

**WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE HALL
OF THE WIDDRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023
COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.**

In attendance were Councillors Mrs M Willoughby (Chair), K Batson, A Carrier., Parish Clerk
Members of the Public 2

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 Member of the Public – Questions

HT – Kings Coronation - Why is the Parish not putting anything on for the Coronation? – **MW** – explains that the Parish is happy to help towards any events that the residents may want to arrange for the Coronation but are Not able to commit to an event. It was suggested that the Community Centre would be open to the residents on the Day and people could attend and use at their leisure.
The Park is open to the public over the weekend for any events that the residents wish to put in place.
Only request is that there are NO BARBACUES, LITTER IS REMOVED NO OVERNIGHT PARKING permitted
ATAC has a event in place

HT – Suggests that a “Picnic in the Park” is organised by her and other volunteers on Sunday 7th May

HT – Discusses plans that she has in mind for the day. Face Painting (children) Music, Games, Ice Cream

MW – Happy with suggestions. Dogs to be kept under control / on a lead.

MW – Will give Chairs Allowance **£500** towards the event

LJ – Santa Group looking at organising an event

4. Matters Arising on the minutes

Kings Coronation (as above) raised from the minutes of the meeting March 20th 2023

Quotes - Two quotes requested for work on the toilets in the Community Centre – refurbishment.

5. Reports from Outside Bodies

PC Richardson – New Neighbourhood Officer for Widdrington and surrounding area. Introducing himself (email)
and

To give monthly updates on crime trends and others matters for meetings.

Countryside Charity – Decided that the annual membership would not be taken this year

Electric Car Guide – Free guide for residents interested in switching to electric vehicles

(jellmore@electriccarguide.co.uk)

6. Correspondence Received - Northumbria Connected – Updates on rural crime and policing actions – Anti social use
of

4x4 vehicles, off road bikes. Eyes in the Sky – Drone scouring sky to detect ASB related activity involving vehicles.
Involving

BTP (British Transport Police) and Northumbria Policing teams

7. Planning Applications

None

8. Parish Council events –

None – **HT** – To organise Picnic in the Park – Parish to donate towards event

9. Website

None

10. Finance

i) Parish Clerk's financial statement – monthly update – Bank of Ireland Account Balance as **31 March 2023**

£107,053.34

£37,053.34 (without £70,000 ringfenced funds – Community Centre)

i) Payments Approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council

Clerk – April Wage	£822.13
HMRC – Payment PAYE & NICS –	£426.77
Washeteria – Laundry costs for Community Centre events –	£33.00
NALC – Annual subscription –	£438.35
Thomas Sherriff & Co – Serving of Lawn Mower – Community Park -	£169.24
Station Entertainments – Party in the Park - June 2023	£3,665.00

11. NO urgent business to discuss other than that to be held in closed session – members of the public are to

Be excluded from the remainder of the session due to the confidential nature of the business

11a) Audit - Internal/External Audit 2023. The Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the Authority on 11th April 2023 and recorded as **minute reference 11a** which was signed and dated by the Chair

and

Clerk

Parish

11b) Allotments Association – Annual Fee – A meeting was attended by the Allotment Association and the

Councillors and Clerk. It was agreed that a fee of £750.00 per annum for 5 Years would be paid

The Meeting Ended at 8.00 pm

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