

WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th
February 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.

In attendance were Councillors Mrs M Willoughby (Chair), K Batson, S Horton, T Jerdan W Childs,

Parish Clerk S Sainthouse

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. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11 December 2023 for approval and adoption.

Cllr proposed to approve and adopt the minutes. The proposal was seconded by and carried.

4. Matters Arising on the Minutes – 12th February 2024

Play Park – Stobswood – The park has been gifted to the Parish Council by the owners of the Woodland. An inspection of

The play area was carried out on 5/2/2024. The following was reported:

Gate requires renewal

Rockery & name stone require attention

Trees require inspection from a qualified tree surgeon

Soft surface tarmac required attention and cleaning

Unofficial rope swing to be removed (unsafe)

Play equipment needs to be replaced

All of the above was discussed during the meeting and it was decided that out grounds person would carry out the the Repair and clearing of the park. New equipment quotes would be sourced and the tree surgeon from NCC would be Contacted to assess the trees.

5. Reports from Outside Bodies

Roads - A formal complaint was logged by Cllr Willoughby to NCC about the state of the roads in and around Widdrington

Stobswood. This is yet to be acknowledged and will be updated in due course.

Parking Community Centre – a complaint was by the Parish Clerk about car parking in the CC car park. The library users

Are finding that they are unable to find a space on a Wednesday with user groups using the centre and taking all of the Spaces available. It was established that the car park belongs to NCC and is for the official use of the library. NCC have given

The Community Centre permission to use the car park but that there must be sufficient spaces left for use by the library In view of this. Signs have been placed in 3 bays on a Wednesday and 1 disabled bay for the use of LIBRARY ONLY to

Resolve the issue

6. Correspondence Received

Play Park Stobswood – Correspondence received from the solicitor of the owners of the play park in Stobswood that the

Legal process had commenced

7. Planning Applications

Oaklands – Granted

Widdrington 1st school extension – granted

8. Parish Council Events

Fireworks Display – Still deemed to wet to safely allow the event to take place on Welfare field

9.

10. Parish Council and Community Centre Websites – items to be considered for inclusion.

Nothing to add

11. Finance

i) Parish Clerk's financial statement – monthly update – Bank of Ireland Account Balance as at 31 January 2024
£101,843.58

Reconciliation Balance – from 31/1/2024 to 29/2/2024 – (to include January and February payments)

Reconciled with Bank Account statement for (yet to be received) **31/1/2024 – 29/2/2024 = £94,776.62**

Debits

ADT Fire & Security £1020.46 Cheque No 2559	JA Gordon (hedge cutting) £96.00 – Ch No 2560
Viking (cleaning) £ 21.52 Ch No 2561	Viking (admin) £70.42 Ch No 2562
HMRC £ 563.42 Ch No 2563	HMRC (Jan) £ 395.40 Ch No 2564
Viking (cleaning) £21.52	Wage £836.43 Ch No 2566
Wage £ 387.50 Ch No 2567	Wage £597.43 Ch No 2568
Wage £310.30 Ch No 2569	Wage £306.27 Ch No 2570
Viking £56.26 Ch No 56.26	HMRC £504.13 Ch No 2573
Accountant £ 72.00 Ch No 2574	Admin £16.34 Ch No 2575
Viking (paper towels) £106.72 Ch No 2576	Wage £842.59 Ch No 2577
Wage £462.56 Ch No 2578	Wage £508.86 Ch No 2579
Wage £ 263.60 Ch No 2580	Wage £342.76 Ch No 2581
HMRC £383.00 Ch No 2582	Washeteria (laundry) £30.00 Ch No 2583
Viking (Storage boxes) £48.47 Ch No 2584	

Credits

Clothes Bank £54.30

Clothes Bank £36.60 (31/1/2024)

12. 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.

The following matters were raised: - N/A

The Meeting Ended at 7.30pm

