

WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE ON
MONDAY 9 June 2025 COMMENCING AT 6.00. P.M.

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

Also in attendance: Cllr E Dungait (NCC), 12 members of public

1. To receive apologies for absence

None.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes of Parish Meeting held for approval and adoption

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

4. Matter arising on Minutes – 12 May 2025

None

5. Amendments to Standing Orders

Cllr J Bexfield proposed adoption of NALC Model Standing Orders

Resolution: Councillors agreed to adopt the NALC Model Standing Orders, proposed by Cllr Bexfield, 2nd Cllr Childs

6. Appointments to Outside Bodies/Parish Sub Committees

Community Park – Cllr Jerdan, Cllr Childs

Community Centre – Cllr S Bexfield, Cllr Childs

Budget/Finance – Cllr Jerdan, Cllr S Bexfield, Cllr Wills-Porter

7. Community Events

Proposal: To invite Fun Fair to village for August Bank Holiday

Resolution: Councillors agreed (proposed by Cllr Bexfield, 2nd Cllr Longstaff, all agreed) to invite Slaters Fun Fair to provide activities and porta loos (council to fund loos)

8. Community Planters

Proposal – to invite Stobswood Allotments Society to provide plants and maintain planters

Resolution – All agreed (proposed by Cllr J Bexfield, 2nd Cllr Longstaff)

9. Community Centre Hire Charges

Proposal – To increase User Group hire charge from £10 to £15

Resolution – All agreed (proposed by Cllr Childs, 2nd Cllr Jerdan)

10. Grass Cutting

Proposal – to invite A Clark (NE Forresters) to provide grass cutting services for Community Park at a fee of £200 per cut (2 cuts per month)

Resolution – All agreed, Proposed by Cllr J Bexfield, 2nd by Cllr Jerdan

11. Stobswood Playpark – Trees

Proposal – to appoint L Timmins to assess and remove trees where necessary and make good trees

that need attention, including provision of report and NCC application

Resolution – All agreed (proposed by Cllr J Bexfield, 2nd Cllr Longstaff)

12. Planning Applications –

Cattery, Mile Road – representations made during parishoners input re negative impact this activity will cause.

Councillors discussed the application and resolved to submit an **Objection** based on highways, noise, smell (proposed by Cllr J Bexfield, 2nd Cllr Childs, All agreed)

13. Finance

Parish clerks financial statement – monthly update – Bank of Ireland balance as at 24 April 2025 - **£131,248.37**

Still awaiting access to account from Bank of Ireland due to new council

Debits to be presented

Viking Direct – Cleaning/Office Supplies	£40.82	
Zurich Ins – Parish Council Insurance		£1794.25
Cllr J Bexfield – Supra Key Safe	£70.95	
Visonic Tags	£64.00	
Red Buffer Pads	£24.47	
Timesheet Books	£31.22	
Minutes Book	£27.69	
Power Supply Solar Panel	£15.54	
A Clark Grass Cutting		£735.00
S Sainthouse Final Wage	£842.90	
Standard Security – Magnetic Door Entry	£949.97	
Norris & Fisher – Com Cent Ins	£1545.33	

14. 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

Stobswood Playpark

Investigate if remaining monies from S106 agreement can be used to fund play equipment.

Proposed by Cllr J Bexfield, 2nd Cllr Childs, All agreed

Bus Stop, Mile Road

Ivy growing over bus stop on left hand side of Mile Road. Bus stop obscured by hedge. Cllr Longstaff to make informal contact with residents to ask if they can cut back their hedges/ivy to make good. (Proposed Cllr Longstaff, 2nd Cllr J Bexfield, All agreed)

Community Park

Equipment in play area dangerous and has been removed by Parish Handyman.

Interactive Traffic Sign, Grangemoor Road

Sign on Grangemoor Road has not been working for years. Cllr Dungait offered to look into this and get it replaced.

15. Update from Cllr Dungait

Cllr Ed Dungait, County Councillor, introduced himself to new councillors.

He noted issues reported to him:

Speeding – Grange Road, Grangemoor Road

Boy Racers on motor/electric bikes

State of Roads

Police Presence

He is actively looking for solutions to the issues and will report back to the Parish Council with updates

16. 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

Parish Clerk Applications

Meeting closed 7.25pm

Signed J Bexfield (Chair)

Date 11 June 2025

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