

Woolsington Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Woolsington Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th May 2024

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

In attendance: A. Richardson – Clerk
PC Kate Ramsey – Police
PCSO Michael Hill - Police

28.	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J. Couchman, S. Pattison, J. Sabarre and L. Spencer.
29.	Report of the Parish Council The Chair read out a report of the Parish Council's activity for the previous 12 months
30.	Election of Chairperson Resolved that: Councillor G Pattison be appointed Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing municipal year
31.	Election of Vice Chairperson Resolved that: Councillor J. Robinson be appointed Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing municipal year.
32.	Appointment of representatives on other bodies Resolved that: the following appointment be made - Newcastle Airport Consultative Committee - Councillor J Littleton will attend if required
33.	Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 th March 2024 were agreed as a true record.
34.	Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes No matters arising.
35.	Police Update PCSO Michael Hill and PC Kate Ramsey attended from the Police. PCSO Michael Hill advised that there had been six incidents in and around the parish ponds area in Woolsington, and circulated some photos of where the hotspots and incidents have taken place. Cllr Littleton inquired if the Police could help and advise on where cameras could be located around the ponds to act as a

deterrent, this was agreed. The stats for the mobile CCTV previously funded by the Parish Council weren't provided.

36. Playzone Discussion

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council will financially support the scheme, however this was on the basis that the current MUGA remains in place and that the Playzone is constructed alongside. Members would like clarification on the financial implications of this requirement. The Parish Council would also like to be kept informed of project progress at all times, this includes being involved in all further discussions and communications around the Playzone, with full access to the breakdown of costs and details of funding contributions from other organisations.

37. CIL Update

The Clerk provided an update on the CIL allocation per Ward and advised on the revised figures. The CIL report for 2023 has been completed, posted on the website and forwarded to Matthew Storey at Newcastle City Council. Cllr Wright queried why the figures hadn't been recalculated in April 2023, the Clerk advised that the figures hadn't changed much and that no funding had been received in the year 2023-24, Cllr Littleton confirmed that the figures were very marginal anyway, unlike the figures for April 2024 which includes approximately 900 new houses.

38. Grant Applications

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

Inspire Youth Tyne & Wear

An application was received requesting funding for £5,975 to support inters and girl's sessions at the Gala Field Centre.

After a long discussion, it was agreed that the application couldn't be granted in full, however the Parish Council decided that the scheme can be supported and donate £1,500 to the project.

39. Woolsington Parish Area Biodiversity Plan

Latest statements for end of year Biodiversity 23/24 and CIL spending for W&BF are available with the clerk

£3,455.32 spent on Wards and Schools

Concerns over regularity of maintenance being undertaken by Grounds Maintenance at Sov Lodge bed. Action may be required

Bird boxes containing Wi-Fi cameras for Cheviot School have had to be removed due to technical problems. Software installed by RM, the outsourcing company contracted by the Smart Academy, is not compatible.

Complaints have been raised by School Governors to Smart.

Parish Council Partnerships on Special projects at Ponds and Abbotswood going very well.

Volunteer Day, with the landowner (TW&P), planned for 31 May 24 at Ponds.

Press Office informed because we are trying to promote the project, promote our ambitions to create the Parish's first ever Nature Reserve

The City Council (and North Tyneside) in partnership with the Reece Foundation have launched a major £1m initiative `the Ouseburn Way`.

Our Ponds project complements the objectives in many ways, and we have informed the Reece Foundation of the WPC work in the Upper Ouseburn. There may be significant opportunities for the Parish Council (Finance & Publicity)
Following consultation with residents and information provided on website, W&BF Members hope to bring plans for CIL spending in September. Largely based on concerns about Road Safety.

40. Ward Councillor's Update

Cllr Hay advised that the main focus the last couple of months have been on the local elections. Cllr George Pattison congratulated Cllr Hay and Cllr Wright on their recent re-election success.

41. Planning Matters

Cllr G Pattison and 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.

2024/0115/01/HOU	8 Woosington Park South, Woosington	Holding Objection
2024/0174/01/DET	Northumbria Police, North Newcastle Command Unit Etal Lane, Newbiggin Hall	No Objection
2024/0287/01/TPO	Trees Middle Drive, Woosington	No Objection
2024/0464/01/ADV	Roundabout At Brunton Lane and Kingston Park Road	Holding Objection
2024/0496/01/DET	Saint Wilfrid's Church, Saint Wilfrid's Church Trevelyan Drive, Newbiggin Hall	No Objection

42. Financial Matters / Accounts for Payment

The Clerk provided an update to Members with regard to the 2023/24 Annual accounts.

42a. The members approved the Annual Governance Statement, and

42b. The members approved the Financial Statement.

42c. Approval was given to the following payments, itemised in the Report of the Clerk circulated with the papers for the meeting –

Clerk Salary	Mar/Apr 24	£	982.70
HMRC	Mar/Apr 24	£	245.80
St Wilfrid's Church (Mar)		£	40.00
Andrew Richardson (Stationary)		£	62.49
CA Accountancy		£	240.00
Callerton TARA		£	500.00

	<p>Tyne Rivers Trust £ 580.60</p> <p>St Marks RC £ 863.97</p> <p>D2 Youth Zone Ltd £ 2,000.00</p> <p>Roam £ 720.00</p> <p>NPS £ 989.00</p> <p>NCC Grounds Maintenance £ 50,000.00</p> <p>42d. The Clerk shared the financial statement document.</p> <p>42e. Members agreed that the NALC subscription wouldn't be renewed.</p> <p>43. Any Other Business</p> <p>Cllr George Pattison congratulated Cllr Lilian Kennedy on her long service to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Hay asked if Cllr Littleton could raise the layby on the A696 as a health and safety issue at the next Airport Consultative Committee meeting, cars are using the layby to park whilst waiting for incoming flights due to the cost to park in the Airport, this is now becoming dangerous.</p> <p>Cllr McGuinness inquired if there was an update regarding the missing fence on Etal Lane, Cllr Hay advised that Michelle Percy, Director at NCC has written to the Chief Executive at National Highways requesting a meeting on site to discuss the issue.</p> <p>44. Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting was scheduled for 17th July 2024, 6.30pm at St Wilfrid's Church.</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Date</p>