

Woolsington Parish Council

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Clerk to the Council: Andrew Richardson

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Minutes of the meeting of Woolsington Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th July 2023

Present: Councillor L. Kennedy (Vice-Chair)
Councillors J. Couchman, A. Hay, L. McGuinness, J. Littleton, J. Robinson, J. Sabarre and L. Spencer.

In attendance: A. Richardson – Clerk

49. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G. Pattison, S. Pattison, A. Thomas & L. Wright

50. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th May 2023 and 28th June 2023 were agreed as a true record.

51. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

No matters arising.

52. Grant Applications

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

D2 Youth Zone Ltd Summer Holiday Grant

An application was received requesting funding for £1200 to support a holiday activities programme across the school summer holidays.

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

53. Woolsington Parish Area Biodiversity Plan

Cllr Littleton provided a general update and progress report.

Detailed breakdown of the biodiversity budget & actuals and CIL spending on special projects are both on request from the clerk.

Nothing new to report on Ward activity.

Cheviot School have ordered installation of bird boxes and cameras, other schools may follow depending on success of project as conservation schemes are very much part of the curriculum.

Nothing in the pipeline yet with regard to Bluebell Dene.

With regard to the Parish Ponds, blue spaces project second phase of work to be undertaken in the Autumn, creation of more diverse pond edge, subject to Environmental Agency licence being approved.

Update on Abbotswood, estimates being drawn up by the trust for the second phase, repair of boardwalk and introduction of a new gravel extension to cover boggy area, all subject to approval by the trust

members. Members approved funding request, previously supported by Cllr G Pattison and Cllr L Wright. Cllr McGuinness asked if Cllr Littleton could inquire what estimated funding Bellway and the Airport are providing.

The City Council Bee-friendly initiative first phase of preparing ground for wildflower pilot in Woolsington Village complete.

Cllr Hay advised that NCC have been providing bee bombs, from Skills for People.

54. Ward Councillor’s Update

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

Housing review undertaken by NCC/YHN regarding social housing.

Roving recycling service being operated by NCC, skips being sent out to various parts of the city for residents to use for free, hopefully to help alleviate the issue of fly-tipping.

Litter pick planned for Bluebell Dene by NCC.

Ward boundary review to take place, commencing January 2024.

Cllr Robinson advised meeting to take place with NCC regarding the Newbiggin Hall Shopping Centre to discuss ongoing issues.

55. Defibrillators Proposal

Cllr Littleton provided an update following a decision to explore the installation of defibrillators in the Parish, some research has been undertaken into costs, options available and potential locations, 3 potential hosts have shown interest, enabling a 24/7 service for the community, these are The Poacher’s Cottage, Twin Farms, and Haircraft. It is proposed to purchase a fully managed service agreement. Members agreed to proceed with this proposal.

56. Planning Matters

The Clerk provided an update on planning applications received which had previously been circulated to members.

2023/0662/01/TPO	27 Woolsington Park South	No Objection
2023/0722/01/NOT	Newcastle Falcons Rugby Club Brunton Road	No Objection
2023/0734/01/HOU	27 Main Road	No Objection
2023/0738/01/HOU	The Stead Main Road	No Objection
2023/0835/01/TPO	Whiteoaks Middle Drive	No Objection
2021/1363/01/DET	Land to the North of Stamfordham Road	No Objection
2023/0979/01/TPO	1 Copper Beech Court	No Objection

2023/0879/01/DET	Low Luddick Farm Callerton Lane	
2023/0917/01/TPO	6 South Drive	
2023/1050/01/TPO	Moorcroft Main Road	
2023/1053/01/TPO	The Stead Main Road	

57. 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	June/July 23	£	920.30
HMRC	June/July 23	£	230.20
St Wilfrid's Church		£	40.00
NALC Subscription 23/24		£	1157.54
Gordon Fletcher (Internal Auditor)		£	125.00

b. The Clerk shared the financial statement document.

58. Any other business

Cllr John Littleton provided an update regarding the fencing on Etal Lane. The Clerk advised that there was a joint meeting of the Parish Council's on 13th September with Newcastle City Council that he will attend along with the Chair Cllr G Pattison.

59. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was TBC.

Chairman

Date