

Newton on the Moor & Swarland Parish Council

DRAFT 2 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Swarland Village Hall,
Coast View, Swarland NE65 9JG
Wednesday 24th July 2024

1.	Questions and comments from Parish residents (Max 15 minutes in total): No residents present.	
2.	Present: Cllr D. Francis (Chairman), Cllr G. Anderson, Cllr K. Howard-Row, Cllr S. Woolfrey, Cllr R. Simpson, Cllr W. Whiteley. The Clerk was in attendance.	
3.	Apologies for absence: Cllrs D. Rixon, and N. Mansfield.	
4.	Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None.	
5.	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th June 2024 – Agreed.	
6.	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting on 24th June 2024:</p> <p>a. <u>Condition of Plot 1 , The Orchard, Swarland (update)</u>. – A resident is regularly advising the PC on the situation. The majority of overgrowth has been cut down but not cleared away and gorse bushes left. Position noted.</p> <p>b. <u>Review of Parish Boundary (update)</u>. – Cllr Francis said he had written to Felton PC in June, and it was down for discussion by the PC on 1st July. The Chairman said that he hoped to get back to Cllr Francis before the end of the week. Cllr Francis said he would circulate the response when received and contact NCC if appropriate.</p> <p>c. <u>Installation of defibrillator in Studley Drive/Low Wood area (update)</u>. – Cllr Whiteley said he had chased up NCC again and was waiting for them to get back to him. Can possibly get a free defibrillator from the British Heart Foundation scheme which restarts in November. If the current equipment is used the PC is advised and the PC purchases new pads if necessary.</p> <p>d. <u>Condition of Swarland Estate Roads (update)</u> – Cllr Francis said he had contacted Robin McCartney and he said that there are still some issues which need to be dealt with and he will be in touch soon.</p> <p>e. <u>High Fencing (planning Enforcement)</u> - Cllr Francis said he'd sent a chase up email to Rob Murfin to forward to Planning Enforcement, but had had no response.</p> <p>f. <u>Extension of white line opposite Jubilee Hall, NotM</u> – Update. Clerk to contact Paul Jones at NCC. Cllr Howard-Row said she had spoken to a driver who had parked on the pavement and the car was subsequently moved to further along the street</p> <p>g. <u>Ruts beside road in Park Road, Swarland (Cllr Whiteley)</u> (see also item 6d) – Clerk to contact Fix My Street and ask NCC to contact the Clerk about this. Need to mention this is now a bus route. Complainant to be advised.</p> <p>h. <u>Wall in Newton on the Moor</u> – Cllr Whiteley asked what was happening about the collapsed wall in NotM. Cllr Howard-Row said she would mention it to the owner.</p>	
7.	<p>Requested agenda items:</p> <p>a. <u>Vyner Park Update</u> (Cllr Woolfrey) – Cllr Woolfrey said the Directors will be changing at Nelsons. Another contract has been arranged to replace the MUGA lights in August which will cost less than the original contract. The boards around the MUGA are also to be replaced. The annual play park inspection has been carried out and just a few minor points were raised. A new zipwire has been installed. A cleanup session for the north side of bowling green has been</p>	

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arranged. A grant of some native species hedging has been made which will be used for a memorial area in the gravelled area next to the tennis courts.

b. Swarland and Newton on the Moor Action on Climate (SNAC) update. – Liz Clark has provided a report which has been circulated. Cllr Francis said that he hoped that after the general election, the government will do more on recycling.

c. Neighbourhood Plan – Donna Corbin had provided an update report which had been circulated. There will be an opportunity for the PC to comment on and agree the draft plan before the formal public consultation. Cllr Simpson said that there had been a good response from NCC who are pleased the plan is original, and not just copied and pasted from other documents. Cllr Francis said that good progress was being made on the plan, and the draft plan had been produced very quickly.

d. Confirmation of representation to outside bodies & permission to speak – For agreement of dispensations to Cllrs to speak and vote.
It was agreed that the two reps for SNAC would be Cllrs Francis and Anderson. With regards to the representative(s) on the NP team, the Neighbourhood Plan terms of reference will need to be checked – decision to next meeting.
Cllr Francis said that SNAC, NP, VPC and the Cemetery Committee are not outside bodies. Swarland Village Hall and the Jubilee Hall are outside bodies. The PC agreed consent for Cllrs Woolfrey (SVH) and Anderson (JH) to speak and vote at Parish Council meetings on SVH and JH affairs.

e. Damaged road verges from South Lodge to junction with B6345 – Request from resident for PC to take this up with NCC. For discussion and decision. (See 6g above).

f. Request from Swarland Village Hall for contribution towards replacement windows (Cllr Woolfrey) – Cllr Woolfrey said that SVH is working on a grant application for the replacement of all the windows of the hall with double glazed units. The estimated cost is £80,000. SVH is about to apply for listed building consent with plans the PC paid for. SVH will be carrying out a community survey to check if residents want this work. SVH may need to carry out a condition survey and are carrying out fundraising events. SVH is planning on using 50% of its reserves towards the work ie £5,000. Cllr Woolfrey asked if the PC would give £10,000 towards the work as it owns the hall. The funding is not needed immediately. The PC is also asked to bring forward its annual grant donation for 2026/27 ie £2400 if needed. Cllr Francis said that for a contribution of this scale the PC may need to increase the precept in 2025/26. Cllr Whiteley suggested that it would be prudent to check the timbers of the hall before carrying out any window replacement, in case additional works are needed. Cllr Woolfrey agreed this was a sensible precaution.

g. Installation of Fibre Broadband in NotM – Cllr Francis said that a number of households in NotM have been contacted by Alncom to see if they are still interested in this scheme. The JH has offered to host a meeting if needed. Cllr Francis suggested trying to increase interest in the scheme, and also if people in Swarland who missed out in the original scheme could be included.

h. Replacement Village Signpost (Old Pk Road/The Avenue Crossroads) – For discussion and decision on way forward. Quote: 3m Planed oak post - £135, engraved finger £55 each, Delivery £35, Plus VAT. Cllr Simpson said the Club is asking for a directional finger on the signpost if it is replaced. Fingers needed are therefore: SVH, VP, Club, Golf Club bar, Swarland Wood. Cllr Simpson will

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	<p>contact the manager of Harrison Leisure. Both SVH and VP have offered to contribute to the cost.</p> <p>i. <u>NCC Local Transport Plan programme 2025-26</u> – Three priorities requested from NCC by 25th September. Cllr Francis will produce an item for the August edition of The Column inviting suggestions for physical improvements from residents by early September.</p> <p>j. <u>Forestry Commission Consultation on Forest management</u> - Comments requested by 16th August. For discussion and decision on way forward. Information about the consultation has been circulated. Cllr Simpson said he was in regular contact with Alex McClennan informally. Cllr Francis has asked SNAC for input. The PC can respond to this consultation. There has been good rapport especially over the post Storm Arwen recovery.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors: No reports.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a. Clerk’s salary for July 2024 = £410.55 Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE = £82.20 Payment to Clerk = £410.55 + expenses 79.36 - £82.20 = £407.71 NB Expenses includes £29.67 Defib training refreshments</p> <p>b. Vyner Park Secretary salary July 2024 = £70.38 Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE = £14.00 Payment to Sec = £70.38 + expenses £5.00 – PAYE £14.00 = £61.38 Total cheque for HMRC £82.20 + £14.00 = £96.20</p> <p>c. Other receipts: Groundwork (Neighbourhood Plan) £1010.00</p> <p>d. Other payments: Liz Clark (SNAC £25.99 + £31.00 Coffee & Chat) £56.99 Lyn Hastie (Containers for Xmas decorations) £35.20 BP Taylor (Drawings of Swarland Village Hall) £658.00</p> <p>e. Account balance as at 19th July 2024 £21,885.86 All the above were agreed/noted.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>a. Decisions made by NCC & Planning Inspectorate 24/01424/FUL - Alterations to existing conservatory to include four new wall pillars, glazing, and new conservatory roof. 7 Nelson Drive Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JR. The PC had no objections to this application. Application PERMITTED 26th June 2024.</p> <p>24/01397/VARYCO Variation of condition 3 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission 18/03818/FUL for alterations to doors and windows, inclusion of solar panels and sun tunnels, and white PVC fascias and rainwater goods - 18 Park Road Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JD. The PC had no objections to this application. Application PERMITTED 26th June 2024.</p> <p>b. Applications pending decision by NCC 20/02884/CCMEIA - Land North Of Shiel Dykes, U3050 Swarland Junction to Stouphill</p>	

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	<p>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 21.7.24 decision still awaited</p> <p>24/01868/VARYCO – Retrospective variation of condition 7 (permitted development rights) and discharge of condition 2 (materials), 3 (boundary treatment), 9 (rain and surface water) and 10 (surface water) on approved application A/2007/0345 – condition 7 relates to modification of living space. 2 Nelson Drive, Swarland, Morpeth, NE65 9JR. The Parish Council objected to this application.</p> <p>c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider;</p> <p>24/00795/FUL – Construction of 2 detached dwellings with associated garages and shared access. - Woodside, 1 Coast View, Swarland, NE65 9JE. The Parish Council objected to this application for a number of reasons including sewerage disposal concerns, and poor access. This is a re-consultation. Comments invited until 30th July 2024.</p> <p>24/02419/FUL – Construction of 1no. self/custom build detached dwelling. Swarland Garage, Home Farm Cottages, Swarland, Morpeth, NE65 9JH. Comments invited until 7th August 2024..</p> <p>This was discussed. It was observed that a soakaway is being considered. The dwelling will probably need an attenuation tank or similar as soakaways are not workable due to soil conditions.</p> <p>24/02298/VARYCO - Variation of Conditions 3 (Walled Garden Management Plan), 4 (Materials/Samples) 6 (Tree Assessment) and 11 (Construction Method Statement) on approved application 18/03139/VARYCO - 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. Newton Hall, Potting Sheds Road To Newton Hall Newton-On-The-Moor Northumberland NE65 9JU. Comments invited until 30th July 2024.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Correspondence ICO email advising a complaint received. NCC North Northumberland Local Area Cttee 25th July 2024. Jubilee Hall, Rothbury 6pm. NCC Polling District and Polling Places statutory review. Commencement of review. Forvis Mazars LLP – Limited Assurance Review of 23/24 accounts – nothing to be raised.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>Requests for next agenda</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>Urgent Items.</p>	
<p>15.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting: 28.8.24 JH, 25.9.24 SVH, 23.10.24 JH.</p>	

Meeting Finished: 20.37