

Woolsington Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Woolsington Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st September 2022

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

In attendance: A. Richardson – Clerk
Tracy Armstrong – Citizens Advice Newcastle

52. Apologies for absence

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

53. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th July 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

54. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

Item 45: Cllr Robinson/Cllr Thomas advised that a bus had been secured to take children to the temporary school with different pick-up points.

55. Grant Applications

The Clerk advised that there was one grant application to be considered.

Citizens Advice Newcastle

In partnership with Action for Children, Citizens Advice are currently running weekly face to face drop-in sessions at the Galafield Centre. An application was received requesting funding for £4000 to purchase a software system called Signal.

Tracy Armstrong (TA) from Citizens Advice joined the meeting to present her application and answered queries which members had.

TA then left the meeting.

After a short discussion, the members voted in favour to support the application and the grant was agreed in full.

56. Woolsington Parish Area Biodiversity Plan

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

In the Bedeburn Ward, barrels installed in Bedeburn and Lowbiggin, project is now complete, Grounds Maintenance have been informed.

Newbiggin Hall Ward, Bluebell Dene: Planting event organised on Hedgehope Road in October, NCC Leader Nick Kemp, MP Catherine McKinnell and former Lord Mayor Habib Rahman have confirmed their attendance. Costain Jacobs providing a team of volunteers. All members

invited. Members were asked for their preferences for future years, however funding from Costain Jacobs is unlikely.

Callerton Ward, feedback from the chair of the Callerton Residents Association Steve Holland, requests spring bulbs for the village at a location of their choice.

Woolsington Ward, £500 to be allocated to Abbotswood.

Discussions with Jacqueline Gallon have taken place on site regarding the flower bed at Sovereign Lodge, commitments have been made for monthly maintenance including watering, a letter of thanks has been sent to Christine Herriot on behalf of the chair.

Following the meeting regarding Abbotswood with Graeme Mason, Newcastle International Airport (NIA), Cllr G Pattison and Cllr Wright, NIA have undertaken and funded a baseline ecology study, results are imminent as a basis for habitat improvements. Another meeting planned for October to discuss the running of the trust and the priorities of the management plan. Early indications are that £5000 over 2 years will be contributed by both the Parish Council and the Airport to fund the habitat improvements identified by the base line study. TilHill the Airport contractors will provide grant aid too. Subject to agreement of priorities during these discussions, the Parish Council is requested to consider utilising £5000 of Woolsington allocation of CIL funding

This will be subject of discussions at next meeting of the Trust and presented to the next meeting of WPC for final decision

Woolsington Residents Association has have committed £500 funding to this project

Following Woolsington Parish Council's work with Environment Agency on flood management, Northumbria Water have approached the Parish Council as a potential partner in the Bluespaces project. The aim of Northumbria Water Bluespaces project is to support, drive and deliver cost-effective projects with the greatest benefits for the community and the environment. The biodiversity project would like to make a matched funding bid for this work. £3,300 each party. Subject to support from Northumbria Water, the landowner's approval and satisfactory quotes for the work, therefore to prepare a proposal to the November WPC meeting to allocate funding from Woolsington CIL for this purpose.

Members agreed to allocate £200 for Prestwick Terrace to stock 2 flower barrels.

A meeting has been arranged with Taylor Wimpey and Southern Green (Landscape agents) to discuss the extent of the problem regarding trees in new developments not being maintained. Clarification to be requested on the policy for new trees and hedgerows on all future planning applications for new developments.

57. Ward Councillor's Update

Cllr J. Robinson updated members with regard to ongoing work in the Kingston Park South and Newbiggin Hall Ward.

Meeting held with Newcastle City Council (NCC) regarding the Newbiggin Hall Shopping Centre as lots of issues, with paths, trees, drains, etc.

With regard to the newbuilds next to where the old shopping centre is, the foundations are now down, and hoping to complete by the 18th September

2023, NCC to send newsletter out to warn residents of the health and safety issues on the site, and a new perimeter fencing to be installed. NCC looking to demolish the old YHN building, subject to funding. The old PCT building has a new owner, which they are looking to convert into flats.

Little Bears Nursery are looking to move into the old doctor's surgery, however information is limited.

Regular litter picks continue to be ongoing.

Hedges and litter to be tidied up around Greendyke and the path leading down to Bluebell Dene.

58. Callerton Representation

With Cllr Wright now being on Planning Committee and being the only representative for Callerton Ward, Cllr Littleton and Cllr Couchman agreed to do the first draft on Planning Applications in the Ward for the interim. The Parish Council to consider a Community Governance Review to increase the number of councillors representing the Callerton Ward.

59. Website

Cllr Littleton requested members views on the website and sought suggestions on how it can be constantly refreshed and updated, this can be discussed at November's meeting. The Clerk advised that any events/news in the Parish can be uploaded.

60. Planning Matters

Cllr G Pattison and Cllr L Wright 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.

2019/1287/14/RES	Land West of Bedeburn Road,	No Objection
2022/1098/01/HOU	1 Eden Park Court	No Objection
2022/0533/01/DET	Land to the East of 6 Morton Crescent	Holding Objection Requested
2022/1101/01/DET	Orchard House	Holding Objection Requested
2022/1075/01/DET	Newcastle Falcons Rugby Club	No Objection
2022/1181/01/ADV	Callerton Village/Whorlton Lane	Objection
2022/1282/01/LDC	17 Dorchester Place	Planning advised that comments from the Parish Council would have no impact on the planning decision.
2016/0643/65/NMA	Brunton Road/Ponteland Road	Planning advised that the Parish Council shouldn't have been consulted.

2022/0938/01/DET	Shell, Skyway Filling Station	Ongoing
2022/1135/01/DET	Callerton Parkway	Ongoing

61. 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	August/September	£	858.10
HMRC	August/September	£	214.40
Andrew Richardson (Curry's)		£	28.99
St Wilfred's Church		£	40.00
Zurich Municipal Insurance		£	375.64

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

John Littleton (Bedeburn Bio)	£	147.70
John Littleton (Lowbiggin Bio)	£	145.76
NCC (Grounds Maint)	£	278.40

For Information purposes only as agreed at previous meeting: -

D2 Youth Zone Ltd	£	1000.00
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The Clerk also shared the financial statement document.

62. Any other business

Cllr Thomas passed on the thanks from parents to Cllr Robinson for her hard work on the school bus issue.

There are issues with children playing on the site of the new permanent Callerton Academy site.

Cllr Thomas also advised that the Summer Fayre to take place on Friday 23rd September after being cancelled in July.

Cllr G Pattison thanked Cllr Littleton and Couchman for drafting the itinerary for the Parish Tour, date to be agreed.

63. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 9th November 2022 at 6.30pm at St Wilfred's Church

Chairman

Date

