

**WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

ON MONDAY 14th October STARTING AT 6.30 P.M.

Attendance: In attendance were Councillors Mrs S Willoughby (Chair), , Cllr S Horton , W Childs, T Jerdan
S Sainthouse(Parish Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence - Cllr K Batson

Members of the public – 6

2 To receive declarations of Interest

Cllr Jerdan– declared a non-pecuniary interest in regard to matter relating to the Scouts

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

Q. Karbon Homes – Tree – Mr T McKenna – No response from Karbon Homes in relation to the

Tree. This is now going to be referred to a solicitor to make a complaint against Karbon Homes.

Karen Smith Minister – Introduces herself. MW explains the role of the Parish Council.
Issues

Currently concerning he Parish with youth disorder. Explains role of ATAC, Widdy
Welcomes

Minister explains her role and what she will be bringing to the community. Minister
talks

About forthcoming meeting at Community Centre in October with group
END

Matters arising from Minutes –

Hedge – Margaret Street –This has now been cut back from the footpath by NCC on behalf of the Parish Council. Environmental Enforcement Officer attended the local shop in East Acres to inquire About the overgrown land behind the store and are to make inquiries with Land Registry to try to find Out who is responsible for the upkeep of the land

Budget 2024/25 – MW – Update – PC advises that the meeting for the Parish budget was held on 9th October 2024. In attendance was Cllr K Batson, Cllr Horton, Cllr Childs, Cllr Jerdan.

Discussed were the proposals for expenditure throughout the coming 2024/25 year and were the Monies would be spent. It was agreed that the **PRECEPT** for 2025/26 would be **£89,250.00** thus an **Increased from 2023/24 of £13,864** to cover the projected expenditure including – Events, staff wages, Community Centre expenditure, waste collection, Community Park expenditure Insurances, CCTV

This was put to forward by the Chair M Willoughby to the Cllrs in attendance and agreed – 14/10/2024

Anti-Social Behaviour – MW – There has been a noticeable increase in the episodes of reported Anti-social behaviour and damage in the village. This has been seen on FB and evident in the village Community Officer – PC Sutcliffe has been notified and we have been advised to report this by the 101 channel. We have asked for a meeting with PC Sutcliffe, but we have had no response to date? We have asked the CCTV security to pay attention to the park and surrounding areas, with extra Patrols and have requested a monthly report going forward.

Temporary Caretaker Position

MW – Interviews will be taking place for this post on 24th October 2024. Update in due course

MW – Attended a conference at County Hall in relation to what each service within the council covers
Their areas, personnel from management to operatives and explanation of this year’s figures for
(e.g repairs, roads, FMS enforcement.) Trade stands offering leaflets were made available

Staff Training – PC outlined that staff required further training in line with NCC requirements

This is to be delivered on line through NCC

Policies – All policies have been assessed and updated by PC. All service users have been asked to

Provide an up-to-date Safeguarding policy in line with best practice and requirements

Memorial Garden – Remembrance Sunday – Handy man to clear and ensure garden is ready for the

Service. Wreaths to be laid at church service and memorial garden.

F&M _ Alva Park – This site has been reported the Environmental Enforcement Team to contact

Owner about the state of the site and their plans

8 Planning Applications

none

9 Parish Council Events

Fireworks – 5th November 2024 – MW – Thanks to Stobswood Welfare for the forthcoming event at

This will commence at 6pm on the night

Gareth Tate – Will provide medical cover for event

Remembrance Sunday – 2 x Wreaths. Laying at Widdrington Village Church and Memorial Garden

Christmas Party – This year it was agreed that the Parish would hold a Christmas Party at the Community

Centre. This will be a ticketed event – 4 yrs to 11 yrs – 40 children. Under 10 must be

Accompanied by an adult. This is to be undertaken by DNA Kids

Posters will be displayed at the end of November and tickets available thereafter

10 Finance

Parish Clerks financial Statement – monthly update Bank of Ireland Account Balance as at 31 October 2024

Balance £98,600.47

Reconciled balance £95,599.97

Debits

Wage £924.98

Wage £480.64

Wage £819.14

Wage £391.80

Wage £610.50

HMRC £600.60

M Tully £188.00 (Accountant

Viking Direct (Admin) £75.97

To consider any urgent business which shall be limited to circumstances in which the Council’s
Responsibilities cannot be met. Or the Councils interests are likely to be prejudiced if the business
Is deferred to the next available meeting in order to allow inclusion on the relevant agenda.

The meeting was closed at 7.30 p.m.

Signed..... Date

Closed Session –