

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday 22nd April 2026 7pm
Jubilee Hall, Newton on the Moor, NE65 9JY

1. **Questions and comments from Parish residents (Max 15 minutes in total):**
2. **Issues in Old Swarland** – Discussion with representatives of Northumbria Police and the Environment Agency.
3. **Apologies:**
4. **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**
5. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th March 2026:**
6. **To consider matters arising from the Parish Council meeting 25th March 2026:**
 - a. Condition of Swarland Estate Roads (update)
 - b. War memorial/garden of remembrance – Update.
 - c. Lease renewal Swarland Village Hall – Update.
 - d. Request for improved road safety of road near Colum to the A1 – Update.
 - e. Request for speed monitoring/signs on road between Old Swarland and Felton – Update.
 - f. Progress on PC Policy Review – Update.
7. **Requested agenda items:**
 - a. Vyner Park Update (Cllr Woolfrey) – Update. Confirmation of appointment of new Secretary,
 - b. Swarland and Newton on the Moor Action on Climate (SNAC) – Update.
 - c. Neighbourhood Plan – Update.
 - d. SNAC request for glazed noticeboard – This is for bus timetables in the bus shelter opposite The Square in Swarland. Cost to be confirmed.
 - e. Feedback from Finance Group - Following meeting on 16th April on VAT claims, insurance costs, budget etc.
 - f. PC new website and gov.uk email address – Discussion about any concerns Councillors have. Decision on any actions to be taken.
8. **Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors:**
9. **Finance**
 - a. Clerk's salary for April 2026 = £518.70
Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE = **£103.80**
Payment to Clerk = £518.70 + expenses £10.94 - £103.80 = **£473.18**
 - c. Receipts:
NCC Annual precept (1st half) £20,000.00
Donation towards The Column £60.00
 - d. Other payments:
Lloyds Bank Service Charges for April £4.25
Hugo Fox gov.uk email – direct debit £2.99
NCC Printing of The Column 2025/26 printing inc VAT. £540.00

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e. Account balance at 14th April 2026

£31,861.55

10. Planning:

a. Applications decided by NCC or the Planning Inspectorate.

25/04076/FUL - Reconfiguration of the existing golf course, change of use of the 7 northernmost golf holes to accommodate up to 180 additional new static caravans/lodges and creation of a new leisure hub building with associated access, parking, drainage ponds and landscaping works. - Land South West Of Chalets Percy Wood Golf Club and Country Retreat, Coast View, Swarland, Northumberland. The Parish Council objected strongly to this application. Application considered at Strategic Planning meeting on 7th April and the application was REFUSED.

25/02820/FUL – Relocation and Construction of a single dwelling and associated works. Land south of workshop and plant storage – High Hazon Farm, Acklington, Morpeth, NE65 9AT. Application PERMITTED 26th March 2026.

26/00317/FELTPO - Land North Of 4 Trafalgar Drive, Leamington Lane, Swarland, Northumberland. Tree Preservation Order application: T4 Larch & T8 Ash - Fell; T6 Sycamore - Crown lift to 4 metres and thin crown by 10%; T9 Beech - Remove deadwood. The Parish Council objected to the application. Application REFUSED 24 March 2026.

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 14.4.26 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 14.4.26 decision still awaited.

26/00316/PRUTPO - 4 Trafalgar Drive, Swarland, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9LJ. Tree Preservation Order Application to T1 Beech remove large overhanging limb over garden, T2, T10, T12, T14 & T16 Beech crown lift to 4 metres and thin crown by 10%, T3 & T7 Sycamore crown lift to 4 metres and thin crown by 10%, T5 Oak crown lift to 4 metres and thin crown by 10%, T11 Oak remove deadwood, T13 Larch fell, T15 Beech remove deadwood, T17 Larch remove deadwood. The Parish Council objected to the application. As at 14.4.26 decision still awaited.

26/00545/FUL – Apple Tree Lodge and Lime Tree Lodge, Swarland Old Hall, Old Swarland, NE65 9HU. Change of use 2no holiday lodges to be used as residential units, not restricted to holiday letting. The Parish Council objected to this application. As at 14.4.26 decision still awaited.

26/01032/FELTPO - Tree Preservation Order Application: T1(Sitka Spruce) - Fell to near ground level. W2 (Ash) - Remove those Ash showing signs of stage 3+ Ash Dieback (marked to NE side with pink paint spot, approximately 30-50cm above ground level). Equates to 8-10 sub canopy trees with stem diameters less than 150 mm. T4 (Scots Pine) - Fell to ground level, T5 (Hybrid Larch) - Fell to ground level T6 (Ash) - Fell to ground level. Studley House, Studley Drive, Swarland, Northumberland, NE65 9JT. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

26/00880/PRUTPO - Tree Preservation Order Application to G1 (consists of 6no and 3no horse chestnut) lift trees to 4m in height and T1 Oak remove old stub cuts 1 Old Park Road Swarland Morpeth Northumberland NE65 9HJ. The Parish Council objected to this application as insufficient information had been provided to justify the works

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26/01023/LBC - Listed building consent for Installation of 16 solar panels to south facing roof with external battery cabinet - Swarland Village Hall, Coast View, Swarland, Northumberland. The Parish Council did not object to this application but made comments about improving the location of the solar panels.

26/01034/VARYCO - Variation of condition 1 (Approved Plans) on approved application 22/01325/VARYCO in order to make changes to siting, scale, layout and external appearance. Land West Of 36 Park Road, Park Road, Swarland, Northumberland NE65 9JD. The Parish Council objected to this application.

c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider

26/00932/FUL - Proposed first floor extension with alterations to external windows and doors. 19 Coast View Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JG.

26/00580/FUL - Remove small rear dormer and replace with two dormers on rear roof. 3 Newton-on-the-Moor, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9JY. Comments are invited until 17th April 2026.

26/01150/VARYCO - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on approved planning application 24/02419/FUL. To substitute elevations and floor plans. Swarland Garage Home Farm Cottages Swarland Northumberland NE65 9JH. Comments invited until 21st April 2026.

26/01293/FUL - Construction of single storey garden room extension to west elevation and utility/boot room extension to north elevation. Overgrass Mill Cottage Longframlington Morpeth Northumberland NE65 8EQ. Comments invited until 4th May 2026.

11. Correspondence:

NCC Northumberland Local Plan – Consultation mailing list.

12. Requests for next agenda:

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13. Urgent Items:

14. Date of Next Meeting: 27.5.26 (SVH) Annual Parish meetings, 24.6.26 (JH), 22.7.26 (SVH).