

Woolsington Parish Council

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Minutes of Electronic meeting of Woolsington Parish Council held via Zoom on Wednesday 9th March 2022

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

In attendance: A. Richardson – Clerk
Stacey Nash - Healthworks
Sue Lay – Action for Children
Angela Smith – D2 Youth Zone Ltd

13. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs B. Hunter & A. Thomas.

14. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 January 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

15. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

Cllr Littleton queried if receipts from the Galafield Café and Action for Children had been received, the Clerk confirmed no receipts received as yet.

16. CIL Funding

Cllr Wright presented a proposal on how the CIL funding could be allocated out via the four wards within the Parish boundaries. It was proposed that Callerton and Woolsington & Bankfoot receive 30% each, Newbiggin Hall 20% and Bedeburn 20%.

Cllr Littleton seconded the proposal.

Cllr Sabarre queried Cllr Wright methodology of her proposal, Cllr Wright explained the figures.

Cllr Wright declared an interest as a Ward Councillor for Callerton & Throckley, however the Chair advised this was not necessary.

A counter proposal was presented by Cllr Hay

It was proposed that Newbiggin Hall and Bedeburn receive 35% each, Woolsington & Bankfoot receive 19%, Callerton 8% and 3% goes towards Parish-Wide projects. Cllr Hay advised that these figures were based on the number of residents, the number of houses and the level of deprivation in each ward.

Cllr Sabarre seconded the proposal.

Cllr Wright asked that it was minuted that the counter proposal was received one hour before the meeting.

A discussion ensued between Cllr Hay and Cllr Wright.

Cllr Littleton advised caution to members on how the CIL funding should be apportioned.

Cllr Littleton also requested clarity on what the City Council spend the other 85% of the funding on.

Cllr Couchman proposed an amended proposal that the funding could be divided equally amongst the four wards.

Cllr McGuinness seconded the proposal.

The Chair put the proposals to a vote, on Cllr Couchman's proposal four members were in favour and five members were against.

On Cllr Hay's proposal, five members were in favour and four against.

A vote on the substantive motion was then taken with five members in favour and four against.

It was agreed that motion be passed on Cllr Hay's proposal, however no funding can be spent without agreement from the whole Parish Council.

Cllr Hay commented that all Wards within the Parish boundaries will benefit from CIL Funding.

17. Grant Applications

The Clerk advised that there were four grant applications to be considered.

Healthworks

Cllr Sabarre declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

An application was received for £20,000 to provide out of school and holiday activities for families in the local community and surrounding areas. Stacey Nash (SN) from Healthworks joined the meeting to present her application and answered queries which members had.

SN then left the meeting.

Following a discussion at the January meeting, where queries had been raised, 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 £5,000.00 to the project.

Action for Children - Galafield Cafe

Cllr G Pattison, A Hay and J Robinson declared an interest that they were formally part of a Steering Group at the Galafield, however advised that this group no longer exists.

An application was received requesting funding for £6000 to support the Galafield café and soft play area. Sue Ley (SL) from Action for Children joined the meeting to present her application and answered queries which members had.

SL also advised she would provide the monitoring form from a previous grant.

SL then left the meeting.

After a short discussion, the members voted in favour to support the application and the grant was agreed in full.

D2 Youth Zone Ltd Holiday Activities

An application was received requesting funding for £800 to put on a programme of holiday activities across the Easter Holidays.

Angela Smith (AS) from D2 Youth Zone joined the meeting to present her application and answered queries which members had.

AS then left the meeting.

After a short discussion, the members voted in favour to support the application and the grant was agreed in full.

Rookie Sports – Trevelyan Court

An application was received requesting funding for £1300 to support activity/games afternoons at Trevelyan Court for the residents.

After a short discussion, the members voted in favour to support the application and the grant was agreed in full.

18. Woosington Parish Area Biodiversity Plan

Cllr Couchman provided an update on the Biodiversity project.

Newbiggin Hall Bluebell Dene: 1000 Tête-à-Tête dwarf daffodils planted near main footpath and is complete.

Newbiggin Hall D2 Youth Community Centre: Planters complete.

Newbiggin Hall, Newbiggin Lane: 500 mixed bulbs north of old Gate House in verge on main road is complete.

Bedeburn: 500 mixed bulbs planted in grassland area opposite Simonside School is complete.

Bank Foot: Repair of the Bank Foot 'Plough' Spring bulbs along pathway to Ealing Court Planted by local volunteers is complete.

Callerton Village: Spring bulbs planted in the village by local volunteers is complete.

Woosington Village: Hedgerow plants to be planted along field borders in main village by local volunteers is complete.

Farne Primary School: 10 Plum & Pear Trees, planted by staff & pupils Further purchases planned from a local Garden Centre.

Cheviot Primary School: Awaiting final details of spend.

Simonside Primary School: Awaiting final details of spend.

St Mark`s RC Primary School: Awaiting final details of spend.

Cllr Littleton requested ideas for Newbiggin Hall, if any members had any thoughts for planting schemes.

Issues at Bluebell Dene with litter and flytipping, Cllr Littleton requested advice from members whether this scheme should continue.

Cllr Hay advised that senior officers from the City Council had visited the site, are aware of the issues and support had been requested.

It was suggested planting at Hedgehope Road as an alternative.

Cllr McGuinness advised that a warden patrolling the site again would help.

Cllr Hay advised of a £1.2million investment from the City Council towards Neighbourhood Services.

19. Ward Councillor's Update

This item was stood down from this meeting, however the Ward Councillors wished to express their thanks to the outgoing Leader of the Council Nick Forbes, and his work over the previous ten years.

20. Planning Matters

Cllr G Pattison 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.

Hollywell Reins Woosington Park South – Objection subject to clarifications.

Orchard Cottage Main Road - Objection subject to clarifications.

8 Woosington Park South – Objection subject to clarifications.

37 Station Road – No objection.

45 Woosington Gardens – No objection.

25 Woosington Gardens – No objection.

The Cottage, Whorlton Old School – No objection.

No 1 Bullocksteads Farm – No objection.

32 Woosington Gardens – No objection.

The Stead Main Road – No objection.

21. Police Update

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

Cllr Hay advised of upcoming drop-in sessions with the police for residents.

22. 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	Feb/Mar	£	842.98
HMRC	Feb/Mar	£	210.80
Andrew Richardson (Curry's)		£	25.99
Andrew Richardson (Stationary)		£	10.84
Andrew Richardson (Site 123 – Domain)		£	12.62

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

John Littleton (Ponds) £ 1000.00

For Information purposes only as agreed at previous meeting: -

NCC (CCTV Camera) £ 10211.70

D2 Youth Zone (Hardship Fund) £ 1000.00

The Clerk also shared the financial statement document.

23. Any Other Business

Cllr Couchman advised of a litter pick on Saturday 19th March organised by the Upper Callerton consortium.

The Clerk provided an update on the newsletter, and a special thanks to John Wears (Chair of Blakelaw & North Fenham Community Council) who designed the template.

The Clerk advised that the next meeting in May will be at St Wilfred's Church.

Cllr Wright gave apologies for the next meeting.

Cllr Littleton suggested that Biodiversity funding in future to come out of precept.

24. Date of next meeting

The next meeting to include the Annual General Meeting was scheduled for 11th May 2022 at 6.30pm

Chairman

Date