

NEWTON ON THE MOOR AND SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL MAY 2014

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 28 May 2014 in Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor

Members of the public present:

Mrs J Anderson, Mr R Brotherton, Mrs L Fahy, Mrs H Handyside, Mr A Lisle, Mrs D Lewney, Mr C Potts, Mrs C Preston, Mrs S Richardson, Mrs C Rogerson, Mrs E Sells, Ms S Spurling, Mrs S Stanley, Mr T Thorne, Mr A Vaggs and Mrs V Vaggs.

Cllr Mrs Stanley was Chairman for the meeting.

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 May 2013** were read out by the Chairman and were accepted and signed as a correct record of the meeting.
2. **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman presented her report (see p1107&8) which was accepted.
3. **Committee and Representatives' Reports**
 - a. **Vyner Park Committee** report (see p1109) was presented by Cllr Mrs S Stanley and was accepted.
 - b. **Joint Cemetery Committee** report (see p1110) was presented by Cllr Mrs S Richardson and was accepted.
 - c. **Swarland Village Hall** report (see p1111) was presented by Cllr Mrs S Stanley and was accepted.
 - d. **Swarland Village Action** report (see p1112) was presented by the Parish Clerk and was accepted.
 - e. **Any Other Reports** - None Presented
4. **Any Questions, Comments or Resolutions**
 - Mrs Vaggs raised the issue that there are gnomes still in the Cemetery and she stated all ornaments and plastic flowers were to be removed. The Clerk will raise this with the Cemetery Clerk.
 - Mrs Vaggs asked if there was anything to report in relation to Davison's Obelisk and the Clerk confirmed there were no issues and the Cemetery Caretaker is continuing to maintain the grounds here.
 - Mrs Vaggs stated she had heard a rumour that the Parish Council were taking on £6K of debt from the Sports Club. Mr Brotherton informed her that this was incorrect and that the Parish Council provided some support for the Sports Club to ensure the building was insured but no debt was taken on. Mrs Stanley reported that any payments in relation to the Sports Club are listed in the minutes. Mrs Vaggs stated it is a good thing that the Parish Council is taking on the Sports Club but would the Public Liability Insurance Certificate be displayed. Mr Brotherton confirmed this would be in place.
 - Mrs Vaggs stated that the pot holes in the parish are dreadful and what is the situation with NCC's commitment to filling in the holes by the end of June. Mr Thorne responded stating that the pot holes are nearly all filled. The jet patcher does not appear to be covering the rural areas and there is an issue with pot holes being filled and not lasting long, jet patching seems to be more effective. Mr Thorne also stated that the road through Newton on the Moor is being resurfaced this year. He also stated the public should continue to report pot holes to NCC.
 - Mrs Vaggs expressed concern about the state of the road from Old Swarland to Felton. Mr Thorne confirmed that some patching has been done but work does need doing on the pot holes and road edges. Mrs Rogerson raised concerns that the money for pot holes in rural areas is being diverted to other parts of Northumberland. Mr Thorne confirmed the money is meant for rural areas.
 - Mrs Vaggs asked what is happening in relation to the Cattle Shelters on the golf course. The Clerk stated that NCC are still be pushed on this however they are not making any progress. Mr Brotherton has looked into grant funding for repairs and the Heritage Lottery Fund have indicated there is a possibility of funding however it needs someone to push this

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forward. Mrs Vaggs suggested a Councillor be appointed to look at Parish Listed Building issues and Mrs Stanley stated this would be considered.

- Mrs Vaggs asked what the situation was with regard to the installation of yellow lines outside the school. The Clerk confirmed that NCC and the Parish Council had met to revise the layout of the lines and this was now in the consultation process and unless there were any objections this should be completed in a few months time as the money is ring fenced for this by the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm