

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday 25th June 2025 7pm
Swarland Village Hall, Coast View, Swarland.

1. **Questions and comments from Parish residents (Max 15 minutes in total):**
2. **Apologies.**
3. **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**
4. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2025:**
5. **To consider matters arising from the Annual Parish Council meeting 14th May 2025**
 - a. Condition of Swarland Estate Roads (update)
 - b. Repair of ruts beside road in Park Road - Update
 - c. War memorial/garden of remembrance – Update.
 - d. Change to Parish Council contact email address/website - Update.
 - e. Parish Emergency Plan (Cllr Peacock) – Update.
 - f. Annual Audit AGAR 2024/25 – Update.
 - g. Red Phone Box in Newton on the Moor – Update.
 - h. Request to make Old Park Road one way (around old tank turning area) – Update.
6. **Requested agenda items:**
 - a. Vyner Park Update (Cllr Woolfrey) – Update.
 - b. Representation on Vyner Park Charity Cttee – Due to resignation as representative by Cllr Simpson, a new appointment is required.
 - c. Swarland and Newton on the Moor Action on Climate (SNAC) – Update.
 - d. Lease/Freehold changes to Swarland Village Hall (Cllr Woolfrey) Refer to Appendix A Report. For discussion and decision on next steps
 - e. Neighbourhood Plan – Update report Appendix C and request for funding for £2475.00 for the next stage of development (Appendix D quote).
 - f. Vyner Park Pavilion Solar Panels – Request for the PC to agree in principle to solar panels being installed so further information can be sought.
 - g. Proposed feasibility study for new school in Longframlington – Cllr Thorne has been requested to attend the PC meeting to provide an update.
7. **Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors**

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8. Finance

a. Clerk's salary for June 2025	=	£502.60
Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE	=	£100.40
Payment to Clerk = £ 502.60 + expenses £20.49 - £100.40	=	£422.69
b. Vyner Park Secretary salary June 2025	=	£86.16
Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE	=	£17.20
Payment to Sec = £86.16 + expenses £25.81 – PAYE £17.20	=	£94.77
Total payment for HMRC £100.40 + £17.20	=	£117.60
c. Receipts: None.		
d. Other payments:		
Lloyds bank Service Charges for May (£4.25) and June (£4,67),		
Ratification of repayment to Groundworks from Neighbourhood Planning	£491.71	
Ratification of premium payment to Clear Insurance	£1810.40	
Repayment of SNAC Climate Change grant overpayment to NCC	£121.56	
e. Account balance as at 18 th June 2025		£25.323.85

9. Planning:

a. Applications decided by NCC and the Planning Inspectorate.

25/00601/FUL - Construction of balcony onto rear of property Location Highfield Newton-on-the-moor Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JY. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Application APPROVED 12th May 2025.

25/00685/FUL Retrospective application to brace unstable fence with 6ft fence and additional posts. To keep top rail height even, the panel lengths will vary. Orchard House 1 Hardy Close Swarland Northumberland NE65 9PG. The Parish Council objected to the height of the fence but suggested a lower height of 1.2m would be acceptable. Application APPROVED 30th May 2025.

25/00117/PREAPP- Pre-app Meeting including Head of Planning for comprehensive redevelopment of site including the reconfiguration of the existing golf course, change of use of the 7 Northernmost golf holes to accommodate up to 210 additional new static caravans and creation of a new leisure hub building with associated access and landscaping works. - Percy Wood Golf Club and Country Retreat Coast View Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JW. A range of objections were submitted by the Parish Council.

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 18.6.25 decision still awaited.

25/01332/FUL – Inert construction and demolition waste recycling facility (Use ClassB2) - Whittle Colliery, Hampeth, Northumberland, NE66 9LG. The Parish Council objected to this application for a range of reasons including disturbance of the tranquillity of nearby residents. As at 18.6.25 decision still awaited.

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c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider

25/02163/LBC - Listed Building Consent for conversion of outbuilding to home office Location 4 Nelson Drive Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9JR. Comments invited until 10th July 2025.

10. Correspondence:

NetWiseUK -Acknowledgement that contract will terminate 3rd May 2026.

Reminders from Felton Cemetery Joint Cttee about paying balance for 24/25. 25/25 Accounts.

Clear Insurance – Confirmation of cover and PC documents for 25/26.

Complaint from resident about recent Neighbourhood Plan group letter.

Forestry England – Comments invited on survey by 14th July 2025.

11. Requests for next agenda:

a. Annual Audit AGAR 2024/25 – Approval of accounts, AGAR form and other paperwork.

12. Urgent Items:

13. Date of Next Meeting: 23.7.25 (JH), 27.8.25 (SVH), 24.9.25 (JH).