

# Widdrington Station & Stobswood Parish Council

To all Councillors/Residents

Date 11/03/2024

Dear Councillors/Residents

You are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 6.30 pm on Monday 14th August 2023 at the Widdrington Community Centre, Grange Road, Widdrington Station. The meeting will be held in the Hall as the meeting will be open to the public.

## AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence

2. To receive declarations of interest

3. To receive questions and comments from members of the public (**time limited to 20 minutes in total**)

**Cattery** – Concerns were raised about the car parking in the lane that runs to the cattery opposite the

Community Centre and whether this was private or public land.

**MW** – To speak to County to confirm if the land belongs to cattery or remains a public road.

**Car Park Gleeson** – Parish asked who the car park belongs to? **MW** – Confirmed that this belongs to the Parish Council and is for public use of the Community Centre. Not a public car park where vehicles can be left

All day/over night

**Speeding** -Concerns raised about speeding cars in the village. Especially on the Mile Road where there is

Ongoing speeding between vehicles up and down the Mile Road where the speed sign is allocated

**MW** – To speak to County and ask if road speed indicators can be added by NCC to catalogue the problem

**Anthony Fern** (Young Peoples Support Worker – **Family Hub** Hadson – Introduced himself and the

Commencement of a new group that had begun at the ATAC centre for SEN Youth Services - Ages 5 – 25

Providing education and training for youths in the local area who have special educational needs as there

Are currently no facilities in Widdrington for this area of need. Outlined the use of the facilities. Qualified

Staff. Parental seating and café.

To be funded for a month to see if this is a viable option for Widdrington and asking for the support of the

Parish in this venture

**MW** – Full support of venture. Agrees that this is required in Widdrington and happy to provide any support

That the Parish can offer to help the upkeep of this service in the village.

**MW** – To arrange a further meeting with Anthony (SEN Coordinator) in 2 months – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 for a catch

Up

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 for approved by

**Cllr Willoughby** – Seconded by **Cllr Batson**

5. Matters Arising on the Minutes.

- i **Fireworks** – Decision on fireworks
- ii **Play Park** -Response from Auld solicitors on gifting of park to Parish Council?
- iii **Northumbria Connected** – Allocated to Cllr Jerdan – re No police presence in village
- iiii **Quotes** – Gateway/footpath – Community Centre – Cllr Batson
- iv **Canopy** – Update Cllr Willoughby
  - Glass Bus stand** – Morrisons – Cllr Batson
  - WI Fi** – signs in Community Centre advertising free wi fi use - Clerk

## 6. Reports from Outside Bodies

- I Grange Court – Bungalows – rats- update
- ii Road Conditions – Village – update
- iii Mr McKenna – Trees – update
- iiii Northumbria Connected

## 7. Correspondence Received

- RTC – Outside Grange Road – Update?
- Quotes – Refurbishment of toilets at the Community Centre - Broxap Play Equipment – Cllr Jerdan – Update?
- Chaplin’s Pantos – 2024 pantomime

## 8. Planning Application

None

## 9. Parish Council Events

None

## 10. Community Centre Web site

Update

## 11. Finance

- i) Parish Clerk’s financial statement – monthly update – **Bank of Ireland Account Balance** as at
  - 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Reconciled balance – (To be confirmed on receipt of statement) **£94,776.62**

**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 the

business is deferred to the next available meeting in order to allow for inclusion on the relevant agenda.

## 13. To be held in closed session

**The Meeting ended at**

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**Simone Sainthouse  
Parish Clerk.**

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