

NEWTON ON THE MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Jubilee Hall, NotM.
Wednesday 26th July 2023

1.	Public Question Time (Max 15 minutes in total): None.	
2.	Present: Cllr D. Francis (Chairman), Cllr D. Rixon, Cllr M. Whiteley, Cllr S. Woolfrey, Cllr C.Letts, and Cllr G. Anderson. The Clerk was in attendance.	
3.	Apologies for absence: Cllrs N. Mansfield, K. Howard-Row, L. Clark and R. Simpson,	
4.	Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None.	
5.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th June 2023: Agreed.	
6.	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th June 2023:</p> <p>a. <u>Installation of defibrillator in Studley Drive/Low Wood area</u> – Formal permission has been obtained from the residents who have offered to have the defibrillator mounted on their fence but no response has been received from NCC about taking off the power from the nearby streetlight.</p> <p>b. <u>Missing road direction sign, NotM</u> – NCC say the sign is ready and will go in as soon as possible. Clerk to chase again and ask for instalment date.</p> <p>c. <u>Condition of development site, Nelson Drive</u> – This has been reported to planning enforcement who were to visit the suite, but no further response has been made. Cllrs said there has been no change on site.</p> <p>d. <u>Complaint about road edges in Old Swarland</u> – Cllr Thorne said he would take this matter up but no response has been received. Clerk to chase up again.</p> <p>e. <u>Swarland School</u> – Cllr Francis said he had been in touch with the school Head, and also County Cllr Glen Sanderson. The situation is that there is no prospect of a new school in Longframlington, and no intention to close Swarland. No one seems to know where the '15 year life' claim has come from. The two recent building condition surveys rated the school in the highest categories. Families are concerned about the rumours. Cllr Thorne has not been in touch with Swarland School. County Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson has suggested the school contact him direct. Cllr Letts said she hoped that these rumours will come to an end. Cllr Rixon said he hoped Cllr Sanderson will act firmly on this matter. Cllr Francis said he will include an update in the PC's item in The Column. Cllr Letts suggested referring to the latest Longframlington PC minutes which might raise school related issues that need addressing.</p> <p>f. <u>Approach to applicant for 21/04972/FUL Timber lodges to consider footpath installation</u> – The Clerk has had no response from the Agent on this. Cllr Francis said he had the email address of the land owner which he will pass on.</p> <p>g. <u>Swarland Village Hall bookings</u> (Cllr Woolfrey) – Currently the PC does not pay for its meetings at SVH but meeting frequencies have recently increased dramatically. This was discussed. The NP team are going to alternate between JH and SVH. Issue to be discussed by the PC's Finance Group.</p> <p>h. <u>Application for National ALC Star Council Awards 2023</u> – Cllr Francis said he'd drafted an application, much of which referred to actions by SNAC so he'd circulated to Cllrs Letts and Clark for comment. The application will be submitted shortly.</p> <p>i. <u>Speed Monitoring in NotM</u> – Cllr Whitely has been in touch with NCC and monitoring equipment will be installed soon outside the Jubilee hall. They will advise when it is going in.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cllr Francis</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cllr Francis</p>

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7.	<p>a. <u>Vyner Park update</u> - Cllr Woolfrey said the next meeting will be in August. Liz Kitson will be taking over as Charity Secretary. Thanks to Jan and welcome to Liz. The broken window has been replaced, and the burglar alarm is being installed shortly – thanks to the PC for giving a grant towards this. The Committee is now working on the replacement of boards in the MUGA. 50 are needed and they costs £35 each so the Cttee have decided to secure savings by installing them all at once and delaying planned lighting works. Work has also begun on the new steps to the east of the field and again, thank you to the PC for its contribution to this. The Brownie Camp in the park tool place and despite very wet weather all went well. The Firework Night is planned for 3rd November, and local companies are being approached for sponsorship.</p> <p>b. <u>Swarland and Newton on the Moor Action on Climate (SNAC) update.</u> Cllr Letts provided an update on the meeting which was the previous week. The contract for the bus service was out for tender for two weeks. SNAC is hoping for definite feedback shortly, and the bus service could be up and running quite soon. SNAC is networking and connecting with other groups. A questionnaire has been sent out and a workshop is planned for 23rd September about how we can work together. Cllr Clark has met with Hazel Scurr (NCC) who is very supportive of local groups. NCC Climate Change is launching a new website shortly. NALC has been contacted about PC's and Town Councils working together. The Neighbourhood Planning group has invited SNAC to join its Environment group meeting next week. There are clearly a number of aspects of the NP that SNAC should be involved with to promote tacking climate change. SNAC has booked a stall at Swarland Show to promote what individuals can do, and also to find out what residents need to help them do this. Finally, a SNAC photography competition is running until 26th August. The winner will be announced at Swarland Show.</p> <p>c. <u>Neighbourhood Plan</u> – Cllr Rixon provided an update. The group is looking at listing green spaces in the Parish, and getting them protected, also the protection of existing trees. Identification of footpaths, and checking if they are recorded and signposted. Sewerage issues such as getting separation of foul and surface water. The NP team attended the July JH coffee morning and got a lot of interest, and have booked a stall at Swarland Show. Cllr Francis said that it was too early to say what policies will come out of the NP teams work, but good progress is being made.</p> <p>d. <u>Attendance at NCC North Local Area Committee Meetings</u> –County Cllr Gordon Castle has written to PC's to encourage their involvement with the Area Committee. Cllrs Francis and Clark were going to attend the next meeting but the agenda doesn't have anything on it embracing PC involvement. Expecting an update on grounds maintenance, local services, and bus services. Could raise the issue of increasing kerbside collections to collect glass etc.</p>							
8.	<p>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors: None.</p>							
9.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a. Clerk's salary for June/July 2023 - £410.55</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">=</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">£82.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payment to Clerk = £410.55 plus expenses £213.52- £82.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">=</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£541.87</td> </tr> </table> <p>Note: This expenses claim includes £177.59 for baby changing unit for the Jubilee Hall.</p> <p>b. Other receipts and payments:</p>	Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE	=	£82.20	Payment to Clerk = £410.55 plus expenses £213.52- £82.00	=	£541.87	
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	<p>Cllr Liz Clark – Coffee and Chat 17/7/23 (From Covid Grant) £24.00 Cllr Liz Clark – Printing for SNAC (inc VAT) £16.22 Jackie Stent – Printing for Neighbourhood Plan group £33.04</p> <p>c.Account balance as at 19th July 2023: £25,841.40 All the above were agreed/noted.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a.Decisions made by NCC</p> <p>23/04101/FUL – Bespoke Shepherd Hut and decking. Land Rear Of 9 Newton-on-the-Moor, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9JY. The Parish Council objected to this application citing parking issues and not being in keeping with the Conservation area. Application REFUSED. However a shepherds hut has been installed and this is being pursued by NCC Enforcement Ref: 23/00332/ENDEVT. Enforcement have advised that a planning application has now been submitted but is still being checked before consultation.</p> <p>21/02696/S106A – Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/P29835/Q/22/3309863 Planning Appeal Notification – Hawkshaw, Old Swarland, Swarland, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9HU. Variation of S106 Agreement relating to planning Permission A/2004/0323 dated 3rd February 2005. The PC had objected to this in 2021. Appeal DISMISSED 12.7.23.</p> <p>b. Applications pending decision by NCC</p> <p>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 importation of inert material 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. Cllrs Cutforth and Howard-Row objected to the development. As at 19.7.23 decision still awaited.</p> <p>22/02326/FUL – Construction of 5No One and a half storey dwellings. Land South Of Woodside, 1 Coast View, Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JE. The PC objected to this application. This is being re-consulted on with modifications to sewerage and highway access. Cllrs felt the proposal was very out of character with the area. Clerk to go through comments and recirculate. As at 19.7.23 decision still awaited.</p> <p>23/00824/FUL – Proposed 5 bed new build house - Land South Of Bowling Green U3135 Swarland Village Loop Road, Swarland, Northumberland. The Parish Council objected to this application on a number of grounds including that the proposed building is too large for the site. This is being re-consulted on with modifications to sewerage and highway access. Cllrs felt the proposal was very out of character with the area. Clerk to go through comments and recirculate.</p> <p>23/00949/DISCON Discharge of conditions : 5 (golf ball mitigation), 6 (light mitigation), 7 (surface water), 8 (SuDS), 9 (drainage), 10 (culvert/crate system), 11 (floor levels), 17 (Phase1 desk top study), 20 (car parking), 23 (highways), 25 (surface water), 26 (construction method statement) and 28 (flood risk) pursuant to planning approval 17/00500/OUT Land South West Of The Old Tweed Mill Springwood Swarland Northumberland. As at 19.7.23 decision still awaited.</p> <p>23/01344/FUL – Proposed private dwelling – following outline application 20/01037/OUT dated 22.9.2022. Land South Of Bowling Green, Swarland, Northumberland. The Parish Council did not object to this application but referred to concerns raised by residents about drainage from the site. As at 19.7.23 decision still awaited.</p>	<p align="center">Clerk</p>

23/02032/FUL - Demolish existing garage and rear porch and replace with proposed side extension and kitchen extension. Cobblestones 15 Newton-on-the-moor Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JY. The Parish Council had no objections to the application and welcomed the new proposal which satisfactorily addressed the PCs concerns with previous applications. As at 21.6.23 decision still awaited.

23/01742/FUL - Proposed development of 1no. dwelling with associated access and amenity space. Land West Of 20 Park Road Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JD. The Parish Council objected to this application mainly because the proposed site is outside the agreed settlement boundary. As at 19.7.23 decision still awaited.

23/01695/REM – Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for development of 14 dwellings on approved application 19/04108/OUT. Percy Wood Golf Club and Country Retreat, Coast View, Swarland, Morpeth, NE65 9JW. The Parish Council was happy with the proposed design, layout, materials and landscaping for this proposed development but asked among other matters, that safeguards be put in place to ensure the dwellings were for permanent dwellings, not holiday lets. As at 19.7.23 decision still awaited.

23/00106/FUL - Proposed two-storey extension to front and side of existing building and demolition of existing outbuilding. Curry's Cottage, Old Swarland, Swarland, Northumberland NE65 9HU. The Parish Council did not object to this application but raised a concern about potential noise nuisance from the proposed air source heat pump. This application has been resubmitted for consultation. Comments are invited until 28th June 2023

c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider

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. Further comments invited until 25th July 2023.

23/02303/FUL - Removal of non-original stud partition, reinstatement of original internal door opening and construction of stud partitions to ground floor. Removal of 1no. non-original fireplace surround and re-opening of 1no. fireplace. Insertion of 2no wood burning stoves and flue liners. Reinstatement of 2no. blocked up original openings to rear elevation and insertion of 2no. painted timber sliding sash windows. Replacement of single pane rooflight with 1no. metal framed 'conservation' rooflight. Replacement of 2no. external uPVC doors with painted timber doors. Repairs to and replacement of defective external render on like-for-like basis. General refurbishment and repairs including installing new kitchen units, sanitaryware and associated works. - 28 Park Road, Swarland. Comments invited until 25th July 2023.

23/02304/LBC – Listed Building Consent for removal of non-original stud partition, reinstatement of original internal door opening and construction of stud partitions to ground floor. Removal of 1no. non-original fireplace surround and re-opening of 1no. fireplace. Insertion of 2no wood burning stoves and flue liners. Reinstatement of 2no. blocked up original openings to rear elevation and insertion of 2no. painted timber sliding sash windows. Replacement of single pane rooflight with 1no. metal framed 'conservation' rooflight. Replacement of 2no. external uPVC doors with painted timber doors. Repairs to and replacement of defective external render on like-for-like basis. General refurbishment and repairs including installing new kitchen units, sanitaryware and associated works. - 28 Park Road, Swarland. Comments invited until 25th July 2023.

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11.	<p>Complaints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • ‘To Newcastle’ sign outside 4 NotM had been graffitied and subsequently removed by NCC – Reported to NCC. To be replaced. • Bench/planter outside the school still needs attention – Waiting for date for repair. • Abandoned White Peugeot Van nr Blewitts – Reported to NCC (no 4796930) who say it’s taxed and tested and not abandoned. • The need for repainting white lines at the three junctions around the Cook and Barker in NotM was raised by Cllr Rixon. To be reported (again) by the Clerk. • Cllr Whitely asked if NCC could be asked to trim back bushes which are overhanging the road in in Kenmore Road. He will provide details. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>AGE UK Northumberland – update on services provided.</p> <p>Northern Gas Networks – Online stakeholders conference 14th September 2023.</p> <p>County Cllr Gordon Castle about attendance at North Local Area NCC Cttees.</p>	
13.	<p>Requests for next agenda:</p> <p>a. Plot of land at Old Swarland covered in dumped waste. Was the subject of enforcement action by the Environment Agency. Information on the current situation is needed. Requested by Cllr Woolfrey.</p> <p>b. Tescos are looking at putting shops in rural areas and the corner site of Vyner Park adjacent to the car park could be used. Cllr Woolfrey to find out more before the next meeting.</p> <p>c. Cllr Simpson requested that the PC look at the possibility of installing a 20mph speed limit in The Avenue.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Woolfrey</p>
14.	<p>Urgent Items: None.</p>	
15.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: 23/8/23 SVH, 27/9/23 JH, 25/10/23 SVH, 22/11/23 JH.</p>	

Meeting finished: 20.05