

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council held at 7.00pm
on **Wednesday 28th January 2015** in Swarland Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs S. Stanley, Cllr Mrs S. Richardson, Cllr G. Cunningham, Cllr C. Heal, Cllr R. Brotherton. Cllr Ms S. Spurling, Cllr D. Francis,

The Clerk in attendance.

| 1. | Public questions and Reports (including Police Updates) (Max 15 minutes in total) | ACTION |
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| | <p>a. Mrs Vaggs brought to the attention of the Parish Council a planning application submitted to Longframlington PC for access to the Equestrian Centre on the Longframlington road [Ref 14/03888/FUL]. She felt the access gates could be very dangerous to the school bus. Clerk to check with NCC.</p> <p>b. Mr Walters referred to the recent planning application for a detached dwelling at Swarland Equestrian Centre which was approved at a recent NCC planning Committee. He was concerned that there had been no Parish Council representation at the meeting and also that, despite objections, County Councillor Thorne had recommended the application for approval. Cllr Thorne was present and responded that he had listened to and taken on board the objections made but had felt there were no strong planning reasons to refuse. Cllr Stanley explained that written objections were made to NCC but that the time change for the meeting had made it impossible for a Parish Cllr to attend. Cllr Francis said that it was important that a response was made to the current NCC Draft Core Strategy by 11th February 2015 to preserve the integrity of current village envelopes.</p> <p>c. Mr Walters asked why the Parish Council precept was being discussed in the closed session. Cllr Stanley explained it was because the review of the Parish Clerk's salary had to be considered as part of the decision.</p> <p>d. Mr Rixon asked if the Parish Council had responded to the iNorthumberland consultation issued on 19th December 2014 concerning proposed next stage of the Superfast Broadband scheme. The Clerk responded that a response had been made and will send a copy to Mr Rixon.</p> <p>e. Mr Lewney asked if the Parish Council website could be updated. The Clerk apologised that this had not been done which was due to technical difficulties not yet resolved with the website host company.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 2. | Apologies – Cllrs G. Anderson, Mrs H. Handyside, N. Mansfield, Mrs E. Sells. | |
| 3. | Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda Councillor Spurling declared an interest in item 9a Planning 14/03822/FUL. | |
| 4. | Minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2014 – These were agreed as a true record. | |
| 5. | <p>To consider matters arising from the meeting on 26th November 2014 Pot holes at Overgrass – had been resolved but holes coming back – Cllr Thorne agreed to chase this up with NCC. Repairs to B6345 from Old Swarland to Felton- now in worse condition. Potholes due to water leak at crossroads near school – no action. Blackhouse bank pothole – no action.</p> <p>Extension of yellow lines outside Swarland 1st School – Cllr Thorne has agreed to pay for the works (approx £2700) through his NCC Members Small Scheme and Cllr Stanley thanked him for this. No response to queries at NCC. Clerk to prompt again.</p> <p>Coast View update – Clerk had visited residents and they had provided estimate of costs of works to provide porous road surface and edging. Not appropriate for the Parish Council to pay for road surfacing. Email received from Mr Styring asking if PC would ask for 'Access Only' road signs and also approach NPower about reinstatement of road where they had recently excavated – agreed by PC. Query about ownership still to be confirmed with NCC/Land Registry.</p> <p>Update on Superfast Broadband – The Clerk updated on information from the iBroadband Team from drop in session at Alnwick on 8th January. iBroadband Team had said they would try to obtain something in writing from BT confirming Superfast Broadband plans for NotM. This had had not been provided. Clerk to contact Simon Robeson at BT.</p> | <p>Cllr Thorne.</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 6. | Requested agenda items | |

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| | <p>Cllr Thorne reported on consultation on restructuring that was currently being carried out on the Alnwick School pyramid which involves 13 schools. He also reported on consultation being carried out in connection with the Planning Core Strategy.</p> <p>Councillor Francis commented that an audit report on streamlining the planning process was suggesting sidelining Parish Councils, and also getting rid of area planning committees. He said that Parish Councils appreciate NCC's current system which goes further than the statutory minimum. Cllr Thorne said he had concerns that the proposals would take away local democracy.</p> <p>At this point of the meeting it was 9.00pm. Cllr Stanley thanked Cllr Thorne for his input and proposed suspending standing orders so that the meeting could continue – Agreed.</p> | |
| <p>8.</p> | <p>Finance</p> <p>a. Bank statements – Lloyds Treasurers Account £8,957.19 & Lloyds Instant Access £909.24 as at 30.12.14 Treasury £15,000.</p> <p>b. Clerks' salary (£540.54 - £108)= £432.54 + (Dec and January) – Agreed. Clerk's expenses £35.70 (Dec £22.50, Jan 2015 £13.20) TOTAL £468.24 – Agreed. HM Revenues & Customs PAYE £108.00 (Dec and January).</p> <p>c. Other receipts and payments:</p> <p>(i) Receipts: £115.40 Get Going Grant for December 2014 Bus Service NCC. HMRC VAT Repayment £1,093.60</p> <p>ii) Payments: Councillor Brotherton, repayment of Electricity Bill Vyner Park (28/10/14 – 26/12/14) £40.74 – Agreed. Councillor Brotherton, repayment of Water Bill Vyner Park (1/10/2014-31/12/2014) £109.92 – Agreed. Councillor Brotherton repayment for keys cut Vyner Park £8.00 inc VAT – Agreed. Northwood Tree Surgery Vyner Park - £1260.00 - Agreed Brian Hobson Grass cutting etc Vyner Park (£125.30 plus timber £12.80) Total £138.10 – Agreed. Jubilee Hall Management Committee annual grant £1000. J Thompson Mole Trapping Vyner Park account for 2014/15 £120.00 – Agreed. Mrs L Hamlin Web Page training for Clerk £21.89 – Agreed.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">All Clerk</p> |
| <p>9.</p> | <p>Planning</p> <p>a. To report on any planning decisions:</p> <p>14/00648/LBC - Newton Hall - convert existing outbuildings into flats and houses – Pending Consideration (as at 10.1.15).</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 – Pending consideration (as at 14.1.15).</p> <p>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 20.1.2015).</p> <p>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 Moor, Morpeth NE65 9JU – Pending Consideration (as at 20.1.2015).</p> <p>14/02644/FUL Single storey detached dwelling, single storey detached garage/scooter store, off street parking and turning head to brown field site forming part of garden to current residence. Site Adjoining Field House Newton-On-The-Moor Morpeth Northumberland Pending Consideration – Approved 8/1/2015.</p> <p>14/01464/FUL – Land North of Equestrian Centre, detached house and garage – GRANTED.</p> <p>14/02692/COU Retrospective - Change of use of extension from domestic/residential to home office 11 Low Wood Swarland Morpeth NE65 9PB. GRANTED 28.11.14</p> <p>14/03513/FUL – Construction of single storey dwelling at 3 Studley Drive, Swarland (pending consideration as at 20.1.2015).</p> <p>14/03514/FUL – Extension to 3 Studley Drive, Swarland – GRANTED 23.12.14.</p> <p>14/03452/BT – Removal of BT Phone Box opposite The Square, Swarland. (Pending consideration as at 20.1.2015 but further consultation invited).</p> <p>14/03340/FUL – Development of 20 houses, Leamington Lane, Swarland. This application is in Felton Parish. Pending Consideration as at 20.1.2015.</p> <p>14/03756/FUL- Dwelling for farm manager. Land S/w of The Chesters, Swarland – Granted.</p> | |

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| | <p>14/03797/FUL – New dwelling Land south of Quarry House, Newton on the Moor. Pending consideration as at 20.1.2015.</p> <p>14/03822/FUL – Demolition of conservatory for replacement with replacement at 7 Home Farm Cottages, Swarland NE65 9JH – GRANTED 14/1/2015.</p> <p>14/03934/FUL Roof space conversion to create first floor, 9 Park Road, Swarland – Permission GRANTED 9/1/2015.</p> <p>14/04000/FELTPO – Fell Horse Chestnut Tree at 24 Kenmore Road, Swarland - Permission GRANTED 9/1/2015.</p> <p>14/04109/FUL Proposed development for 1 dwelling. Land South West 8 Park Road, Coast View, Swarland – pending consideration as at 20/1/2015.</p> | |
| 10. | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>NCC iNorthumberland – Public Consultation on broadband coverage in Northumberland – previously circulated and responded to.</p> <p>NCC iNorthumberland – Business Support – details previously circulated.</p> <p>Letter from Jubilee Hall Management Committee re grant for 2014/15.- previously circulated.</p> <p>NCC Schedule of Town and Parish Council Meetings 2015 – previously circulated.</p> <p>NTC Northumberland Theatre Company – Request for donation. Discussed and donation of £20.00 agreed.</p> <p>British Gas – Charges introduced for unmetered supply in The Square, Swarland. Clerk advised this would be challenged as The Square is adopted by NCC.</p> <p>Letter from Bailiffgate Museum, Alnwick request for donation – previously circulated. Discussed and donation of £20.00 agreed.</p> <p>Email from Morpeth Gathering Committee request for donation – previously circulated. Discussed and donation of £20.00 agreed.</p> | All actions - Clerk |
| 11. | <p>Urgent items – Cllr Brotherton declared an interest and asked if a follow up could be obtained from Northumbrian Water on the sewerage system in Swarland.</p> | Clerk |
| 12. | <p>Requests for next agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presentation from Northumberland County Council Planning on how planning applications are handled and approved. b. Proposal from Mrs Vaggs for the Parish Council to ask for a review of the Parish Boundaries (from meeting 26th November 2014). | Clerk |
| 13. | <p>CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>Co-option of Parish Councillor following resignation of Cllr Preston.</p> <p>Applications had been received from Martyn Bettel and Bob Ryan. An application had been received from Bob Ryan before and he was currently very active & involved with Vyner Park. It was agreed that Bob Ryan would be selected.</p> <p>The Clerk left the meeting at this point (9.30pm).</p> | |
| 14. | <p>Review of Parish Clerk's Salary</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Owing to the increased administration arising from the development of the Vyner Park Charity, the Clerk's contracted hours should be increased from 30 to 35 per month with effect from 1st January 2015. b) Following the latest NJC pay agreement, the Clerk's new pay scale (SCP 18) should come into effect from 1st January 2015 (from £9.009 to £9.207). c) A non-consolidated one-off payment of £100 in December agreed by NJC should immediately be paid pro-rata (totalling £18.71) to the Clerk. <p>It was also noted that the Clerk would move from SCP18 to SCP19 on 1st April, and her salary would therefore increase by one increment (from £9.207 to £9.551).</p> | |
| 15. | <p>Date of Next Meeting to be held on 25 February 2015 at 7.00pm in Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor</p> <p>Future Meetings; 25/2/2015 JH, 25/3/2015 SVH, 22/4/2015 JH. 27/5/15 SVH, 24/6/14 JH, 22/7/2015 SVH, 26/8/2015 JH.</p> | |