

**WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**CENTRE ON MONDAY 11 March 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.**

In attendance were Councillors Mrs S Willoughby (Chair), Cllr T Jerdan, Cllr W Childs Cllr S Horton.

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Parish Clerk S Sainthouse, Cllr K Batson

**MEETING MINUTED BY CLLR WILLOUGHBY IN THE ABSENCE OF PARISH CLERK**

**2.To receive declarations of interest**

**Cllr T Jerdan** declared a non – pecuniary interest in regard to any matters relating to the Scouts

**Cllr W Childs** – Widdy Welcomes & Food Bank

**3 To receive questions and comments for the public (time limit 20 minutes)**

None

**4 Minutes of Parish Meeting for approval and adoption**

**Cllr T Jerdan proposed** to approve and adopt the minutes. The proposal was seconded by **Cllr S Horton**

**5 ITEMS DISCUSSED**

**Reports of rat issue – Grange Court Bungalows**

Complaint email read out – discussion – MW As I have not heard any more from residents, I presume the matter has been dealt with  
By Karbon Homes

**2: Request for Karbon Homes to host a drop in – Widdrington Community Centre** - Email to be sent as no response has been received  
From Karbon Homes.

**3: Northumbria Connected** – Cllr Jerdan reported her findings – Website in theory appears to be a more recent form of Neighbourhood  
Watch. Councillors discussed the lack of police presence in the village. MW – To once again email Crime Commissioner and outline the  
Various issues in the village and the impact that NO regular police presence is having.

**4: Window smashed in bus shelter on exit to village** – Arrangement for glass to be replaced – To be passed to Cllr Batson for attention

**5: Dead Rats** – Bodies of dead rats found dumped on back road to Ulgham. NCC informed and removed

**6: Canopy** – Delivered to Berwick for repair and cleaning

**7: Brochure of Play Equipment – Play park** – Given to Cllr Childs to look at for options for Stobswood Play Park.

The Toddler park in main play park to be assessed by Councillors – pictures to be taken to repair & replace. This will be

Undertaken next month, once decisions made for Stobswood – Grant application must be made. – No Broxap brochure as of yet.

**8: Highways** – Complaint and response read out from Highways

**9: Chaplins Panto** – All agreed it was a little early to be booking this. To contact Hadson House and ask Scott Dickinson for company  
details

Of Panto company they use – for price comparison

**10: Refurbishment of Toilets – Quotes** – Read out to meeting – Discussed – Voted and it was decided that Morpeth Bathrooms to  
commence

Refurbishment. Caretaker A Barnfather concerned about the mess during the refub that could cause an issue to Service Users. Suggested  
School holidays. As explained, we would be governed by the company

**Cllr Jerdan** – Asked for date for Finance meeting – To be advised – Cllr Batson and Parish Clerk

**User Group meeting** – Planned for May 2024 – PC to forward email to user groups with suggested dates

**Coastal Village Forum Meeting** – 22<sup>nd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Lounge requested

**6 Planning Applications** – None

**7 Finance**

**Parish Clerks financial statement** – monthly update – Bank of Ireland balance as at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - **£97,314.58**

Reconciled balance – less cheques to March 2024

Debits

Cheque – 2567 – Wage £387.50	2569 – Wage £310.30	2566 – wage - £886.43
2559 – ADT Fire & Security - £1020.46	2561 – Viking (Admin) - £21.52	2562 – Viking
(Cleaning) - £70.42-		
2568 – Wage - £597.43	2564 – HMRC - £395.40	2571 – Viking –
Admin £56.26		
2573 – HMRC - £504.13	2560 – Hedge cutting - £96.00	

**Cheques NOT yet presented to date – March 2024**

2563 – HMRC – 563.42 (admin) £16.34	2574 – Accountant - £72.00	2575 – Viking
2576 – Viking (Cleaning) £106.72 £462.56	2577 – Wage £842.79	2578 – Wage -
2579 – Wage - £508.86	2580 – Wage £263.60	2581 – Wage - £342.76
2582 – HMRC - £383.00 - £48.47	2583 – Washeteria (laundry) £30.00	2584 – Viking (boxes)
2585 – Wix.Com – IT- £108.00 £32.50	2586 – Rerurbishment CC - £5000.00	2587 – Laundry -
2588 – Morrison Glazing (Bus Shelters) - £180.00		

**Receipts – Bank of Ireland**

9/2/2024 - £82.74 – Cash paid into account by PC  
20/2/2024 - £19.50 Clothes Bank

To date – Before receipt of March 2024 banking statement - **£88,353.76 (to be confirmed)**

8 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

None

**9 To be held in closed session**

Councillors resolved that members of the public and press are excluded from the remainder of the meeting which is to be held in closed session due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

Meeting closed – 8pm

**Signed.....**  
**Date.....**



