

Woolsington Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Woolsington Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th July 2024

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

In attendance: A. Richardson – Clerk

45. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A. Hay, L. McGuinness, S. Pattison, J. Sabarre and L. Wright.

46. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th May 2024 were agreed as a true record.

47. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

No matters arising.

48. Grant Applications

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

D2 Youth Zone Ltd Summer Holiday Grant

An application was received requesting funding for £1,200 to support an activities programme across the school summer holidays.

After a short discussion, the members voted in favour to grant the application in full.

49. Woolsington Parish Area Biodiversity Plan

Cllr Couchman provided a detailed progress report.

Latest budget statement available with the clerk

For information: Simonside school was given permission to carry forward its budget for 23/24 to this financial year 24/25. The school has now spent £804.56 on a well thought out and planned range of plants, plant holders & equipment.

Residents from Bedeburn Ward has requested a new barrel to replace the damaged one on Newbiggin Lane (now over 15 years old), it is proposed to site new barrel in another location, one more accessible to the residents concerned, this was agreed by members.

Residents from Kenton Foot (Kenton Bank Hall estate) have requested plants & compost to stock a very old porcelain trough. The trough was originally from the farmed land on the site and has been donated by the landowner (Taylor Wimpey) to the residents of the estate, this was agreed by members.

Proposal from Woosington Village to purchase bulbs etc for community planting event, this was also agreed by members.

50. Ward Councillor's Update

Cllr G Pattison and Cllr Robinson provided a brief update following the recent local and general elections, and plans for working with the new North East Mayor on transport proposals, looking forward to improvements being made. Ongoing issues with grasscutting.

51. A696 Parking Bay

Cllr Littleton provided an update from the Airport Consultative Committee meeting regarding the cars using the layby to park whilst waiting for incoming flights. Whilst the Airport acknowledged that there is an issue, especially with cars opening doors onto the dual carriageway, and that they have contacted the National Highways for guidance, the National Highways are reluctant to do anything until its classed as a risk.

Cllr Robinson suggested it may be worth raising it with the Police and Crime Commissioner Susan Dungworth.

52. Sovereign Lodge Flower Bed

Cllr Littleton advised that a site meeting had taken place with Newcastle City Councils Grounds Maintenance section regarding the poor condition of the flower bed. It was agreed that they would restore the flower bed to a fit for purpose site, however admitted because of resources may not be able to continue with the maintenance agreement going forward, a meeting to be convened in November to discuss further.

53. CIL Discussion

The clerk provided a balance on the updated funding figures and welcomed suggestions and ideas on projects that are in the pipeline. Cllr Robinson advised that consultation is ongoing with Newcastle City Council regarding new paths and dropped kerbs within the Bedeburn Ward, subject to agreement from Bedeward Ward members. Inquiries to position speed awareness cameras on Newbiggin Lane and other areas are also being investigated.

Cllr Littleton advised that following community engagement, a schedule of requirements has been drawn up within the Woosington Ward.

Members met with Council Engineer for Traffic Management and Road Safety to discuss all of the Bank Foot suggestions for road safety proposals in the Ward. The City Council are prepared to Install dropped kerbs in bespoke areas and undertake speed checks at key points on B6918. (Members requested the deployment of VAS signs but have been advised that this must be evidenced based)

Install 2 x Street name plates for the Main Bank Foot.

Replace Red Squirrel sign with 2 Deer signs on B6918.

Abbotswood - Next phase of this community project is to install:

2 Marmax picnic benches, sowing of pictorial meadow wildflower seeds

Installation of 2 Display boards (in the name of landowner/WPC), all to be Jointly funded by NIA/WPC. Further WPC investment may be required to support these plans.

Parish Ponds - Following discussions between PC Chair, the Landowner, and Biod team to make the ponds a more leisurely site, it has been agreed to install the following products: 1 Marmax picnic bench, 1 Marmax litter bin, 1 x Bin Liner, 2 Marmax bench seats, possibly 3 if installation cost is included (subject to final confirmation)

2 Display Boards (in the name of landowner/WPC) 3 Wildlife cameras (cameras recommended by Northumbria Police for recording of antisocial behaviour)

Others items still under discussion are Litter bins for Woolsington and Bankfoot. Other habitat and site improvements and potential gating at Ponds following production of the Landscape Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) currently being undertaken by the landowners (Taylor Wimpey & Persimmon Homes) and OS Ecology

54. Playzones Programme

The clerk advised that no further communication or update regarding the playzones project had been received.

55. Planning Matters

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

Cllr Robinson took the Chair, the Clerk provided an update on planning applications received which had previously been circulated to members.

2024/0689/01/HOU	6 South Drive, Woolsington, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE13 8AN	No Objection
2024/0700/01/DET	Land Adjacent to Pecks House Farm at Newbiggin Lane, Westerhope, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE5 1NA	Objection
2024/0833/01/DET	Highway Verge Adjacent to Trevelyan Drive, Newbiggin Hall, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE5 4BR	No Objection
2024/0824/01/HOU	6 Main Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE13 8AB	No Objection
2024/0856/01/DET	West Luddick House Callerton Lane, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE13 8DE	No Objection
2005/2255/08/RVC	Aldi Stamfordham Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE5 5HD	N/A, not within our Parish

Cllr Littleton advised that liaison with residents had been taking place regarding the proposed bus route through Callerton.

56. Financial Matters / Accounts for Payment

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

Clerk Salary	May/Jun 24	£	982.90
HMRC	May/Jun 24	£	245.60
St Wilfrid's Church (April/May)		£	60.00
Andrew Richardson (Misc)		£	16.10
John Littleton (Mean Bean)		£	60.00
Gordon Fletcher (Internal Auditor)		£	125.00
Inspire Youth T&W		£	1,500.00

b. The Clerk shared the financial statement document.

57. Any Other Business

Cllr Thomas advised that residents had raised an issue with cars fully on pavements around the Kylloe Place area, Cllr Robinson suggested Parking Control may be able to help.

58. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 11th September 2024, 6.30pm at St Wilfrid's Church. (Since changed to 18th September)

Chairman

Date