

Woolsington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 23rd May 2018 at 7.15 p.m. at Cheviot Primary School

Present: Councillors BN.S. Hunter, L. Kennedy, L. McGuinness, G. Pattison,
S. Pattison, G. Pendleton, J. Robinson and A. Thomas

ONE member of the public

1. Election of Chairman

Resolved: That Councillor George Pattison be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Pattison thanked the members for his re-election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Pattison – in the chair

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Couchman and J. Sabarre.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman.

Resolved: That Councillor L. Kennedy be elected Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

4. Appointment of Representatives on other bodies

Resolved:

That the following appointment be made:

Newcastle Airport Consultative Committee Councillor J. Robinson

That no appointments be made to the following:

Northumberland Association of Local Councils – County Committee

Standards Committee

5. Appointment of Ward Representatives to deal with planning matters

Resolved: That the following members be authorised to deal with planning matters:

Bedeburn Ward	Councillor G. Pattison Councillor J. Sabarre
Callerton Ward	Councillor G. Pendleton Vacancy
Newbiggin Hall Ward	Councillor B.S. Hunter Councillor L. Kennedy
Woolsington and Bank Foot Ward	Councillor J. Couchman Vacancy

6. **Authority to sign cheques**

Resolved: That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and in either's absence the Clerk, be authorised to sign cheques drawn on the Parish Council's accounts.

7. **Transfer of monies**

Resolved: That the Clerk be authorised to transfer monies between accounts held in the name of Woolsington Parish Council.

8. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 28th March 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.

9. **Accounts**

(1) For Payment

Resolved: That authority be given for the signing of cheques to meet the payments listed in the schedule attached to these minutes.

(2) Final Accounts

Resolved:

- (a)** That the final accounts and statement of relevant expenditure for the financial year 2017-2018 be approved (copy in minute book)
- (b)** That the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements be approved.

10. **Planning issues**

The Council noted the planning applications received since the last meeting and the action taken thereon. No objection was raised to application 2018/0595/01/LDC but in the case of application 2015/0897/03/RVC it was

Resolved: To support the comments and objections raised by two residents in Whorlton Hall.

11. **Work in the Ouseburn**

The Chairman welcomed Lesley Silvera, Senior Project Officer of Groundwork NE and Cumbria, who with the aid of plans, made a short presentation about the capital works that Groundwork had undertaken on the large pool near Woolsington west of the A696 and she also outlined the next phase of the work which would see them working with primary schools in the catchment as well as organising some family events and community involvement in river monitoring which was being funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Two open events were being held on the 23rd June in Woolsington and on the 24th June in Callerton where the proposals would be outlined to local residents.

In conclusion the Chairman than Lesley Silvera for her attendance and hoped that members of the Parish Council would attend the open events.

12. **Correspondence**

The Clerk reported on the following correspondence and action was taken as indicated:

NALC 2018/2019 National Salary Award.

Resolved: That the award be adopted.

General Data Protection Regulations. **Noted**

Newcastle International Airport Masterplan 2035

Resolved: That a representative from Newcastle International Airport be invited to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the proposed masterplan

13. **Date of next meeting**

Resolved: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday, 11th July at 7.00 p.m. at Cheviot Primary School and that subsequent meetings be held on 12th September 2018, 14th November 2018, 9th January 2019, 13th March 2019 and 8th May 2019 (this date to be confirmed)

14. **Retirement of Clerk**

As this was the last meeting to be attended by the Clerk, the Chairman, on behalf of all members, wished him a long and happy retirement. In reply Mr. Bell thanked the members for their good wishes and also for the travel voucher he had received.

Chairman _____

Date _____