

Woolsington Parish Council

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Minutes of the AGM meeting of Woolsington Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th May 2023

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

In attendance: A. Richardson – Clerk

- 23. Welcome to newly elected Parish Councillors**
The Chair welcomed Cllr Liam Spencer to the Parish Council and introduced all councillors
- 24. Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from L. McGuinness and L. Wright.
- 25. Report of the Parish Council**
The Chair read out a report of the Parish Council's activity for the previous 12 months
- 26. Election of Chairperson**
Resolved that: Councillor G Pattison be appointed Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing municipal year
- 27. Election of Vice Chairperson**
Resolved that: Councillor L Kennedy be appointed Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing municipal year.
- 28. Appointment of representatives on other bodies**
Resolved that: the following appointment be made -
Newcastle Airport Consultative Committee -
Councillor J Littleton will attend if required
- 29. Minutes of Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th March 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
- 30. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes**
Item 14: Following concerns raised at the previous meeting regarding planning consultation, the Clerk advised that he had received an email reply from the Assistant Director for Planning, and that she would review the process to ensure the Parish are consulted on all applications for the area.
Item 18: Cllr Hay advised he was still waiting on a response regarding NCC funding for defibrillators, however would chase this up.

Item 21: Further to NALCs request for Parish Councils to sign up to Civility and Respect, Cllr Littleton suggested that the Parish Council should put this on hold until further clarity is sought, the members agreed.

31. Grant Applications

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

D2 Youth Zone Ltd

This application was received following the last meeting in March for £700 to provide activities across the Easter Holidays. As there was no meeting held in April, members had already agreed to grant this funding in full via email circulation.

32. Woolsington Parish Area Biodiversity Plan

Cllr Littleton provided a general update.

Underspend against original allocation.

Special mention to Pam Cavanagh for hard work and enthusiasm on the barrels for Lowbiggin.

With regard to schools, work gathering pace post pandemic, some outstanding work being done. Fruit trees, edible garden, gardening equipment, plants and shrubs. Plans for bird boxes and camera at Cheviot. All this contributes to activity for biodiversity and outdoor learning, school staff and Parish Council members working together on a model to achieve most effective results.

Major success at Blue Bell Dene, funded by Costain's Jacobs, however no more plans in the pipeline.

With regard to the Abbotswood Trust agreement, the Parish Council received huge plaudits in the Airport Corporate Social responsibility report on community work, this was posted on the Newcastle International Airport website and was circulated nationally amongst CAA membership.

Ongoing work at the parish ponds, a grant has been received from Northumbrian Water, which was match funded from Woolsington/Bank Foot and Callerton Cil.

First phase of Bluespaces achieved and second phase due in autumn, very successful. Press release imminent from Chronicle, the Chair wrote Parish Council comments.

Issues with anti-social behaviour at the ponds, progress is being made with the police, possible fencing to be erected. Cllr Hay mentioned that accessibility must be taken into account.

Cllr Hay inquired how the ponds are following the dredging, Cllr Littleton advised that the water soldier hasn't returned.

Wildflowers delay associated with Grounds Maintenance workload.

Proposals for 23/24 Biodiversity to remain the same for Wards and Schools.

Members were thanked for their continuing support and advice throughout the year.

33. Ward Councillor's Update

Cllr Hay provided an update on ongoing work in the Kingston Park South and Newbiggin Hall Wards. The previous two months had mainly

consisted of canvassing for the May Election, positive result that Cllr Jacqui Robinson had been re-elected.
Callerton and Throckley Ward also saw a Labour gain with Adam Walker elected.
Ongoing work in the ward around infrastructure, and involvement in bus issues.
Parts of Trevelyan Drive have now been resurfaced.
Reviews taking place around mobility/security for residents to move around safely in areas like Bedeburn, East Garth, and Priory Dene.
Cllr Robinson advised that notices have gone up around Lowbiggin and Hareydene for upcoming fibreoptic works from Virgin Media, West Thorp and East Thorp will also be included.
Cllr Hay also advised that NCC are investigating the litter and fly tipping issue at Bluebell Dene.
A skip to be dropped at Greendyke Court for residents to use, which is a Newcastle City Council initiative.
Issues still at Newbiggin Hall Shopping Centre, car parking, landscaping, lighting etc, a meeting has been convened to include the ward councillors.

34. Defibrillators

Following the previous meeting in which this was raised, Cllr Littleton requested advice on the Parish Council's position and policy for moving forward, as Twin Farms and Poachers Cottage have now expressed interest. It was agreed that this could be funded from CIL, Cllr Littleton to make further enquires as to which providers can supply.

35. Woolsington Village Green

With regard to the Blue Spaces Phase II, Cllr Littleton requested Parish Council permission for an educational session, run by TRT to be held on the Village Green, potential date of 30th September, Members agreed to this.

36. Joint Working with Parish Council's update

Cllrs Littleton and Couchman advised they had met with representatives of Hazlerigg Parish Council to discuss Newcastle Internal Airport plans for linking wildlife corridors across Airport land on all boundaries.
Forthcoming meeting at the Civic Centre with planner and ecologist to discuss how we can support City Council policy with this work and understand future commitments/expectations can be delivered from developers are.
It is understood that Newcastle City Council Chief Executive has called for another joint Parish Council meeting in September and is liaising with NALC on arrangements.

37. Planning Applications/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.

2023/0344/01/TPO	24 Woolsington Park South, Woolsington	No Objection
2023/0269/01/DET	Land To the South of A696, West of Newbiggin Lane and North of Hareydene (upper Callerton)	No Objection
2023/0503/01/HOU	12 Woolsington Gardens, Woolsington	No Objection
2023/0427/01/HOU	6 South Drive, Woolsington	No Objection
2023/0611/01/NOT	Newcastle Falcons Rugby Club Brunton Road, Kenton Bank Foot	No Objection
2023/0662/01/TPO	27 Woolsington Park South, Woolsington	TBD

38. 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	Apr/May 23	£	920.50
HMRC	April/May	£	230.00
St Wilfrid's Church		£	40.00
CI Accountancy		£	240.00
Andrew Richardson (Misc.)		£	53.00

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

St Marks RC (Bio)	£	1030.72
NIC / Abbotswood (CIL W&B)	£	5500.00
Haywood Contracting (CIL W&B)	£	4533.60
Callerton Residents Ass.	£	499.88
John Littleton (Cowell's/Farne)	£	300.78

For Information purposes only as agreed at previous meeting: -

D2 Youth Zone Ltd (Easter Holiday Activities)	£	700.00
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b. The Clerk shared the financial statement document.

c. The Clerk advised Members that he has had to source a new internal auditor due to the retirement of the previous one, and that an update on the 2022/23 annual accounts will be shared at the July meeting.

39. Any Other Business

Cllr Thomas advised that an artist may be approaching the Parish Council with regard to an art project.

A parent's meeting to be held at Gosforth Academy with regard to the Callerton School.

Cllr Robinson advised that a construction firm has now been appointed to build the new school.

The Clerk requested items for the next Newsletter.

The Clerk circulated the Declarations of Interest and also the Register of Financial and Other Interests forms.

40. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 12th July 2023 at 6.30pm at St Wilfrid's Church.

Chairman

Date