

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday 26th March 2025 7pm
Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor NE65 9JY

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 Parish Council meeting held on 22nd January 2025:**
5. **To consider matters arising from the Parish Council meeting 22nd January 2025**
 - a. Review of Parish Boundary (update).
 - b. Condition of Swarland Estate Roads (update)
 - c. Repair of ruts beside road in Park Road - Update
 - d. Replacement Village signpost – Update
 - e. Installation of traffic calming measures – Update
 - f. Final PC Budget for 25/26 (Appendix A) – For information
 - g. Resident query about waste at Old Swarland. – Update.
 - h. Parish Litter Pick Sunday 6th April 10.00am. – Update.
 - i. Change to Parish Council contact email address
6. **Requested agenda items:**
 - a. Vyner Park Update (Cllr Woolfrey) – Update.
 - b. Swarland and Newton on the Moor Action on Climate (SNAC) – Update.
 - c. Neighbourhood Plan – Update (Appendix B)
 - d. County and Parish County Elections – Nomination procedure and other matters relating to the Election.
 - e. Parish Emergency Plan (Cllr Peacock) – Proposal to create and implement an Emergency Plan for the Parish. For discussion and decision on way ahead.
 - f. PC Code of practice for handling communications, including complaints, suggestions, requests and reports of problems – For discussion and decision on next steps. (Appendix C).
 - g. Swarland Village Hall Land Registry Entry amendments – for discussion and decision on way forward.
 - h. Parish Council Website (Cllr Peacock) – Proposal to transfer to cheaper website provider. For discussion and decision on further actions (if any).
 - i. Possible transfer of Felton Cemetery to NCC – For discussion.
7. **Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors**
8. **Finance**
 - a. Clerk's salary for March 2025 = £502.60
Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE = £100.60
Payment to Clerk = £502.60 + expenses £10.49 - £100.60 = **£412.49**
 - b. Vyner Park Secretary salary March 2025 = £86.16
Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE = £17.40
Payment to Sec = £86.16 + expenses £24.50 – PAYE £ 17.40 = **£93.26**
 - c. Total cheque for HMRC £100.60 + £ 17.20 = **£117.80**
 - d. Ratification of payments made in February 2025;

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Clerk:£442.88

Vyner Park Secretary:£73.96

HMRC:£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 April 2025.

d. Receipts: None.

e. Other payments:

Northumberland County Council printing of Column & NP (inc VAT)	= £647.05
Northumberland County Council (Defib installation inc VAT)	= £1098.00
Northumberland & Newcastle Society 2025	= £35.00
Swarland Club (11x SNAC Meetings 2025/26)	= £110.00
Ratification of ICO payment (Direct Debit)	= £47.00

f. Account balance as at 21.3.25 = £19,208.43

9. Planning:

a. Applications decided by NCC and the Planning Inspectorate.

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 APPROVED 18.3.25.

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. Application REFUSED 21.1.25.

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. Application APPROVED 4.2.25.

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. Application PERMITTED 17.2.25.

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. Appeal DISMISSED 4.3.25.

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 21.3.25 decision still awaited.

24/04466/FUL - Erection of shepherd hut, decking, gravel seating area and planters for use by dwellers of 9 Newton-on-the-Moor only Location Land North Of 9 Newton-on-the-moor Newton-on-the-moor Northumberland . The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

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.

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c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider –

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. PC comments to be submitted by 2nd April 2025.

10. Correspondence:

NCC – Election Communications including nomination papers.

Member of the public passed on external audit report relating to Felton PC's & Cemetery finances 23/24.

NCC Mobile Phone Coverage Survey – open until 30th April 2025.

NALC Emergency Planning information.

NCC BT Digital switchover drop in sessions.

11. Requests for next agenda:

12. Urgent Items:

13. Date of Next Meeting: 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).