

Woolsington Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Woolsington Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th January 2023

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

In attendance: A. Richardson – Clerk

01. Apologies for absence

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

02. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th November 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

03. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

Item 73: The Clerk advised that all four schools had accepted the offer of a Christmas Tree and had since provided their thanks and photographs.

04. Grant Applications

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

Action for Children Galafield's Centre

This application was received following the last meeting in November for £2000 to provide Christmas food items and fresh food produce to support families throughout the Woolsington Parish that access the food bank on a regular basis, as there was no meeting held in December, members had already agreed to grant this funding via email circulation.

05. Woolsington Parish Area Biodiversity Plan

Cllr Littleton provided a general update on changes since the last meeting. The January statement has been provided and available on request from the Clerk.

Discussions with Callerton Residents Association representatives, work now being planned, plants to be purchased by 31st March.

Slight underspend predicted against original estimates set by WPC.

On the school's update, St Marks yet to agree final plans, meeting to be agreed.

With regard to ongoing special projects, awaiting decision from Newbiggin Hall members on next steps regarding Bluebell Dene.

There's been a change of landowner at the Parish Ponds, Cllr Littleton explained the benefits of this to members, a letter has been issued to the Chair to confirm this.

A grant had been received from Northumbria Water, this could lead to possible further grants, as there is much potential for social and nature prescribing.

Meeting held with the Airport executive's and contractors TilHill regarding Abbotswood, Graeme Mason will be contacting the Chair and Cllr Wright to discuss priorities.

The biodiversity page on the website to be refreshed.

06. Ward Councillor's Update

Cllr Robinson provided an update with regard to ongoing work in the Kingston Park South and Newbiggin Hall Ward.

The Christmas Parade around Newbiggin Hall, working with D2 Youth Zone was a great success, the local families thought it was brilliant.

Parents had contacted Cllr Robinson to advise that there may be possible issues regarding the transport which takes the children to the temporary school, as a Contractor still isn't in place for the new build school on Bedeburn Road.

07. Northumbria Connected

Cllr Littleton advised that following dialogue with the police, they had provided a link for Northumbria Connected which is a multi-agency approach to raise awareness, contains a lot of informative information around crime, real threats of scans, identity thefts and hacking. Cllr Littleton suggested this could be uploaded to the Parish website which members agreed to.

08. 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.

2022/1788/01/TPO	28 Pinewood Close	No Objection
2022/0533/01/DET	6 Morton Crescent	Holding Objection
2015/0897/78/RES	Site Bounded By Whorlton Hall And Cottages To The North	Objection raised to the proposals
2022/1805/01/HOU	18 Dorchester Place	No Objection
2022/2000/01/TPO	28 Woolsington Park South	No Objection
2022/1101/02/RVC	Orchard House Main Road	No Objection

Cllr Littleton advised that he was aware of an application for Kingston Village being presented at planning committee in February, however the

Parish Council hadn't been consulted, it was agreed that this would be chased up with the planning section.

09. 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	Dec 22/Jan 23	£	920.50
HMRC	Dec 22/Jan 23	£	230.00
St Wilfred's Church		£	40.00

For Information purposes only as agreed at previous meeting: -

John Littleton (Xmas Trees, Cowells GC)	£	186.98
Andrew Richardson (Northern Xmas Trees)	£	210.00
Newbiggin Hall Choir	£	1000.00
D2 Youth Zone	£	2500.00
Inspire Youth	£	2400.00
Action for Children	£	2000.00
Newcastle City Council (Trevelyan Drive Resurfacing)	£	50000.00

b. The Clerk shared the financial statement document.

c. The Clerk provided an estimated budget to enable members to set an appropriate precept. It was resolved: That the Precept for the financial year 2023/2024 be set at £20,000

d. The Clerk shared a document detailing CIL Funding.

Cllr Littleton thanked the Clerk for producing this report, and advised that this is very important for risk management purposes, as these are large amounts of funding, individually and as a group publicly accountable for managing this process in the best interests of the Parish. It is essential to have this kind of financial information available to satisfy Audit requirements, and that any authorisation of spend which affects these figures are always minuted at the council meetings.

e. The Clerk advised that the Website was due for renewal and provided the costs for 12 and 24 months, it was agreed by members that the 24-month cost provided better value for money.

10. Any other business

Cllr Thomas advised that Simonside School currently have a clothes bin for donations in the school yard, and requested if this could be advertised on the parish website to make residents aware, which members agreed to, Cllr Thomas to provide a flyer to the clerk.

Cllr Thomas also mentioned that Simonside School had been broken into and vandals had caused thousands of pounds worth of damage.

Cllr Robinson mentioned that the City Council were currently in consultation regarding Dinnington Parish's Neighbourhood Plan, requesting that any person or organisation may comment on the Plan.

Cllr Kennedy requested that an email be sent to D2 Youth Zone in

recognition of the good work they do in the parish, especially the fantastic Christmas Parade.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 8th March 2023 at 6.30pm at St Wilfred's Church

Chairman

Date