

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

**ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.**

In attendance were Councillors M Willoughby, K Batson, Cllr Childs, Cllr Horton Cllr Jerdan

S Sainthouse (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 – Food Bank

**3.To receive questions and comments from members of the public (time limited to 20 minutes in total)**

**Access - Margaret Street** – Who does this access belong to and the sub station

KB – Possibly Dunelm. It is unclear who is responsible for the land or upkeep. Will contact County for information

**East Acres** – The area is a poor state. The roads are full of pot holes and the footpaths', surrounding area is disgraceful

**MW** – Karbon Homes are responsible for the properties in the area and County oversee the road and footpaths

**FMS** – There have been numerous submissions made to FMS reporting the roads and the state of this area

**PC** – To submit further complaint to FMS

**Leylandii** – What is happening with the trees.

**MW** – We are currently having to submit a planning application as the trees have a TPO on them before we can proceed

**4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting for approval and adoption.**

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

**5. Matters arising on the Minutes**

**Sovereign Playgrounds** – A quote was obtained from Sovereign playgrounds after they attended the Stobswood Welfare

The work to be carried out will be extensive and the costs will incur refurbishment of all the play equipment and repair

of The play area. A grant will be submitted to offset the cost which Cllrs Jerdan, Horton and Childs are currently looking

at.

Grants such as Alnwick Garden Community Foundation, Windfarm. Estimated cost is £50,000

At this time Stobswood Paly park would fail a ROSPA inspection.

**EICR** – Community Centre – Testing to be carried and passed by Fish Electricals. PAT testing – June 2024

**Solar Panel** – The solar panels at the Centre requires repair. This is to be arranged through NCC and an inspection Is to be carried out and quote to repair

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary D Day** – Flags to be flown in respect of the fallen but it is thought that celebrations would not be correct

**TPO** – Leylandii – The trees at the play park in Stobswood that require cutting back have a TPO. Permission needs to be

Obtained from Planning at NCC before any work can be carried out.

**Elections 4/7/2024 - Community Centre** - Voting to commence at 0700 hours at centre

**Allan** – Caretaker Allan is currently absent from work at this time due to illness. He is not expected to return for some

Time and Ken Arries will be undertaking the caretaker role. Supported by Lindi Jordan and Roy Ainsworth

**Potholes Stobswood Allotments** – There are numerous potholes on the stretch of road that runs past the allotments in

**Stobswood This** is to be reported to FMS.

**KB** – To gather quotes for the siting of a gateway from the Community Centre at the rear of the car park.

**11. Finance**

i) Parish Clerk's financial statement – monthly update – Bank of Ireland Account as at **28/06/2024 = £92,024.44**  
balance to **June 28th 2024 = £88,720.57**

**Less cheques not yet presented**

<b>NCC Waste collection Cheque – 2595 = £645.12</b>	<b>Wage – 2607 = £956.58</b>
<b>Wage – 2608 = £884.84</b>	<b>Wage – 2609 = £448.34</b>
<b>Wage – 2610 = £479.76</b>	<b>Wage – 2611 = £399.09</b>
<b>HMRC – 2612 = £602.35</b>	<b>Thomas Sherriff (lawn Mower) =</b>
<b>£2,391.14</b>	
<b>Post Office (Card) stamps £13.60</b>	<b>Flags – D Day £205.07</b>
<b>Flag - £98.32</b>	<b>NCC Planning - £21.00</b>
<b>Insurance (CC) £1,433.80</b>	<b>Zurich Insurance (Public Liability)</b>
<b>£1,001.95</b>	
<b>Asset Watch (Security CCTV) - £3,868.80</b>	<b>Thomas Sherriff (Lawn Mower) £637.64</b>

**END,**

**14. 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.**

**15. 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.**

**The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.**

**Signed -----**  
**Date-----**



