

# NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 7.00pm**  
**At the Jubilee Hall, NotM**

1. **Public Question Time (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 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Please note: Following the meeting it was found the meeting had been inquorate ie a minimum of FOUR Parish Cllrs were needed to ensure decisions were valid. The Chairman, following consultation from all members has subsequently ratified the decisions, using his delegated powers.**
5. **To consider matters arising from the Parish Council meeting 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**
  - a. Installation of defibrillator in Studley Drive/Low Wood area – Update.
  - b. Condition of Swarland estate roads – update.
  - c. Repairs to stone planter outside the School – Update.
  - d. High fencing – update.
  - e. Aluminium Can recycling – update.
  - f. Swarland School – Feasibility study by NCC – Update.
  - g. Christmas Trees for the Jubilee Hall, and The Square – Update.
  - h. NALC Star Awards 2023 – Update.
6. **Requested agenda items:**
  - a. Vyner Park Update (Cllr Woolfrey) – Update.
  - b. Swarland and Newton on the Moor Action on Climate (SNAC) update. (Cllr Clark).
  - c. Neighbourhood Plan – update.
  - d. Continued car parking problems in NotM (Cllr Howard -Row) – For discussion and decision on action to be taken (if any).
  - e. Parish Council vacancy – No requests for a by election received. Discussion and decision on way forward on filling the vacancy.
  - f. Advertisements attached to road signs – For discussion and decision.
  - g. NCC Northumberland Open Space Assessment – Requested by 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. For discussion and decision on action to be taken (if any).
  - h. Parish Council Precept Request 2024/25 – For discussion and decision.
7. **Report by County Councillor and meetings attended by Councillors**
8. **Finance**
  - a. Clerk's salary for November 2023 - £410.55

Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE	=	£82.00
Payment to Clerk = £410.55 + expenses £16.34 - £82.00	=	£344.69
  - b. Vyner Park Secretary salary December 2023 - £70.38

Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE	=	£14.20
Payment to Clerk = £70.38 + expenses £50.98 – PAYE£14.20	=	£107.16

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c. Other receipts: None.

d. Other payments:

Cllr Rob Simpson (From Neighbourhood Plan group funds)	£20.24
NCC printing (from Neighbourhood Plan group funds)	£60.00
Annual Grant to Swarland Village Hall (£2400 + £68.40 VAT for heater)	£2468.40

e. Account balance as at 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023: £35,659.44

## 9. Planning:

### a. Decisions made by NCC

**23/02476/FUL** – Retrospective. Erection of Shepherd hut, decking, gravel seating area and planters for use by dwellers of 9 Newton on the Moor only. Land North of 9 Newton on the Moor, Morpeth, NE65 9JY. The Parish Council objected to this application mainly on the basis of the hut being unacceptably elevated and close to a neighbour's boundary. As at 16.11.23 a decision is still awaited.

### 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. Cllrs Cutforth and Howard-Row objected to the development. As at 19.10.23 decision still awaited.

### **21/04028/FUL – Planning Inspectorate Ref: PP/P2935/C/23/3322246**

Planning Appeal Notification – Land To North Of Kiln Cottage Newton-On-The-Moor Northumberland. Appeal against an enforcement notice issued by NCC for the installation of hardcore. The PC had objected to the original retrospective application for hardstanding in November 2021. As at 16.11.23 decision still awaited.

**23/03421/FUL** - Erection of 2no. self/custom build dwellings. Land South East of The Park, Old Park Road, Swarland. The Parish Council objected to this application for several reasons including that the proposed dwellings are outside the agreed settlement boundary. As at 16.11.23 decision still awaited.

### c. Planning matters for Parish Council to consider

**23/04089/VARYCO** - Variation of conditions 2 (Samples of brick and roofing tiles), 3 (Boundary Treatment), 7 (Amended Plans) 9 (Surface Water) and 10 (Surface Water/Drainage) on approved application A/2007/0345. Comments invited until 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**23/04015/FUL** – Conversion of existing agricultural building to create a single dwelling with integral garage, installation of sewage treatment plant and improvements to access track. Land West of Laundry Cottages, Warkworth. Northumberland. Comments invited until 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

### **23/01742/FUL - Planning Inspectorate Ref**

Planning Appeal Notification. Proposed development of 1 No dwelling with associated access and amenity space. Land west of 20 Park Road, Swarland.NE65 9JD. Representations invited until 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

## 10. Complaints:

- Leamington Lane drain and manhole outside Swarland Primary school – blockage issues referred to NCC 5.2.2020. Being taken up by NCC/OpenReach.
- 'No footpath' sign at entrance of The Springwood knocked down
- Request for 'No entry' sign at Cherry Tree Drive due to Percy Wood visitors getting lost. - referred to NCC - 22.9.21.
- Damage around manholes in The Avenue, Swarland. Reported to NCC 23.11.22

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- Surface water overflowing down Old Park Road (from woods) south of Douglas Crescent – Referred to the Forestry Commission. 7.1.22 Clerk to chase up.
  - Request for new bench beside bus stop opposite The Square, Swarland, bench to be levelled.
  - 'To Newcastle' sign outside 4 NotM had been graffitied and subsequently removed by NCC – Reported to NCC. To be replaced.
  - Bench/planter outside the school still needs attention – Waiting for date for repair.
  - Repainting of road markings at bottom of hill by Cook and Barker, bottom of hill by Hudson's Croft and top of hill requested 3.8.23. Markings have been completed at top of hill. Orders issued by NCC for other markings to be done.
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### **11. Correspondence:**

Request from resident for copy of letter from NCC committing to adopting Kenmore Road – information has been sent.

NCC Rough Sleeping count 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and online meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023.

Resident submitted photos and video of the Public Sewer running through Vyner Park in connection with concerns about it overflowing.

### **12. Requests for next agenda:**

### **13. Urgent Items:**

**14. Date of Next Meeting:** No meeting in December, 24.1.24 SVH, 28.2.24 JH.