

## Woolsington Parish Council

### Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at Cheviot Primary School

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

Mr. M. Firth, Senior Specialist/Advisor, Newcastle City Council Major  
Projects Team

#### 34. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> September  
2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

Arising therefrom:

Face book (Minute 31 refers)

Following discussion at the last meeting, Councillor Sabarre produced a  
document showing the possibility of creating a Parish Council Facebook Page  
to promote the Parish Council in relation, among other things, the  
Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman thanked Councillor Sabarre for  
producing such a detailed document and asked that consideration of it be  
deferred to the next meeting to enable members to consider the implications.  
This was agreed.

#### 35. Accounts for payment

**Resolved:** That authority be given for the signing of cheques to meet the  
payments listed in the schedules (2) attached to these minutes.

#### 36. Planning matters

The Council noted the planning applications received since the last meeting  
and the action taken thereon (copy in minute book). It was also noted that  
planning appeals had been submitted in respect of Cowells Garden Centre  
and land to the east of 16 The Gables.

#### 37. Applications for financial assistance

**Resolved:** That the following grants be made and that authority be given for  
the signing of the appropriate cheques:

Community Action Northumberland	£20.00
Callerton TARA	£200.00

### **38. Correspondence**

The Council noted the undermentioned correspondence:

- (1) Letters of thanks from Cheviot, Farne and Simonside Primary Schools in relation to the grants for their Christmas activities.
- (2) Audit
- (3) Electoral Changes Order 2017
- (4) New Auditors
- (5) Council Tax scheme

### **39. Newcastle Independent Tenants Voice**

This item was withdrawn.

### **40. Parish Council vacancy – Callerton Ward**

No requests for co-option had been received.

### **41. Proposed future Primary and Secondary School Provision on the Simonside Site**

(Note – Councillor Hunter, as a member of the City Council's Planning Committee, took no part in the discussion of this item or the voting thereon)

The Chairman welcomed Mr. M. Firth to the meeting.

Mr. Firth explain by way of a written report (copy in Minute book) that there were proposals for major housing developments to the west and north of the City which will result in an increase in the number of school places to accommodate them and it was estimated that a new 1000 intake Secondary school would be required. A number of sites had been considered but it was felt that the Simonside site was the most suitable. A related issue with the building of a new school on this site was the Community Centre. However it was possible that this could be relocated to the community building on the Gala field.

Having heard all the pros and cons the Parish Council

**Resolved:** To support the proposals in principle.

### **42. Woolsington Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Hunter advised the Council that the application for a grant had been successful and it was hoped to have a meeting with the City Council officers in the very near future to progress the preparation of the plan. Particular thanks were given to Councillor Pendleton for his assistance in the preparation of the application.

**43. Date of next meeting**

**Resolved:** That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 at 7.00 p.m. at Cheviot Primary School.

**44. Christmas greetings**

The Chairman to all members and officers the season's greetings and invited them to partake in light refreshments.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_