**Woolsington Parish Council**

Minutes of a meeting of Woolsington Parish Council held in Simonside

Community Centre, Bedeburn Road on Wednesday 14th November 2018

Present: Councillor G.Pattison (Chairman)

Councillors J. Couchman, B. Hunter, L. Kennedy. L. McGuinness, S. Pattison, G. PPendleton, J. Robinson, A Thomas and J. Sabarre

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

J Kielty - Banks Group

J Lomax

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| **29.**  **30.**  **31.**  **32.**  **33.**  **34.**  **35.**  **36.**  **37.**  **38.** | **Minutes**  The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 September 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.  **Banks Group**  Jeanie Kielty and Jill Lomax, representing the Banks Group, were present to advise the Parish Council of the proposed Kingston Village housing development neighbouring the Great Park and also an update on the Dewley Hill surface mine proposal.  The Kingston Village development would provide 1,000 homes and within the Master Plan would also provide a primary school to support family homes.  In response to members questions, it was confirmed that the developer would be engaging with the Airport regarding the Airport’s conservation strategy and specifically work being done north of the development site.  Members also noted plans to create a village feel to the development with small co-op style shop and coffee shop and rural designs.  Accepting the challenge to reducing the impact of the development to the highways network, members noted the intention to introduce a cycleway and walking routes to link with public transport.  Regarding the Dewley Hill open cast mine, members were advised of the significant amount of wildlife on Banks mining sites. There was a three and a half year scheme from “green to green”. As part of the restoration scheme following the end of mining, improvements to the waggon ways, a circular footpath would be created and landscaping would encourage bird life.  **Planning Matters**  Members noted a document produced by the City Council Planning Team providing guidance on the spending of CIL funds.  Members also considered a proposal to upgrade the telecom base station at land off Redburn Road. There were no objections from members.  **Woolsington Neighbourhood Plan**  It was agreed to re-convene a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Group as a matter of urgency.  **Woolsington Parish Area Biodiversity Plan**  Members confirmed their support for the scheme and agreed the pilot scheme be based on two sites in Newbiggin Hall, adjacent to Sovereign lodge and Farne School. It was anticipated the cost of the pilot would be in the region of £800 to £1,000.  Members agreed to fund the pilot while matched funding would also be sought.  **Catchment in Crisis – Autumn Update**  An update report from Lesley Silvera, Groundworks was provided for members.  **Correspondence**  The Parish Council noted the following correspondence –   * Newcastle City Council Tree Strategy consultation. * Newcastle City Council final consultation on Woolsington Community Governance Review.   **Accounts for Payment**  Approval was given to the following payments –  HMRC Tax liability October - November £130.40  Clerk Salary October – December £784.41  Chair’s Allowance £25.30  **Items Raised by Parish Councillors**   * Members received a brief update on progress with the shopping centre * It was agreed to publish a newsletter following the Parish Council elections in May 2019   **Date of next meeting**  It was agreed that the next meeting, scheduled for 9 January 2019 be put back a week to Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 7.00pm in the Gala field Community Centre.  Chairman …………………….  Date ……………………. |