

Woolsington Parish Council

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Minutes of the Electronic meeting of Woolsington Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th November 2021

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

In attendance: A. Richardson – Clerk
M. Storey – Newcastle City Council
J. Cowen – Newcastle City Council

62. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs L. McGuinness & L. Wright

63. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 September 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

64. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

Item 60: The Clerk advised that the NALC meeting around potential collaborative work and issues of mutual concern had been organised for Wednesday 1st December.

65. Woolsington Parish Area Biodiversity Plan

Progress Report 2021/22

Cllr Couchman provided an update on the 2021/22 Biodiversity project. Newbiggin Hall Bluebell Dene, planting event completed in October.

Newbiggin Hall DY Youth Community Centre, planting completed by staff at D2.

Newbiggin Lane, ongoing, waiting for confirmation from NCC Grounds Maintenance on final cost and dates.

Bankfoot, ongoing, work in progress.

Bedeburn, ongoing, waiting for confirmation from NCC Grounds Maintenance on final cost and dates.

Callerton Village, complete.

Woolsington Village, complete.

Following a discussion regarding the maintenance of the Sovereign Lodge flower bed, it was agreed that the Clerk would pursue NCC Grounds Maintenance team to provide a quotation.

Proposals for 2022/23

Cllr Littleton requested the members approval for the 2022/23 Biodiversity Project and provided a recommended budget breakdown of work by Ward, which is £3500, the schools have also been factored in as they are continuing to express an interest in the scheme, which is £4000, in total £7500. Cllr Littleton advised that supporting documents are referenced and available on request from the Clerk, all of which is CIL compliant.

Cllrs Littleton, Couchman, Thomas, S. Pattison, Robinson and Sabarre (School Governors) all declared an interest.
The members agreed the budget.

Cllr Littleton updated members on further plans for the restoration of the Parish Ponds and investments made by Northumberland Estates, Callerton & Throckley Ward Committee, Tyne Rivers Trust and the Environment Agency.

Cllr Littleton also advised on pending discussions with Grounds Maintenance on costs of next phase for the restoration of Bluebell Dene, once costs are established, members advice will be sought.

66. Riverfest – Village Green Woolsington

The members gave their support to the Riverfest event to be held on the Woolsington Village Green in March 2022 subject to approval from Newcastle City Council.

67. Ward Councillors Update

Cllr Hay provided an update on ongoing work in the Kingston Park South and Newbiggin Hall Wards. Tackling litter has continued to be a top priority.

68. CIL Funding

Matthew Storey and James Cowen from Newcastle City Council joined the meeting to provide an update on the latest section 106 recovery from the developers, and the Neighbourhood Portion the Parish Council will receive.

Cllr S Pattison provided a few ideas, basic cooking skills, basic sewing skills, etc, educational and community cohesion for the community.

69. Grant Applications

The Clerk advised that three grant applications had been received.

Residents of Whorlton Grange

The above group requested a grant to purchase spring bulbs so that residents of the community could become involved in the planting and maintenance. Following a discussion, this grant was rejected by members due to the newly formed group not having a bank account set up, however it was agreed that this proposal would be supported from the BioDiversity funding.

Callerton Tenants and Residents Association

A letter from Callerton Tara requesting £250 to support the Children's Christmas Pantomime was approved by members pending completion of a grant application from.

Simonside Primary School

Cllrs J. Robinson and A. Thomas declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

An application was received for £786.99 for Christmas decorations and a sensory activity wall.

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

The clerk made a suggestion that the Parish Council make a donation to the four local schools, with an offer of a real Christmas Tree, the members thought this was a good idea and agreed.

70. Planning Applications/Matters

Cllr Hunter 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.

Highway at Newbiggin Hall – Proposed Stopping Up.

14 Davison Court – No objection

11 Woosington Gardens – Clarification requested

Land East of A696 and West of Station Road, Kenton Bankfoot – Holding objection

81 Mooney Crescent – No objection

Land adjacent to Newcastle Airport - No objection subject to satisfactory assurances being received.

35 Foxfield Close – No objection

1 Prestwick Terrace – No objection

Land Adjacent to Trevelyan Drive – No objection

71. Police Update

Due to Northumbria Police having a new system installed, they could not provide the crime figures for this meeting.

72. 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	October/November	£	842.98
HMRC	October/November	£	210.80
PKF Littlejohns (External Auditor)		£	360.00

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

John Littleton (Tesco Biodiversity)	£	95.00
John Littleton (Eventbrite Biodiversity)	£	77.86

John Littleton (Halfords Biodiversity)	£	17.98
John Littleton (Cowells Biodiversity)	£	632.66

The Clerk also shared the financial statement document.

73. Any Other Business

Cllr Robinson advised that the CCTV Camera will be positioned in West Thorpe initially. Cllr Hay floated the idea of possibly purchasing further cameras, the clerk suggested that if further cameras were purchased, they should be positioned around various Parish Wards.

74. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 12th January 2022 at 6.30pm.

Chairman

Date