

Woolsington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 27th September 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at Cheviot Primary School

Present: Councillor G. Pattison (Chairman)
Councillors L. Kennedy, L. McGuinness, G. Pendleton, J. Robinson
J. Sabarre, C.M. Taylor and A. Thomas

ONE member of the public

23. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B. Hunter and S. Pattison.

24. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th July 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

25. Accounts for payment

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

26. Planning matters

The Council noted the planning applications received since the last meeting and the action taken thereon (copy in minute book)

27. Standards Committee

Resolved: That no nomination be made for a member to serve on the City Council's Standards Committee.

28. School Summer Activities

The Chairman welcomed Mr. L.P. Gallon, the Executive Head of Farne and Cheviot Primary Schools who explained how the Council's grant towards the Schools' Summer Activities had been utilised (copy of report in minute book). Mr. Gallon expressed his thanks to the Council for their continued support of these activities which was of great benefit to the pupils.

29. Parish Council vacancies

The Clerk reported that an application had been received from Mrs. Joanne Couchman of 18 South Drive, Woolsington, to fill the vacancy for the Woolsington and Bank Foot Ward following the retirement of Mr. C. Forster. Mrs. Couchman then addressed the meeting.

Resolved: That Mrs. Joanne Couchman be co-opted on to the Parish Council as a member for the Woolsington and Bank Foot Ward.

30. Woolsington Neighbourhood Plan

In the absence of Councillor Hunter, the Chairman reported on the latest position with regard to the preparation of the Woolsington Neighbourhood Plan. A further meeting had been held with the consultant and an application was prepared for a grant. It was noted that Councillor Pendleton had joined the Committee.

31. Reports of representatives on other bodies

Councillor Taylor reported on his attendance at a recent meeting of the County Committee of the Northumberland Association of Local Councils and drew members' attention to items of interest. Arising out of this report it was noted that Parish Councils might consider setting up a face book page. Councillor Sabarre agreed to investigate this possibility and report back to the next meeting.

32. Date of next meeting

Resolved: That the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 29th November 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at Cheviot Primary School.

33. Members' matters

Councillor Taylor raised the following items which had referred to him by the Woolsington Residents Association/local resident:

- (1) Litter bin (letter from MP to local resident)
- (2) WRA issues:
 - (a) Parish Council notice board
 - (b) Grass cutting
 - (c) Grass strimming
 - (d) Grass cutting/trimming accountability
 - (e) Seating
 - (f) Road sign at junction of The Oval/Ponteland.

With regard to items 2 (b) – (f) these had been referred to the City Council by Councillor Taylor.

In relation to item (2) (a) it was

Resolved: That the Parish Council re-affirms the previous decision to allow the Woolsington Residents Association to have notices placed in the Notice Board situated on the Main Road, near the junction with Green Lane subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Space being available
- (b) All material being submitted to the Clerk for approval prior to it being displayed by him
- (c) Notices not being displayed earlier than three weeks before an event.
- (d) All notices shall contain the name of the organisation and contact details
- (e) No notices of a political nature shall be accepted