

Woolsington Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Woolsington Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th July 2022

Present: Councillor G. Pattison (Chair)
Councillors J. Couchman, L. Kennedy, L. McGuinness, J. Robinson
and A. Thomas

In attendance: A. Richardson – Clerk

40. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A. Hay, B. Hunter, J. Littleton, S. Pattison, J. Sabarre & L. Wright.

41. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th May 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

42. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

Item 38: The Clerk advised that the Deed of Surrender for the Land at Newbiggin Lane had been fully signed and was no longer leased to the Parish Council.

43. Grant Applications

The Clerk advised that there was one grant application to be considered. D2 Youth Zone Ltd Holiday Activities
An application was received requesting funding for £1000 to put on a programme of holiday activities across the Summer School Holidays. After a short discussion, the members voted in favour to support the application and the grant was agreed in full.

44. Woolsington Parish Area Biodiversity Plan

Cllr Couchman provided a general update on changes since the last meeting.

In the Bedeburn Ward, two barrels have been supplied, installed, filled with compost, plants etc. Ms Cavanagh, a keen gardener planted them up and will maintain, thanks to the Chair for initiating this request.

Following the request at May's meeting, a meeting was convened with Graeme Mason and Adam Ewart (planner) at Newcastle International Airport (NIA) to discuss the future management of Abbotswood which Cllr G Pattison, Cllr Wright, Cllr Littleton and Cllr Couchman attended. NIA are interested in creating a trust/partnership, a collaboration between Newcastle City Council, Woolsington Parish Council, NIA and input from Woolsington Residents' Association.

Next steps: NIA will fund and commission a baseline ecology assessment. Recommendations for habitat improvements (for both nature & people) will come out of this, a priority list and costings can subsequently be made.

45. Ward Councillor's Update

Congratulations to Cllr Hay on becoming a Newcastle City Council Cabinet Member.

Cllr G. Pattison updated members with regard to ongoing work regarding infrastructure, pavements, etc that require replacing following a walkabout the ward. Sections of Trevelyan Drive to be resurfaced with money raised. Cllr Robinson/Cllr Thomas provided an update regarding the withdrawal of the Transport which takes children who had signed up to attend the new build school on Bedeburn Road to the temporary School.

Cllr Robinson has written to various Directors, including the Cabinet Member, and also suggested a petition may be worthwhile.

Cllr G. Pattison suggested Catherine McKinnell MP for Newcastle North should be informed.

Cllr Thomas to provide the Clerk with a draft letter to enable the Parish Council to pursue this matter also.

46. Newsletter

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council's first newsletter was delivered in May, and requested members input for items to include in the next one.

47. Register of Financial and Other Interests

The Clerk reminded members that he had sent emails requesting an updated Register of Interest form with any changes required, if no changes, a no change form is required.

48. Planning Matters

Cllr G Pattison declared a non-pecuniary interest and left the meeting for the following planning items.

The Clerk provided an update on planning applications received which had previously been circulated to members.

Site Bounded by Callerton Village to North West, Whorlton Lane to the North and East Stamfordham Road, To South West and Plantation Woods, To the South East Stamfordham Road – No objection
Bellway Homes Ltd, Woolsington House – No objection
Land At Cell A - Newcastle Great Park, Brunton Lane - Further Information requested from the Case Officer

Shell, Skyway Filling Station Newcastle Airport - Holding objection requested.

Land West of Bedeburn Road, Including Simonside Primary School and Former Simonside Community Centre Sites – Ongoing, and discussed.

1 Eden Park Court – Ongoing

Land to the East of 6 Morton Crescent – Ongoing

49. Financial Matters / Accounts for Payment

Approval was given to the following payments, itemised in the Report of the Clerk circulated with the papers for the meeting –

Clerk Salary	June/July	£	857.90
HMRC	June/July	£	214.60
Andrew Richardson (Expenses)		£	35.74
St Wilfred's Church		£	40.00
ROAM Distributers		£	660.00

For Information purposes only as already approved via Biodiversity Project: -

John Littleton (Bedeburn Bio)	£	95.85
Cheviot Bio	£	202.40
John Littleton (Bedeburn Bio)	£	199.50
John Littleton (Bedeburn Bio)	£	12.00
Pamela Cavanagh (Plantsplus)	£	93.96

For Information purposes only as agreed at previous meeting: -

Healthworks	£	5000.00
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The Clerk also shared the financial statement document.

50. Any other business

Cllr Thomas advised that the Summer Fayre to take place on Friday 15th July.

Cllr Kennedy advised that the footpath from Lowbiggin/Hareydene to Woolsington Ponds has been neglected, residents have raised it as an issue for motorized scooters, pushchairs, bikes, etc, and inquired if it could be looked into with regard to having it resurfaced. The members discussed as to who's land it is and what developments are planned. Cllr Couchman advised that it is private land owned by Northumberland Estates, and there are lots of ongoing discussions with the developers. Cllr G. Pattison suggested a tour of the Parish, the members agreed. Cllr Couchman volunteered to draft a tour inventory.

51. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 14th September 2022 at 6.30pm at St Wilfred's Church

Chairman

Date

