**Woolsington Parish Council**

Minutes of a meeting of Woolsington Parish Council

held in The Gala Field on Wednesday 10 July 2019

Present: Councillor G.Pattison (Chairman)

 Councillors J. Couchman, B. Hunter, l. Kennedy, J. Littleton,

 L. McGinness, S. Pattison, G. Pendleton, J. Robinson,

 J. Sabarre and A. Thomas

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

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| **13.****14.****15.****16.****17.****18.****19.****20.** | **Apologies for absence**Apologies for absence were received from councillors L McGinness and G Pendleton.**Minutes**The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 May 2019 were confirmed as a correct record subject to amendment of minute 8 to read £1,000 rather than £10,000.**Woolsington Parish Area Biodiversity Plan**Members considered the report prepared by councillor Littleton and noted funding had now been received from the Banks Group and Taylor Wimpey. Members welcomed the commencement of the second pilot scheme and agreed to the payment of £158.60 for bulbs. The Parish Council was also minded to agree to the ongoing funding of this project at £3,000 per year, subject to more detailed consideration of the annual budget in the autumn.Members thanked Councillor Littleton for his efforts to ensure progress was made.**Neighbourhood Plan**Councillor Sabarre confirmed the flyer and survey document had been produced and awaited distribution. The on-line survey was also live and a few people had already successfully made use of that facility.**Planning Matters**Members discussed the planning application consultation process and how best the Parish Council should respond to planning application consultations. Following a full and frank discussion, it was agreed that the following nominated members would consider and respond to consultations on planning matters within their Parish ward. Where it was deemed by those members that a matter required consideration by the full council, a special meeting of the Parish Council would be held.Bedeburn Councillors J Sabarre and L McGinnessNewbiggin Hall Councillors S Pattison and L KennedyWoolsington Councillors J Couchman and J LittletonCallerton (Councillor L Wright – see minute 19 below)**Accounts for Payment**The Chair raised the issue of grants to local schools and that the Parish Council had failed to allocate grant funding to the schools for 2018 Christmas activities and 2019 summer activities. As provision for both had been made in the respective yearly budgets, it was proposed to make payments to the schools retrospectively to cover the payments to support school activity as had been intended. The Clerk advised that there should be an audit trail in respect of each request and allocation of grant aid, and that he would communicate with the schools to put that in place for future grant applications.Approval was given to the following payments –HMRC Tax liability July £65.20Clerk Salary June and July £522.94J Littleton Bulb planting £158.60NCAT Hall Hire £50.00NALC Annual fees £1018.79Retrospective Christmas 2018 and summer 2019 grants to schoolsCheviot Primary School £1760.00Farne Primary School £1760.00Simonside Primary School £1760.00St Marks primary School £1760.00**Callerton ward vacancy**Following the uncontested elections in May, a vacancy arose in the Parish Council Callerton ward. Members accordingly were able to co-opt and therefore agreed to accept the expression of interest received from Linda Wright. It was therefore Resolved: That Linda Wright be co-opted to the vacancy in  Callerton ward for the current term of office.**Date of next meeting**Members agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would be held at the Gala Field Community Centre, on Wednesday 8 May 2019 at 7.00pm. Chairman ……………………. Date ……………………. |
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