

**COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.**

In attendance were Councillors Mrs M Willoughby (Chair), K Batson, A Carrier, Parish Clerk

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

none

**2.To receive declarations of interest**

Cllr Batson declared a non-pecuniary interest in regard to any matters relating to the Stobswood Welfare.

**3 To receive questions and comments from the public (20 minutes)**

None

**4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 for approval and adoption.**

Cllr Aaron Carrier proposed to approve and adopt the minutes. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Kevin Batson and carried.

**5. Matters Arising on the Minutes**

**Maple Drive** - Inquires made with owners of the Woodland and Maple Drive/play park have been unsuccessful.

**Cllr Dickinson** spoke to legal and Environmental Health at County to contact Harewood Green with no response to date

**ROSPA** – Report received from ROSPA for Play area in the People’s Park – Three areas were pointed out that need repair

Which has been forwarded to “Reids Playgrounds” for a quote for the recommendations in the play park.

**Dementia Choir – Party in the Park** – The choir entertained the public at this year’s Party in the Park and was an Outstanding Success. We received positive feedback from everyone on the day at how fantastic the choir were and we

Are hoping to have them attend in the future to sing on a regular basis. This is in hand and will be advertised in due course

**MW \_The RAFFLE** for the choir raised **£160.00** and was presented to them on the day. **THANK YOU** to all who entered.

**Litter – The Parish Council** would like to thank everyone who helped to litter pick at the end of the day. It was evident at

How much everyone did to keep the place clean and tidy

**First Aid** – There was an incident at the party the required minor First Aid from out on site First Aider. This was tissue Damage and the person involved made a full recovery

**KB -FIREWORKS** – 2023 will be the last year that the Parish Council will be providing our FREE fireworks display Donations will be requested for 2024 display. This is due to the rising price for the fireworks display

**7. Reports from Outside Bodies**

**Chaplins Panto** – It was discussed in the meeting about this years Christmas Panto. Due to a significant rise in the cost of

The Panto this year, other performances are to be sourced for 2023. This will be advertised in due course

**CCTV – Rear of COOP** – Confirmation was received from Northumbria Police that both Northumberland County Council

And themselves will be providing CCTV behind the COOP in Widdrington to disperse youths’ intent on congregating there

And prevent anti-social behaviour.

**8.Correspondance Received**

**Police Report** – Monthly report from Neighbourhood Policing was received and there were no concerns in the report

**9. Planning Applications**

none

**10. New Parish Council and Community Centre Websites. Nil to add**

**11. Finance**

**Stand Alone Quick Books** – It was discussed and agreed by Councillors during the meeting that the Parish is to commence with this going forward to update and manage the finance of Widdrington & Stobswood Parish Council. It is a more robust And accurate system then the current system in place and will make auditing the Parish Council financials easier This was approved by The Parish Council. **Proposed Cllr K Batson.**

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

**Meeting closed at 7.30 p.m**

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Date-----

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