

# Woolsington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Woolsington Parish Council held in Simonside Community Centre, Bedeburn Road on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk  
L. Silvera - Groundwork NE

**15. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B. Hunter, S Pattison, G. Pendleton and J. Sabarre.

**16. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.

**17. Catchment in Crisis**

Lesley Silvera, representing Groundwork NE was present to give an update on the project previously reported at the meeting held in May.

Members were advised that a very successful event had been held in June with over 50 people attending. It was proposed to hold a similar event next year in May at the same location. This would aim to involve local schools in activities such as river dipping. It was also noted that the Tyne River Trust was also running "My Tyne" project to adopt sections of the river and for schools to undertake "Salmon in the class". Work with adults was also proposed involving measurement and photography.

**18. Planning Matters**

Members noted a document produced by the City Council Planning Team providing guidance on the spending of CIL funds.

**19. Woolsington Neighbourhood Plan**

Members noted the guidance in the previous document, noting that a greater % of CIL funds derived from an area where a neighbourhood plan was in place. It was agreed that the Plan needed to be progressed.

**20. Woolsington Parish Area Biodiversity Plan**

Members were advised that this presented an opportunity to undertake something new and innovative, potentially accessing funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and via sponsorship. It was agreed that this be discussed more fully at the November meeting.

It was also agreed that natural planting along the Ouseburn to provide a soft fringe for the river be undertaken.

**21. Neighbourhood Natter**

It was proposed that the Woolsington Residents community hold a get-together on the village green. The proposed event was in the early stages of development and no date had been identified. The Parish Council gave the proposal it's support.

**22. Woolsington Noticeboard**

Members commented on the poor state of the noticeboards used by the Parish Council but owned by the City Council. It was agreed that the contents be better maintained and that could be done by Parish Councillors. Development of social media was also suggested as a means for engaging with the local communities.

**23. Correspondence**

The Parish Council noted the following correspondence –

- St Marks RC Primary School letter of thanks.
- Farne Primary School letter of thanks.
- Woolsington Residents Association email of thanks.

**24. Application for Funding**

An application for funding was submitted by Carole Keith, Welfare Rights advisor, for £800 room hire at Simonside Community Centre for the provision of Benefit sessions. It was noted that the applicant had received funding from the City Council Ward Committee, but there was a shortfall of £800 to cover room hire. Members asked that the applicant provide numbers attending the sessions and also postcodes of clients so that the Parish council could ensure any allocated funding was for the benefit of those living within the Parish Council area.

**25. Accounts for Payment**

Approval was given to the following payments, itemised in the Report of the Clerk circulated with the papers for the meeting –

NALC	Annual subscription fees	£928.88
Zurich	Insurance Policy Premium	£371.38
Cllr Robinson	Airport Cttee travel expenses	£6.90
HMRC	Tax liability June – September	£260.80
Clerk	Salary June – September	£1,045.88

**26. Expression of Interest – Vacancy, Woolsington and Bank Foot Ward**

Members received an expression of interest in the vacancy for the above ward from John Littleton, the vacancy having previously been subject of formal Notice.

Members agreed to the co-option of Mr Littleton to the vacancy in Woolsington and Bank Foot Ward, The Clerk to prepare the necessary papers for the November meeting.

**27. Items Raised by Parish Councillors**

- Members clarified how planning applications were to be dealt – by Ward Parish Councillors being consulted and feeding their comments to the clerk, for a formal response to be submitted to the City Council.
- Members noted that items to be included as an agenda item for a Parish Council meeting would need to be submitted to the Clerk in advance of a week prior to the meeting.

**28. Venue for meetings of the Parish Council**

Members noted that this meeting was the second meeting this municipal year that access to Cheviot Primary School had not been achieved. It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council re-locate meeting to Simonside Community Centre, Bedeburn Road for the November meeting and thereafter at the Community Centre's new accommodation within the Gala field Centre.

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm at Simonside Community Centre, Bedeburn Road.

Chairman .....

Date .....