

# NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm  
on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015** in the Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor.

	<p><b>Present</b> - Cllr Mrs S. Stanley, Cllr Mrs S. Richardson, Cllr G. Cunningham, Cllr R. Brotherton, Cllr D.Francis, Cllr N. Mansfield, Cllr B. Ryan, Cllr Mrs E. Sells, Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr Ms S. Spurling, Cllr Mrs H. Handyside. The Clerk was in attendance.</p>	Action
1.	<p><b>Public questions and Reports (including Police Updates) (Max 15 minutes in total)</b> Northumbria Police Coquetdale community message – none received.</p> <p>i. <b>Mrs Caroline Thomas</b> - asked if the Parish Council could assist in identifying and contacting the owner of the railings on the east side of The Avenue which were in a very poor condition and giving a bad impression of the village. Mrs Vaggs suggested contacting Peggy Thompson.</p> <p>ii. <b>Mr Walters</b> – commented with reference to the accounts used as the basis for deciding the Parish Precept, that no figures had been included for income from fireworks night. He further commented that the money spent on Vyner Park was in excess of £20,000 and said that residents have the right to know what they are getting. As no income is shown, more will have to come from reserves so the actual cost is much higher than the precept suggests. He suggested that a proper business plan was needed. He asked what was spent [on Vyner Park] in 2014/15, and said that residents should decide what was proper expenditure. Cllr Brotherton replied that a detailed report would be provided at the Annual General Meeting in May. It was expected that as the Charity bedded in, things would be more settled and that the budget that had been agreed would not be needed. The fireworks were donated by Percy Wood Country Park, and the profit was £1100 (in the Vyner Park Charity Accounts).</p> <p>iii. <b>Mrs Blakesley–Spicer</b> – asked if the decision on the use of Vyner Park Pavilion was taking place at this meeting. Cllr Brotherton replied that it was.</p>	<p>Cllr Stanley</p> <p>Cllr Brotherton</p>
2.	<b>Apologies</b> – Cllr C.Heal.	
3.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda</b> Cllr Spurling declared an interest in Planning item 10a 15/00435/SN and 5 vii Coast View. Cllr Handyside declared an interest in item 5 vii Coast View.</p>	
4.	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2015 – These were agreed as a true record.</b>	
5.	<p><b>To consider matters arising from the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015</b></p> <p>i.<b>Potholes at crossroads near school</b> – The Clerk reported no progress on this item.</p> <p>ii.<b>Extension of yellow lines outside Swarland 1<sup>st</sup> School</b> – The Clerk was able to confirm the formal advertisement had been published in the Northumberland Gazette by NCC, and she'd been informed that the order had been placed for the works to be done.</p> <p>iii.<b>Update on Superfast Broadband</b> – Fay Cooper from iNorthumberland had provided an update which the Clerk read out. It was very good news that Superfast Broadband was expected in Newton on the Moor by the end of September subject to the usual caveats. Cllrs asked how far the signal would reach in the village – Clerk to contact iNorthumberland. <i>19.25 – At this point Cllr Mansfield joined the meeting.</i></p> <p>iv.<b>Replacement Flagpole for The Square</b> – Cllr Anderson confirmed that the pole had been ordered and he was to check the site and see what materials were needed.</p> <p>v.<b>British Gas – Charges introduced for unmetered supply in The Square, Swarland</b> – The Clerk had contacted NCC about this but had received no response. Cllr Handyside said the lights were on in the Square in daylight, and Cllr Richardson said some of the bollard lights were not working.</p> <p>vi.<b>Review of Parish Boundary</b> – The Clerk read a short description of the process to be followed which she had received from NCC. She had also been to the NCC Archives to look at documents relating to the last time this matter was raised in 2000. Cllr Francis offered to draft the case for a change (triggered by planning application in Leamington Lane) with the Clerk. Cllrs suggested that any boundary change proposal would be unsuccessful unless numbers of properties lost/gained were equal, and the A1 constitutes a psychological barrier to the Parish.</p> <p>vii. <b>Coast View – next steps re condition of road.</b> The Clerk had arranged to meet on site with David Brookes, NCC's Infrastructure Records Manager to clarify ownership issues</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Anderson</p> <p>Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr Francis &amp; Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Ryan &amp;</p>



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	<p>obtaining a hard copy of plans for the public to view as these were held by NCC. Cllr Stanley said that further discussion was needed. Residents are left not knowing what is happening with planning applications as NCC no longer required to display public notices on site.</p> <p><b>c. Update on Dial a Ride Bus Scheme funded by Parish Council</b> – Clerk to Circulate. <b>d. Marking the 70th anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8th May</b>, and across the weekend of 9th and 10th May – Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mrs Thomas to explain that she had approached the Show Committee re celebration on 2<sup>nd</sup> September which gives more time, and more impetus. Hope to get Flagpole back up in place by 8<sup>th</sup> May. <b>e. Decision on donation to Jubilee Hall Committee, Newton on the Moor.</b> The donation of £1000 was agreed and Cllr Francis suggested that The Parish Council could pay for the works to be done and reclaim VAT – Agreed. <b>f. Spending spread across the Parish – Is this equitable and fair?</b> Mr David Rixon had sent an email outlining some issues which he felt needed attention in Newton on the Moor. The issues included traffic safety issues on the hill running beside his home, alleged lack of Parish Council activity in obtaining Superfast Broadband in NotM, difficulty of accessing Vyner Park to look at plans under discussion and the southern turning on the A1 into NotM. Cllr Stanley pointed out that Mr Rixon’s original point made at the last meeting was about equitability of spending by the Parish Council which none of these issues involved. It was agreed that the traffic safety issues on the hill in NotM would be discussed at the next meeting. It was agreed that the issue of a slip road on the A1 should be brought up again, that the Broadband issue had been resolved and that a final decision hadn’t been made about how plans were to be made available for viewing. Clerk to draft letter to Mr Rixon and invite him to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8.	<p><b>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors – None received.</b></p>	
9.	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Bank statements – Lloyds Treasurers Account £12,736.28 (Includes precept payment) &amp; Lloyds Instant Access £930.19. Reserve £15,000. Clerk advised reserve is fixed term deposit due to mature in May when changes can be made to sum deposited.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Clerks’ salary £331.27 Clerk’s expenses £22.68 HM Revenues &amp; Customs PAYE - £50.00. Payment to Clerk = £331.27 + £22.68 - £50.00 = £303.95 – Agreed. Payment to HM Revenues &amp; Customs PAYE - £50.00 – Agreed.</p> <p><b>c.</b> Other receipts and payments: i) Receipts: Precept received from NCC £10,000. ii) Payments: Felton Cemetery Joint Committee - £1,701.20 – Agreed. Upper Coquetdale Community Transport: February 2015 - £280.00 March 2015 - £280.00 Total = £560.00 - Agreed Caretech Systems Ltd – Fire alarm, PAT testing, Emergency lighting checks etc at Vyner Park Pavilion - £182.40 inc VAT – Agreed. Alnwick Paint &amp; Glass – Replacement window at Vyner Park - £335.46 inc VAT – Agreed.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>a. To report on any planning decisions:</b> 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. Pending consideration (as at 18/3/2015).  14/02535/FUL Restoration/conversion of existing plotting [sic] sheds, greenhouses, outbuildings into new single dwelling. Newton Hall, Newton on the Moor, Morpeth NE65 9JU later amended to Rebuilding of greenhouses and potting sheds with new build pavilion extension to create a single private dwellinghouse, construction of associated garage block, new sewage treatment plant and access route, and renovation of the walled garden – Pending consideration (as at 18/3/2015). 14/02536/LBC Listed Building consent for restoration/conservation of existing plotting [sic] sheds, greenhouses, outbuildings into new single dwelling. Newton Hall, Newton on the</p>	

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	<p>Moor, Morpeth NE65 9JU – Pending Consideration (as at 18/3/2015).          14/02598/FUL Construction of 2No double garages to serve dwellings at Newton Hall. – GRANTED 8/4/2015/          14/02599/FUL Construction of garage block to serve Stable Cottage at Newton Hall Estate. – GRANTED 8/4/2015.          14/03452/BT – Removal of BT Phone Box opposite The Square, Swarland. (Pending consideration as at 20.1.2015 but further consultation invited).          14/03340/FUL – Development of 20 houses, Leamington Lane, Swarland.          This application is in Felton Parish. Pending Consideration as at 18/3/2015.          15/00568/FELTPO Tree preservation order: Propose to fell 1 Ash tree and prune 1 beech tree, 2 Low Chesters, Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9ND – GRANTED 13/4/2015.          15/00616/LBC Listed building consent to replace existing wooden frames on double glazed windows. 4 Nelson Drive Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JR          15/00435/SN Street naming request for three houses on land north of The Larches, Nelson Drive, Swarland – comments submitted.          15/00088/OUT Outline permission for demolition of existing garage and construction of detached three bedroom dormer bungalow with integral garage, Land North Of 6 Kenmore Road The Larches Swarland, Northumberland – Pending consideration as at 17/4/2015.          15/00881/FELTPO Tree Preservation order: felling of one Ash Tree at 2 Low Chesters, Swarland. Comments submitted 14.4.2015 – Pending consideration as at 17/4/2015.</p> <p>Cllr Handyside asked for an update on the current position of application 14/03340/FUL – Development of 20 houses, Leamington Lane, Swarland.</p> <p><b>b. To consider any planning matters</b>          15/01095/FUL Proposed erection of agricultural building to store hay and straw for livestock – Newton Low Hall, Newton on the Moor. Comments required by 4/5/2015.          15/01093/FUL Change of design from 2 storey house to one storey bungalow on each plot - 1 &amp; 3 Land North West of The Larches, Swarland. Comments required by 6/5/2015.          15/01098/LBC Proposed installation of 16 Solar Panels – Newton Low Hall. Comments required by 6/5/2015.</p>	Clerk
11.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Community Action Northumberland – invitation to Spring Conference 28.4.2015 – previously circulated.</p> <p>Jubilee Hall Management Committee – request for funding - previously circulated.</p> <p>NCC – Information regarding 70th Anniversary of VE Day, and notification that the Tour of Britain is coming to Northumberland on the 9th / 10th September 2015.</p> <p>GRACE Northumberland Rape Crisis Winter Mailing January 2015 – previously circulated.</p> <p>Response from NCC to joint letter from Parish Councils on Speeding issues – previously circulated.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Urgent items</b></p> <p>i. Cllr Stanley reminded the Parish Council that 27<sup>th</sup> May is the Annual Public Meeting followed by the Parish Council AGM so there will be a need for a new Chairman and Vice Chairman.</p> <p>ii. Cllr Stanley said that the Tree Protection Order protected trees felled at 5 Studley Drive, Swarland had not been replanted – agreed letter to go to NCC pointing this out.</p>	Clerk
13.	<p><b>Requests for next agenda</b> – Traffic Safety issues on the hill in Newton on the Moor.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.00pm in Swarland Village Hall.          Future Meetings: 24/6/14 JH, 22/7/2015 SVH, 26/8/15 JH, 23/9/2015 SVH, 28/10/2015 JH.</p> <p>Meeting finished at 21.10</p>	