

**WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**AUGUST 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.**

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

Cllr Childs – Widdrington Food Bank (Widdy Welcomes)

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

**T McKenna – Tree 37 Margaret 0Street.** Ongoing complaint against Karbon Homes and the overgrown, dangerous tree at the location. This has been reported on numerous occasions to Karbo Homes who attended and agreed the tree required Attention. Parish Clerk placed a formal complaint with NCC in relation to this matter for Mr McKenna and asked that Mr McKenna be contacted directly by NCC

**Rev Julia Lacey** - Footpath that leads from Widdrington-to-Widdrington Village. The road was resurfaced recently and the Footpath is covered in grit and debris from the road plainings. This is dangerous underfoot for persons using the footpath  
**PC** to contact NCC FMS to have this cleared.

Rev Lacey – Asks if there is any funding that the Parish may be able to provide to help with the a course focusing on young

People in the village. Intervention, and engaging with youths to provide support and the prevention of anti-social behaviour

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

Cllr S Horton proposed to approve and adopt the minutes. The proposal was seconded by Cllr W Childs and carried.

**5. Matters Arising on the Minutes**

**Complaint Grass/shrubs – Opposite Coop** - The shrubbery and grass is completely overgrown and a mess outside the

Vacant premises “The Junction” pub and the hairdressing salon.

This is overseen by White Estate agents and an email is to be sent to them to request that this be addressed

**Adoption of Roads – Maple Drive** – PC to contact NCC to clarify if the roads in Maple Drive and surrounding street have

Been adopted. Re the upkeep of the estate

Ongoing attempts to contact and speak with land owner have proved fruitless and there has been no response to requests

Avala Park – Attempts have been made to contact FM Construction who owns the land on the Mile Road where the care

Home once stood. This is to gain some clarity into if and when building works are going to take place on the site.

**7. Reports from Outside Bodies**

**8.Correspondance Received**

None

**9. Planning Applications**

none

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

**11. Finance**

**Bank of Ireland - Statement** - Balance of account as from August 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 has not yet been received  
This will be updated on the minutes in due course for public attention

**Debits**

**David Auld - Stobswood Play Park** £963

**HMRC** £489.92 (August)

**Wage** £414.04

**Fish Electrical (Community Centre)** £135

**Wage** £906.13

**Wage** £615.10

Wage £391.80

Wage £430.18

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 8.00pm

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Date-----

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