

Woolsington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at Cheviot Primary School

Present: Councillor L. Kennedy (In the Chair)
Councillors C. Forster, B.S. Hunter, L. McGuinness, J. Robinson,
C.M. Taylor and A. Thomas

50. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G and S Pattison.

51. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 30th November 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

Arising therefrom

Minute 42 – Woolsington Residents Association

It was noted that the white fence had now been removed and replaced by a high kerb. A member commented that he was of the opinion that the residents would not like the replacement kerb.

52. Accounts for payment

Resolved: That authority be given for the signing of the undermentioned cheque:

C. Forster	£13.50
Attendance at NALC meeting	

53. Planning issues

The Council noted the planning applications received since the last meeting and the action taken thereon (copy attached to official minutes). It was noted that no objection had been raised to item 8 in the report.

54. Woolsington Residents Association – Applications for financial assistance.

The Clerk reported receipt of two applications for financial assistance from the Woolsington Residents Association, namely (1) a grant for the purchase of six kindle readers for use by the Association's book club readers; and (2) a grant towards the regeneration of the three flower beds at the junction of and near The Oval, Woolsington.

Resolved: That

- (1) The request for funding of the kindle readers be rejected.
- (2) A grant of £200.00 be made for the regeneration of the flower beds, such grant to be made in the financial year 2017-2018.

55. Estimates 2017-2018

Submitted: report of the Clerk setting out the proposed estimates for the financial year 2017-2018 (copy attached to official minutes)

Resolved:

- (1) That the estimates as submitted be approved
- (2) That a precept of £15000 be set for the financial year 2017-2018.

56. Parish Council vacancies

This item was deferred as there had been no requests to fill the vacancies.

57. Woolsington Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Hunter gave an up-date on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and stated that no members of the public had come forward to serve on the Steering Group. It was reported that Mr. J. Nicholson, a Planning Aid England Volunteer (NE Region) had offered to assist with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and Councillor Hunter would be talking to Mr. Nicholson about his possible involvement.

58. Reports of representatives on other bodies

Councillor Forster reported on his attendance at the recent meeting of the County Committee of NALC and drew members' attention to item of interest. Councillor Taylor similarly reported on his attendance at the meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee.

59. Date of next meeting

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

60. Members' matters

Councillor Forster advised members that he would be resigning his membership of the Parish Council with immediate effect. He had already tendered his resignation from the County Committee of NALC.

Councillor Kennedy, on behalf of all members and officers, expressed her sincere regret at Councillor Forster's decision. He had been a member of the Parish Council for 22 years and had represented the Parish Council on the County Committee of NALC for a number of years. She wished Councillor

Forster a long and happy “retirement” and thanked him for his support during his membership of the Council.

Chairman _____

Date _____