

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday 22nd January 2025 7pm
Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor NE65 9JY

1. **Questions and comments from Parish residents (Max 15 minutes in total):**
2. **Co-Option of new Parish Councillor.**
3. **Apologies.**
4. **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**
5. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th November 2024.**
6. **To consider matters arising from the Parish Council meeting 27th November 2024;**
 - a. Review of Parish Boundary (update).
 - b. Installation of defibrillator in Studley Drive/Low Wood area - Installed.
 - c. Condition of Swarland Estate Roads (update)
 - d. Repair of ruts beside road in Park Road - Update
 - e. Replacement Village signpost – Update
 - f. Installation of traffic calming measures – Update
 - g. Improvements to Guyzance/A1 crossing – Update.
 - h. Police attendance & information – Update.
7. **Requested agenda items:**
 - a. Finalisation of PC Budget/Precept for 2025/26. – For discussion and decision on budget for 2025/26 and the precept request to NCC with reference to Appendix A – Draft Budget.
 - b. North East Mayors Local Transport Plan Consultation – Request for input from SNAC. Consultation until 26.1.25.
 - c. Proposal for Peace Garden/War memorial in Swarland – A request has been received for the PC to take over the project. For discussion and decision on way forward
 - d. Moving over to .gov domains – For discussion and decision on way forward.
 - e. Resident query about waste at Old Swarland – For discussion and decision on reply.

8. **Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors**

9. **Finance**

a. Clerk's salary for January 2025	=	£502.60
Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE	=	£100.60
Payment to Clerk = £502.60 + expenses £33.97 - £100.60	=	£435.97
b. Vyner Park Secretary salary January 2025	=	£86.16
Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE	=	£17.20
Payment to Sec = £86.16 + expenses £5.00 – PAYE £ 17.20	=	£73.96
c. Total cheque for HMRC £100.60 + £ 17.20	=	£117.80

Please note also that back pay in connection with an increase in the Clerks Salary Scale position is pending. Any back pay due will be claimed in February 2025.

d. Receipts: None.

e. Other payments:

Ratification of repayment to Greg Anderson (Xmas trees) via BACS = £250.00 inc VAT

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Ratification of grant f2024/25 payment to Swarland Village Hall via BACS = £2,400.00
Reimbursement to Liz Clark (coffee and Chat (£55) & SNAC website (£74.40) = £129.40 inc VAT

e. Account balance as at 15.1.25 = £20,292.57

10. Planning:

24/00795/FUL – Construction of 2 detached dwellings with associated garages and shared access – Woodside, 1 Coast View, Swarland. This is a consultation on an amended application. The Parish Council objected to this application for a number of reasons including sewerage disposal concerns, and poor access. Application APPROVED 21.11.23.

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 part of this application. Application APPROVED 11.12.24.

24/03084/FUL – Rear extension, replacement windows and internal alterations. Swarland Mill, Old Swarland, Swarland, NE65 9HX. The Parish Council had no objections. Application APPROVED 15.1.25.

24/03558/FUL - Construction of log cabin to provide annex to existing dwelling - 14 Park Road Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JD. The PC had no objections but asked for a condition to prevent the cabin being used as holiday accommodation. Application APPROVED 11.12.24. Application only to be used as ancillary accommodation.

24/03656/FELTPO - Tree Preservation Order application - T16 - Fagus sylvatica (Beech) - Fell to near ground level to mitigate safety risk; T19 - Salix caprea (Goat Willow) - Repollard to 2m above ground level (previous pollard points) to mitigate safety risk - 3 Low Chesters Swarland Northumberland NE65 9ND. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Application APPROVED 17.12.24.

24/03777/PRUTPO - Tree Preservation Order application: T1, T2, T3, T5 Lime - Remove lower hanging branches and reduce epicormic growth; T6, T7, T8 Birch - Remove branches hanging into garden; T4, T9 Horse Chestnut - Remove low hanging branches – Woodside, The Woodlands Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9HE. The Parish Council had no objections. Application PERMITTED 8.1.25.

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 15.1.25 decision still awaited.

24/02968/LBC – Listed building consent for replacement of existing windows with double glazed wooden frames – Swarland Village Hall, Coast View, Swarland. The Parish Council had no objections. Application not decided as at 15.1.25.

23/03421/FUL – PLANNING APPEAL REF: APP/P2935/W/24/3355135 – Erection of 2no Self/Custom build dwellings. Land SE of The Park, Old Park Road, Swarland. Comments to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 12th December 2024. As at 15.1.25 decision still awaited.

24/04021/FUL - Erection of 2-bedroom 1.5 storey detached dwelling (self build). Land North Of 1 The Larches Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9LU. The Parish Council objected to the application on the basis that the proposal is too large for the site and out of keeping with neighbouring properties. As at 15.1.25 decision still awaited.

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24/04160/PRUTPO - Tree Preservation Order: T1 and T2 - Horse Chestnut - crown raise both trees to approximately 6m from ground level, on the roadside. Which will lift the crown by approximately 2m. Only secondary and tertiary branches will be removed. Less than 15% of the live crown height will be removed. Land To North East Of 3 Nile Drive Leamington Lane Swarland Northumberland. The PC had no objections.

24/04144/FUL – Demolition of porch and construction of single storey Kitchen/Dining extension (retrospective) . 2 High Steads, Newton on the Moor, NE65 9JX. The Parish Council had no objections.

c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider – None.

11. Correspondence:

Decision notice from Information Commissioners Office re: informal meeting about the cemetery, and subsequent emails from Felton resident making a further FOI request for copies of PC emails.

NCC Resilience Forums - 6.2.25 (Berwick).

Northumberland Green Hub – Invitation to Space For Nature – 6.3.25 7.30 at SVH.

NorthernPowergrid – preparations for storms and contact details.

Complaint about lights on Swarland Christmas tree being out of sync – resolved.

Request for grit bin in Old Park Road – turned down by NCC, residents to provide.

Fix my Street report of 2 potholes on south road from NotM to the A1.

NCC Invitation to Northumberland Environment & Climate Fund – 22.1.25 Cramlington Hub.

NCC Elections Updated Electoral Register and monthly updates.

Query about road closure signs in Nelson Drive – resolved.

NCC – Information about ‘second homes premium’ coming into effect 1.4.25.

Complaint from resident about inappropriate 30mph limit in Nelson Drive

12. Requests for next agenda:

a. Repair of ruts beside road in Park Road - Update

b. Replacement Village signpost – Update

c. Vyner Park Update (Cllr Woolfrey) – Update.

d. Swarland and Newton on the Moor Action on Climate (SNAC) – Update.

e. Neighbourhood Plan – Update.

13. Urgent Items:

14. Date of Next Meeting: 26.2.25 SVH, 26.3.25 JH, 23.4.25 SVH, 14.5.24 JH (Note:Annual Meeting which has to be held within 14 days of 5.5.25 due to it being election year).