

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7pm on
Wednesday 24th June 2015 in the Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor

1.	<p>Present Cllr D. Francis, Cllr Mrs S. Stanley, Cllr Mrs S. Richardson, Cllr G. Cunningham, Cllr N. Mansfield, Cllr B. Ryan, Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr C. Heal. The Clerk was in attendance.</p>	Action
2.	<p>Public questions and Reports (including Police Updates) (Max 15 minutes in total) i. Mr Rixon referred to matters he had brought up at the March PC meeting and wanted to add his concerns about the condition of the surfaces of the North and South roads leading to NotM from the A1. Surface is dangerous especially in winter. He also asked the PC to push NCC on the condition of road edges in the Parish especially the Swarland to NotM road. Mr Rixon referred again to the hill in NotM adjacent to his home where a one way system has been previously suggested. Now getting more dangerous with larger tractors and trailers unable to back up. Suggests no entry signs as being cheaper alternative to a one way system, but with same effect – Agreed all highways issues to be subject of supplementary letter from PC to County Councillor Thorne. A leaflet had been delivered in NotM from Avonline apparently in conjunction with iNorthumberland advertising alternative Broadband provision. Mr Rixon asked if that meant that BT was not installing Superfast broadband as promised (update later on Agenda). ii. Mr Henderson asked if feedback was being provided on the meeting between the PC and Northumbria Water (later on Agenda). Mr Henderson also said that roads on Nelson Drive, Kenmore Road, and Percy Drive are being damaged by builders trucks and these trucks are also speeding – Agreed this would be added to letter to Cllr Thorne.</p>	Clerk Clerk
3.	<p>Apologies - Cllrs Brotherton, Handyside, Sells and Spurling.</p>	
4.	<p>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda – None.</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2015 – Agreed after adding Cllr Heal to attendance list and amending minor errors.</p> <p>Minutes of Meeting 22nd April 2015 – Cllr Spurling had provided a form of words to amend the minutes. This was read out by Cllr Francis and agreed. ‘Councillor Spurling said that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards for All grants cannot be for projects or items that assistance may have been received from a third party for their own commercial benefit; • and Awards for All grants cannot be for projects or items that mainly benefit individuals (for example equipment that is not shared); • and items that are purchased on behalf of another organisation.’ 	
6.	<p>To consider matters arising from the meeting on 27th May 2015 Before covering matters arising, Cllr Francis gave a big thank you to Cllr Stanley on behalf of the Parish Council for her Chairmanship.</p> <p>a. Recurring potholes at crossroads near school – The Clerk reported this was being investigated by NW and they’d report back on 15th July. b. Condition of Railings on The Avenue, Swarland – The Clerk said this had been on letter to Cllr Thorne to raise with NCC as land was owned by NCC. Cllrs queried ownership. Clerk to send round copy of Land Registry record in case Cllrs can add additional information. c. Extension of yellow lines outside Swarland 1st School – works completed. Thank you letter to go to Cllr Thorne. d. Update on Superfast Broadband – The Clerk reported that she had spoken to John Cooper of iNorthumberland that morning and there had been no change in plan for Superfast Broadband to be installed by BT for NotM by the end of September 2015. e. Replacement Flagpole for The Square – Cllr Anderson was thanked for his work in erecting a replacement flagpole. f. British Gas – Charges introduced for unmetered supply in The Square, Swarland - Clerk reported this had been included on letter to Cllr Thorne to take up with NCC as it appeared they had adopted The Square. g. Review of Parish Boundary – Cllr Francis had circulated a paper on this. Next steps to contact Parish Councils in surrounding area and potentially affected people to open up dialogue and explore further – agreed. h. Coast View – re: condition/ownership of road - Clerk reported this had been included on letter to Cllr Thorne to take up with NCC as they own the land.</p>	Clerk Clerk Cllr Francis/ Clerk

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	<p>i.Swarland Drainage – Cllr Ryan summarised meeting with NW on 16th June. NW have taken on board range of issues including tree root problems in drains, odour problems thought to be from Percy Wood, impact of Percy Wood on sewerage system capacity, lack of comments from NW on single dwelling planning applications, drainage from proposed 20 dwelling development in Leamington Lane, Recurring pot holes at School Crossroads, surcharging manholes in Vyner park. An update was to be provided at follow up meeting on 15th July.</p> <p>j.Condition of southern road from Newton on the Moor to A1 - The Clerk said this had been on letter to Cllr Thorne to raise with NCC Highways. Further letter to go to Cllr Thorne with additional items brought up at this meeting.</p> <p>k. PC Website – The Clerk reported the new PC website was up and running thanks to Jenny Volkens.</p>	Clerk
<p>7.</p>	<p>Requested agenda items</p> <p>a. Election of Parish Council Vice Chairman - It was agreed that Cllr Bob Ryan be Vice Chairman.</p> <p>b.Update on Vyner Park Charity (VPC) (Cllr Brotherton) – In Cllr Brotherton’s absence, the Clerk relayed the update he had provided. Nelsons café is opening on 1st July, and the Midsummer Madness fun run on Sunday 21st went well. Currently Cllr Spurling is working on an Awards for All grant but as VP is not yet registered as a Charity he asked if the application could be made through the Parish Council – this was agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Francis thanked everyone who was involved with the Fun Run, and thanked Cllr Brotherton for his work on progressing Nelsons/Vyner Park. Cllr Ryan said that Walking Football is taking place, tennis coaching has started, and Trident Soccer will be starting in September.</p> <p>c.Requests for ideas for County Councillor Thorne’s NCC Members Scheme (upto £10,000).- Cllrs discussed possible suggestions for suitability in addition to use for work at Vyner Park. Cllr Mansfield suggested a footpath along Leamington Lane but its estimated this would cost well over £10,000 and probably in excess of £40,000. Cllr Richardson suggested improving the access from The Square to the Club. It was also suggested that land where railing was in poor condition on The Avenue could be improved. It was agreed however, that VP should be nominated for funding by Cllr Thorne otherwise works would require funding by the Parish Council.</p> <p>d. Approval of Safeguarding Policy (previously circulated) (Cllr Stanley). Cllr Stanley described documents she had used as reference material in drafting the Policy. Cllrs were keen that the Policy be simple yet flexible. Cllr Francis and Stanley to meet up to go through draft Policy and possibly revise.</p> <p>e.Handling of planning applications - further discussion and resolution. This issue has been on the table for some time looking at possibility of making the way that the PC makes its comments to NCC more transparent, and making planning process more accessible. It was agreed that links to plans could be provided on the PC website. Mr Rixon suggested that hard copy plans could be made available immediately prior to PC meetings. Clerk needs to get plans back in time for meetings. It was generally agreed that the current system works quite well, but if there were any questions needing answers from Planners, or glitches – these needed to be passed to the Clerk asap.</p>	<p>Cllr Stanley/ Cllr Francis</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors – None received</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>a.Bank statements – Lloyds Treasurers Account £9,812.17 & Lloyds Instant Access £930.15. Reserve £15,000.</p> <p>b. Clerks’ salary £334.29 Clerk’s expenses £37.40 HM Revenues & Customs PAYE - £66.80. Payment to Clerk = £334.29 + £37.40 - £66.80 = £304.89 – Agreed. Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE - £66.80 – Agreed.</p> <p>c.Other receipts and payments:</p> <p>i) Receipts: Allotment payments: Mr Styling £15.00, Mrs Brown £10.00. NPower: £34.42. SVA for contribution to The Column - £125.00</p> <p>ii) Payments: Upper Coquetdale Community Transport: May 2015 - £280.00 – Agreed. G&H Lillico (spraying moss on VP bowling green) £240 inc VAT – Agreed. Zurich Municipal (Insurance) £1,082.22. – Agreed.</p>	

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	<p>Felton Parish Council: War Memorial & Obelisk Insurance £26.23 and Obelisk Grounds Maintenance £160. Total £186.23 – Agreed. David Appleby Builders (Jubilee Hall Windows) £2,552.40 inc VAT – Agreed. Northumberland Community Enterprises £75.00. Clerk requested that fixed payments for rest of financial year also be agreed in advance – Agreed.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. To report on any planning decisions (as at 18/6/2015):</p> <p>Applications Approved 15/00616/LBC Listed building consent to replace existing wooden frames on double glazed windows. 4 Nelson Drive Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JR - 21/5/2015. 15/01095/FUL Proposed erection of agricultural building to store hay and straw for livestock – Newton Low Hall, Newton on the Moor. 20/5/2015. 15/01477/FUL Erection of steel framed garage, Hartlaw Manor, Acklington, Morpeth NE65 9AR. 16/6/2015.</p> <p>Applications Pending Decision 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. 14/03452/BT – Removal of BT Phone Box opposite The Square, Swarland. 14/03340/FUL – Development of 20 houses, Leamington Lane, Swarland. This application is in Felton Parish. 15/01476/VARYCO Variation of condition 2 (approved plans – addition of sunroom to rear) from approval of new detached house with garage). Land North of Equestrian Centre, Old Park Road, Swarland. 15/01455/VARYCO – Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) relating to planning permission 14/01027/FUL (Proposed construction of a dormered bungalow with detached single garage). Land West of 1 Studley Drive, Studley Drive, Swarland. Comments required by 2/6/2015. 15/01435/FUL Erection of stables and addition of hayshed. Land East of Aln View, Old Swarland. Comments required by 9/6/2015.</p> <p>Applications refused. 15/01098/LBC Proposed installation of 16 Solar Panels – Newton Low Hall. Application refused 8/6/15.</p> <p>Applications withdrawn 15/01081/OUT Construction of 1no. Dwelling with associated access. Land to the rear of 2 Kenmore Road, Swarland. 15/01093/FUL Change of design from 2 storey house to one storey bungalow on each plot - 1 & 3 Land North West of The Larches, Swarland. Withdrawn 19/5/2015. 15/01104/FUL Proposed change of use from shop to residential, demolition of internal partitions & replacement of existing windows with double glazed windows - Post Office 6 The Square Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JQ. Withdrawn 18/6/2015. 15/01258/LBC Proposed change of use from shop to residential, demolition of internal partitions & replacement of existing windows with double glazed windows - Post Office 6 The Square Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JQ . Withdrawn 18/6/2015.</p> <p>b. To consider any planning matters 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 Comments required by 25 June 2015. 15/01792/FUL Replace partly collapsed redundant building with similar building having increased footprint - Newton Greens Newton-On-The-Moor Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9LP Comments required by 2nd July 2015. 15/01794/LBC Listed Building Consent: Replace partly collapsed redundant building with similar building having increased footprint - Newton Greens Newton-On-The-Moor Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9LP Comments required by 2nd July 2015.</p>	

