

Widdrington Station & Stobswood Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 14 July 2025 COMMENCING AT 6.00. P.M.

In attendance were Councillors Ms J Bexfield (Chair), Cllr T Jerdan (V Chair) Cllr R Longstaff,
Cllr S Bexfield, Cllr T Wills Porter, Cllr W Childs, Cllr J Juszczyk

Also in attendance: Mrs E Murray (Clerk) 2 members of public

1. To receive apologies for absence

No apologies

2. To receive declarations of interest

Scouts, Grange Garage, ATAC, Widdy Welcomes

3. Minutes of Parish Meeting held for approval and adoption

Cllr T Jerdan proposed to approve and adopt the minutes. The proposal was seconded by **Cllr W Childs, all agreed**

4. Matter arising on Minutes –

None

5. Banking – Bank of Ireland update on mandate changes

The update has been completed and signed we are waiting for communication from the bank

6.Christmas Trees proposal supply at a cost of £2,340.00 to include delivery and fitting, **Cllr Porter, Cllr W Childs proposed, the proposal was seconded by Cllr T Jerdan, all agreed**
Discussion about sourcing a living tree for 2026(**Action: Clerk to get prices**)

7.Christmas Lights – proposal to ask NCC to place lights on street lights on Grangemoor road, discussion held (**Action: Clerk to get prices**) **all agreed**

8.Flower planters – update – all planters are now filled, Cllr R Longstaff is watering the planters, positive discussion from all members about how lovely they are

9.The junction bar update there has been a request to G F White to make arrangements for the front to be tidied up

10.The S106 update there has been a request from Gleasons for further information Cllr T Jerdan to follow up and send to Heather Proudlock (**Action: Cllr T Jerdan to follow up**)

11.Community centre plan for contractor to repair metal guttering(rear) Clean gutters on all sides booked for 17.7.2025(**Action: Clerk to follow up**)

12.Stobswood Play Park - New Price discussed as generator is required. Old playpark is to be dismantled and removed on 15.7.2025 **Cllr T Jerdan proposed the proposal was seconded by Cllr W Childs, all agreed**

Discussion re: ROSPA has been completed for all play parks, invoice to follow

15.Stobswood Notice board - discussion about renewal with a plastic notice board **Cllr T Jerdan proposed, the proposal was seconded by Cllr J Juszczyk, all agreed (Action: Clerk to source prices for plastic notice board)**

16.Stobswood Allotments – The hedge on the roadside needs cutting this is the responsibility of Northumberland County Council **Cllr T Jerdan proposed, the proposal was seconded by**

Cllr J Juszczuk, all agreed (Action: Clerk to contact NCC)

17.AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) -Discussion about Parish Council position, advice given from NARC. The deadline of 30th June has passed the council will need to declare non- compliance and complete retrospectively **all agreed (Action: Clerk to complete forms and arrange for AGAR to be completed)**

18.AOB – *To consider any urgent business which shall be limited to circumstances in which the Councils responsibilities cannot be met or the Council's interests are likely to be prejudiced, if business is deferred to the next meeting*

- Residents request for extra items for the play park discussion to arrange prices, **all agreed (Action: Cllr T Jerdan)**
- Cleaning company are in place for the community centre 6 hours per week over 3 days
- Review of Handyman's role to include opening/locking up, **Cllr J Bexfield proposed, the proposal was seconded by Cllr T Wills Porter, all agreed (Action: Clerk to write Job Description for dissemination at next meeting)**
- Community Centre user group discussed Proposal to set up a group and Clerk to send out meeting requests **Cllr J Bexfield proposed the proposal was seconded by Cllr S Bexfield, all agreed (Action: Clerk to arrange meeting)**
- Discussion about smell at community centre, the drains need cleaned Cllr J Bexfield proposed the proposal was seconded by Cllr T Jerdan, all agreed (Action: Clerk to arrange completion)

19. Finance

Parish clerks' financial statement – to follow

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Action Log

Date	Action	Responsibility	Update
14.7.2025	Prices for Christmas Trees	Clerk	Sent to Councillors 15.7.2025
14.7.2025	Source living tree for 2026	Clerk	Email Joseph Noblett 15.7.2025
14.7.2025	Price for NCC to add lights to Christmas tree	Clerk	Email sent 15.7.2025

