**Woolsington Parish Council**

Minutes of a meeting of Woolsington Parish Council

held in The Gala Field on Wednesday 14th November 2018

Present: Councillor G.Pattison (Chairman)

 Councillors J. Couchman, B. Hunter, L. Kennedy, J. Littleton, J. Sabarre

 and A. Thomas

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

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| **39.****40.****41.****42.****43.****44.****45.****46.****47.****48.****49.****50.** | **Apologies for absence**Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Pattison, G Pendleton and J Robinson.**Minutes**The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 November 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.**Matters arising from the previous meeting**Members agreed to hold a meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Group prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council.**Woolsington Parish Area Biodiversity Plan**Councillor Littleton advised members of progress made since the previous meeting, including sponsorship pledged from Taylor Wimpey of £500. With the funding of £1,000 from the Parish Council, that enabled the Sovereign Lodge scheme to go ahead, with the Gala Field scheme awaiting funding from the Banks application. The Farne School scheme would be looked at again in the future.Members thanked Councillor Littleton for his efforts to ensure progress was made.**Brunswick Recycling Centre – proposed closure**Members noted the possible closure of the above site, expressing the view that closure would result in more fly tipping. It was suggested that keeping the site open should be more cost-effective in the long run.**Planning Matters**Members were concerned that the Parish Council was not being consulted on all planning matters within its area. The Clerk undertook to check that the city Planners were using the correct contact details.**Website and Notice Board**Members noted the need to have a website separate from the city Council and the offer from Newcastle University to provide one. It was also agreed to provide simpler and accurate information in the various notice boards within the Parish.**Banks Group – Japanese knotweed** Members noted that there was Japanese knotweed on the Banks new development site. It was confirmed that the Developers were aware of this and would be taking the necessary action.**Precept 2019/2020**Having considered the estimates for the coming financial year and the anticipated out-turn for the current year, members were of the view that the precept should remain the same as the previous year and therefore it was  Resolved: that the precept for the financial year 2019/2020  be set at £15,000**Accounts for Payment**Approval was given to the following payments –HMRC Tax liability January – February £130.40Clerk Salary January £261.47**Items Raised by Parish Councillors*** Members were advised that Woolsington Residents Association had been in consultation with the Airport regarding Site B for a Business Park. The particular concern was regarding the perceived shortfall in car parking provision and the need to protect the village and grass verges. The response from Graham Mason had been positive.

**Date of next meeting**Members agreed that future meetings be held at the Gala Field Community Centre, the next being Wednesday 13 March 2019 at 7.00pm. Chairman ……………………. Date ……………………. |