

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday 24th January 2024 at 7.00pm
At Swarland Village Hall

1. **Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total).**
2. **Apologies.**
3. **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd November 2023.**
5. **To consider matters arising from the Parish Council meeting 22nd November 2023.**
 - a. Installation of defibrillator in Studley Drive/Low Wood area – Update.
 - b. Condition of Swarland estate roads – update.
 - c. Repairs to stone planter outside the School – Planter has been repaired.
 - d. High fencing – (Cllr Whiteley) update.
 - e. NALC Star Awards 2023 – Update.
 - f. Street Light Opposite The Square (Cllr Simpson) – Update.
 - g. Open Space Assessment – (Cllr Francis) Update.
6. **Requested agenda items:**
 - a. Parish Council Budget and Precept Request 2024/25 – For discussion and decision. Appendix A attached.
 - b. Vyner Park Update (Cllr Woolfrey) – Update.
 - c. Swarland and Newton on the Moor Action on Climate (SNAC) update. (Cllr Clark).
 - d. Neighbourhood Plan – update.
 - e. Tree removal at Percy Wood Country Park – For discussion and decision on way forward.
 - f. Request for replacement bench beside bus stop, Swarland (Cllr Whiteley & local resident) – For discussion and decision.
 - g. Review of the PC's standing orders – For discussion and decision. Appendix B attached.
7. **Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors**
8. **Finance**
 - a. Clerk's salary for December 2023 & January 2024 = £821.10
Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE = £164.20
Payment to Clerk = £821.10 + expenses £32.68 - £164.20 = £689.58
 - b. Vyner Park Secretary salary January 2024 - £ 70.38
Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE = £14.20
Payment to Clerk = £70.38 + expenses £5.00 – PAYE14.20 = £61.18
 - c. Other receipts: None.
 - d. Other payments:
Cllr Liz Clark – Repayment for SNAC website: £74.40
Information Commissioners Office – Direct Debit 28/2/24 £35.00
 - e. Account balance as at 19th January 2024: £32,404.00

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9. Planning:

a. Decisions made by NCC

23/04015/FUL – Conversion of existing agricultural building to create a single dwelling with integral garage, installation of sewage treatment plant and improvements to access track. Land West of Laundry Cottages, Warkworth. Northumberland. Application GRANTED 11th January 2024.

b. Applications pending decision by NCC

20/02884/CCMEIA - Land North Of Shiel Dykes, U3050 Swarland Junction to Stouphill Junction, Swarland, Northumberland. Phased extraction of approximately 5 million tonnes of hard rock and importation of inert material for use in restoration using overburden from site and imported inert materials over 30 year period . This application is not within the Parish but may impact on the area. The Parish Council did not object to the application subject to a range of comments. As at 19.1.24 decision still awaited.

21/04028/FUL – Planning Inspectorate Ref: PP/P2935/C/23/3322246

Planning Appeal Notification – Land To North Of Kiln Cottage Newton-On-The-Moor Northumberland. Appeal against an enforcement notice issued by NCC for the installation of hardcore. The PC had objected to the original retrospective application for hardstanding in November 2021. As at 19.1.24 decision still awaited.

23/03421/FUL - Erection of 2no. self/custom build dwellings. Land South East of The Park, Old Park Road, Swarland. The Parish Council objected to this application for several reasons including that the proposed dwellings are outside the agreed settlement boundary. As at 19.1.24 decision still awaited.

23/01742/FUL - Planning Inspectorate Ref APP/P2935/W/23/3331553

Planning Appeal Notification. Proposed development of 1 No dwelling with associated access and amenity space. Land west of 20 Park Road, Swarland.NE65 9JD. Representations invited until 4th December 2023. As at 19th January 2024, no decision received.

23/04089/VARYCO - Variation of conditions 2 (Samples of brick and roofing tiles), 3 (Boundary Treatment), 7 (Amended Plans) 9 (Surface Water) and 10 (Surface Water/Drainage) on approved application A/2007/0345. Land South Of 2 Nelson Drive, Nelson Drive, Swarland, Northumberland NE65 9JR. The Parish Council did not object to the application but commented that there appeared to be annexation of the adjacent tree belt outside the curtilage of the original permission, and the PC objected to the close boarded fence which is intrusive and not in keeping with the local character. As at 19th January 2024, no decision received.

c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider

23/02476/FUL – Retrospective. Erection of Shepherd hut, decking, gravel seating area and planters for use by dwellers of 9 Newton on the Moor only. Land North of 9 Newton on the Moor, Morpeth, NE65 9JY. The Parish Council objected to this application mainly on the basis of the hut being unacceptably elevated and close to a neighbour's boundary. This application has been submitted for further consultation. Comments invited until 31st January 2024.

23/04725/VARYCO - Discharge of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) on approved planning application 23/00106/FUL in order to enable design revisions by replacing top portion of dwelling with Cedral cladding. - Currys Cottage, Old Swarland, Swarland, NE65 9HU. Comments invited until 6th February 2024.

10. Complaints:

- Leamington Lane drain and manhole outside Swarland Primary school – blockage issues referred to NCC 5.2.2020. Being taken up by NCC/OpenReach.
- 'No footpath' sign at entrance of The Springwood knocked down
- Request for 'No entry' sign at Cherry Tree Drive due to Percy Wood visitors getting lost. - referred to NCC - 22.9.21.

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- Damage around manholes in The Avenue, Swarland. Reported to NCC 23.11.22
 - Surface water overflowing down Old Park Road (from woods) south of Douglas Crescent – Referred to the Forestry Commission. 7.1.22 Clerk to chase up.
 - Request for new bench beside bus stop opposite The Square, Swarland, bench to be levelled.
 - Request for refilling griot bin Old Park Road.
 - 'To Newcastle' sign outside 4 NotM had been graffitied and subsequently removed by NCC – Reported to NCC. To be replaced.
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11. Correspondence:

Acklington Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation until 29th January 2024.

Christmas wishes from County Councillor Glen Sanderson

Felton Cemetery – increase in PC contribution.

Local resident – request for copies of correspondence with NCC about upgrading of Swarland estate roads.

NCC Town and Parish Council Spring Conference 14th March, County Hall, Morpeth.

Swarland & Newton on the Moor Neighbourhood Plan Report December 2023.

BHIB (Parish Council Insurance) Change of name to 'Clear Councils'.

12. Requests for next agenda:

13. Urgent Items:

14. Date of Next Meeting: 28.2.24 JH, 27.3.24 SVH, 24.4.24 JH.