

NEWTON on the MOOR & SWARLAND PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday 23rd April 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 Parish Council meeting held on 26th March 2025:**
5. **To consider matters arising from the Parish Council meeting 26th March 2025**
 - a. Condition of Swarland Estate Roads (update)
 - b. Repair of ruts beside road in Park Road - Update
 - c. Replacement Village signpost – Update
 - d. Installation of traffic calming measures – Update
 - e. Parish Litter Pick Sunday 6th April – Report on event.
 - f. Change to Parish Council contact email address/website - Update.
 - g. Parish Emergency Plan (Cllr Peacock) – Update.
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.
 - d. PC Code of practice for handling communications, including complaints, suggestions, requests and reports of problems – For approval (Appendix A).
 - e. Swarland Village Hall – for discussion on Land Registry amendments, and future ownership and decision on way forward.
 - f. Memorial Garden (Cllr Simpson) – For discussion and decision on way forward.
 - g. Felton Cemetery Draft leaflet – for comment (Appendix B).
 - h. Preparations for the Annual Meeting – For discussion.

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

8. **Finance**

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| a. Clerk's salary for April 2025 | = | £502.60 |
| Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE | = | £100.40 |
| Payment to Clerk = £502.60 + expenses £10.49 - £100.40 | = | £412.69 |
| b. Vyner Park Secretary salary April 2025 | = | £86.16 |
| Payment to HM Revenues & Customs PAYE | = | £17.40 |
| Payment to Sec = £86.16 + expenses £5.00 – PAYE £ 17.20 | = | £73.96 |
| c. Total cheque for HMRC £100.40 + £ 17.20 | = | £117.60 |

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 May 2025.

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| d. Receipts: | | |
| NCC first half of precept for 2025/26 | = | £13,500.00 |
| e. Other payments: | | |
| NetwiseUK website hosting and domain renewal 2025/26 (inc VAT) | = | £354.00 |
| SNAC Interpretation board - Bill Grisdale Design (from SNAC funds) | = | £400.00 |

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f. Account balance as at 16.4.25

= £ £32,765.73

9. Planning:

a. Applications decided by NCC and the Planning Inspectorate.

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. Application GRANTED 4.4.25

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 16.4.25 decision still awaited.

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. As at 16.4.25 decision still awaited.

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.

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.

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

10. Correspondence:

Alnwick Neighbourhood Team – Crime Prevention – problems if sheep worrying in upper Coquetdale.

NCC Elections – various documents relating to the upcoming election.

11. Requests for next agenda:

12. Urgent Items:

13. Date of Next Meeting: 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).