Moor, request to NCC for sign warning of presence of horses (Clerk),condition of road at Hazon (Cllr Clark), and request for speed monitoring equipment in NotM – PC on waiting list (Clerk). County Cllr Thorne confirmed that he would make donation from Members grants of £5,000 towards an interactive speed monitoring sign for Newton on the Moor (or other traffic calming works needed). He said he was disappointed that the sign at Swarland (which he was also donating £5,000 to) was not yet in place. The Clerk had contacted NCC about horse signs and confirmed (again) that these were still required. Cllr Clark said there had been no progress with regards to the road repairs at Hazon and she had not yet had assurances would be done in the current financial year. Cllr Thorne said that the road is so bad, can't wait for drainage works to be done before road surface is repaired. Work is to be done to clear ditches to help move water away from the road. NCC have not yet had discussions with landowners involved. Clerk has had no feedback yet from NCC about installation of speed monitoring equipment at NotM possibly due to recent officer illness. She will continue to pursue this.</p> <p>b. <u>Condition of the north end of Kenmore Road, Swarland (unadopted) –</u> Update on letter sent to County Cllr Glen Sanderson NCC. Cllr Woolfrey summarised the background to this issue. A partial response had been received from Cllr Sanderson with information from Highways. In the interim, the Clerk had contacted NALC for advice, and sent an FOI request to NCC for confirmation of the road ownership, and NCC's declaration of the road as an unadopted highway. When this information is received a meeting will be held with NALC to look at possible ways forward.</p>	

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	<p>a. Improvements to the road at Hazon (Note: to be included as a priority if not to be addressed in current financial year).</p> <p>b. Provision of a footpath partway along Park Road, Swarland from the North end, southwards.</p> <p>c. Introduction of a one way system in Newton on the Moor to address road safety concerns. Traffic to be directed east down the road to the north of the Cook & Barker.</p> <p>d. Provision of a streetlight on The Avenue, Swarland between Kenmore Road junction and The Square (opposite Home Farm Cottages). (Note: To be included as a priority if No1 is to be addressed in current financial year). It was agreed the Clerk would recirculate the suggestions made by local residents together with a draft LTP response. It was also agreed the Clerk would write a short item for the Column on the rumours that the 20mph limit in NotM is advisory whereas it is definitely mandatory.</p> <p>c. <u>Friends of the Earth request to PC to set up a Climate Change group in the area.</u> – For discussion and decision on action (if any). It was agreed that the PC supports action on climate change but was disappointed that NCC weren't doing anything on a county level that the PC could contribute to. Clerk to contact NCC about grant for electric car recharging point and put item in Column inviting residents to set up their own group.</p> <p>d. <u>Cussins Estate</u> - Complaint from resident about new Cussins estate confusingly using address of 'Old Park Road'. Cllr Thorne said it was disappointing that the PC had not been consulted on this. Cllrs discussed the complaint and could understand the point of view of the complainant. However, the PC was of the opinion that the decision was already made and a change could not be effected.</p> <p>e. <u>NCC Request for details of streetlights not converted to LED as part of 'snagging' of recent contract work.</u> - Discussion and decision on action to be taken (if any). Item to go in October Column.</p> <p>f. <u>Invitation to Licencing of new Priest in Charge</u> – Rev. Helen O'Sullivan – Warkworth Church 30th September 2019. Apologies to be sent.</p> <p>g. <u>PC budget and precept for 2020/19 Process and time table for setting</u> – For discussion and agreement on way forward. It was agreed that an item would be put in the Column inviting ideas for the budget.</p> <p>h. <u>Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2019</u> – Agreement on purchase of Royal British Legion Wreaths. Decision needed on who will lay Parish Council wreaths at Jubilee Hall NotM, and at Felton. It was agreed that two wreaths would be ordered as usual total cost £60.00. Chair and/or Vice Chair will attend ceremonies to lay wreaths.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors: County Cllr Thorne summarised the grants he was making to the Parish; £5,000 for interactive speed monitoring sign at the Avenue, Swarland £5,000 for interactive speed sign (or other traffic calming works) for Newton on the Moor. £2,000 towards outdoor gym at Vyner Park. £2,600 towards new car park area in Vyner Park. With regard to planning enforcement, Cllr Thorne said he would follow up on this regarding the resurfacing of Old Park Road. He said that the trees at Alnwick Fords have been cut back to improve visibility and the road surface was much improved after recent NCC works.</p>	

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	<p>He was sympathetic to the concerns raised about speeding on Park Road and agreed this needed to be dealt with in some way.</p>													
<p>10.</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a. September 2019 finance information attached as Appendix A. Monthly update provided to Parish Councillors for information and approval. The Clerk suggested that the provision of information be reduced to quarterly because of the work involved in producing the documents. After discussion this was agreed but any variances from expected spending would be explained at each meeting.</p> <p>b.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Clerk's salary</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">£362.95</td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerks Expenses</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£25.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE =</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£72.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payment to Clerk = £362.95 + £25.84 - £72.60 =</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£316.19</td> </tr> </table> <p>c. Other receipts and payments:</p> <p>i) Receipts: NCC Precept (Second half) £11,350 Donation from Swarland Show Committee £1,417.50</p> <p>ii) Payments: Balance of grant to Vyner Park Charity 2018/19 £525.85 (for details see Appendix B).</p> <p>iii) Request for donation from Great North Air Ambulance Service – It was agreed that a donation of £50 would be made (as in 2018/19). NCC grasscutting (from grant funds held by PC on behalf of VPC) £1358.36 Repayment to Cllr Anderson (from grant funds held by PC on behalf of VPC) For wood to repair slide - £38.71 inc VAT. Repayment to Cllr Anderson for repairs to the Swarland PC Noticeboard - £38.12 All the above were agreed.</p>	Clerk's salary	£362.95		Clerks Expenses		£25.84	Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE =		£72.60	Payment to Clerk = £362.95 + £25.84 - £72.60 =		£316.19	<p>Clerk</p>
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<p>11.</p>	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. To report on any planning decisions made by NCC: 19/01284/FUL - Proposed culvert infill - Land North of Birchwood House Felton Northumberland. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. On 27th August 2019 this application was WITHDRAWN at the request of the Applicant.</p> <p>b. Applications pending decision by NCC 19/00335/FUL - Construction of No7 New dwellings at land adjacent 3 Nelson Drive Morpeth - 3 Nelson Drive Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JR. The Parish Council objected to this application on several grounds including too high a density and mass of development, no need for additional 4+ bedroomed houses in Swarland, and effects on tree belt. 19/00823/FUL - Erection of 1 No. dwellinghouse (C3 use) plus new access - Land South West of Chesterhill Farm, Leamington Lane, Swarland Northumberland. The Parish Council objected to this application for several reasons including safety risks regarding the proposed new access onto Leamington Lane.</p> <p>19/01637/FUL - Land parcels south west of Liseswood, Old Park Road - Proposal for the erection of 5 dwellings (to replace 4 dwellings consented under planning permission 18/02250/FUL). The PC objected on the grounds of development creep and that the more cramped design doesn't fit with the</p>													

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	<p>characteristic spaciousness of Swarland as a whole, and the need for affordable housing.</p> <p>19/01688/FUL - Percy Wood Golf And Country Retreat, Sylvian House, Leamington Lane, Swarland, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9JW - Reconfiguration of existing reception area with a new restaurant and storage facility, splash park, caravan sales area and associated parking. Parish Council objected on basis of appearance of proposed building and problems with disposal of water from splash park.</p> <p>19/00624/OUT – Outline application for development of 1 no. dwellinghouse (C3 use) – all matters reserved. Land South West of Old Gardens, Park Road, Swarland, NE65 9HZ. Application REFUSED by NCC but has been submitted to Secretary of State on grounds of Appeal against refusal. Further written representations to the Planning Inspectorate must be submitted by 6th September 2019.</p> <p>19/01524/FUL – Extension to an existing stable block to provide storage – Land at Dykehead, Newton on the Moor, Morpeth, NE65 9LP. The Parish Council made no objections.</p> <p>19/03610/BT - Proposal to remove phone box 01670787382 - ADJ Bus Shelter PCO1 The Square Swarland Morpeth NE65 9JQ. The PC had no objections.</p> <p>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider 19/03839/FUL – Proposed replacement of existing boundary fence and additional fence above existing stone wall – Pine Lodge, Old Swarland, Swarland, NE65 9HU. Comments invited until 9th October 2019.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Correspondence: NHS - The future of Rothbury Community Hospital – Invitation to meeting 26th September 2019, Rothbury – To be attended by Cllr Stanley. Email from local resident requesting contact with NCC to cut back Hawthorn tree on Park Road – work completed 9/9/2019. Cllr Woolfrey had been contacted by another resident concerned at possible road safety risk to people viewing the plaque – to go on next agenda after Parish Cllrs have had the opportunity to look at the site. Request from resident to refer unconverted streetlight to NCC for attention – this has been completed. Complaint referred to NCC about fallen timber fingerpoint sign at entrance to Swarland Woods. Letter from Jubilee Hall Cttee about Defibrillator for NotM – response sent by Cllr Francis. Invitation from NCC for tour of West Sleekburn recycling sites on 5.11.2019.</p>	<p align="center">Clerk</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Requests for Next Agenda: None.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>Urgent items: None.</p>	
<p>15.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting - 23/10/2019 JH, 27/11/2019 SVH, No meeting in December 2019, 22/1/2020 JH.</p>	

Meeting finished at: 20.45