

**WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 11 November 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.**

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

S Sainthouse (Parish Clerk).

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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 Jerdan - Scouts

Cllr Childs - Widdy Welcome

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

Mr T McKenna – Tree – Representatives from Karbon Homes attended the location to view the tree and stated that there was nothing wrong with the tree. An independent is to attend and assess the tree.

Anti-social behaviour raised as a general concern and how it is escalating in the village

MW – CCTV coverage show no evidence of this and no reports from CCTV company therefore a meeting is to be arranged

As fighting was reported in the park which should have been caught on CCTV

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

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

5. Matters arising on the Minutes

Cllr Mrs Willoughby stated that there had been an increased report of anti-social behaviour in the village and that the CCTV company should be contacted to look at any coverage. Items are being damaged in and around the park. Fights in the park between groups of teenagers. Verbal abuse and general disorder

To look at a meeting with CCTV company

Report to British Transport Police over disorder on platforms and lines. PC advises that call had been received from

BTP after the report was submitted and extra patrols were to be placed at Widdrington and they would correspond with

Northumbria Police to ask that patrols pay attention to the village at specific times of the day and weekend

Statement on FB and social media from Chair about disorder

Remembrance Day – Cllr Jerdan. Service went well at the Memorial. The cubs and Beavers laid the wreath

Next year there is expected to be a bugler attend as a new resident in the village is an ex-forces bugler and has

Asked to support the service.

Laundry – To contact Amble laundry services and Ellington to have table clothes cleaned for forthcoming events

User Groups – It was decided that user groups would now be asked to provide their hours each month for Parish

Clerk to provide rental fee instead of 6 monthly

Caretaker position – Barry Jeffrey has been offered the temporary Caretakers post in the absence of A Barnfather

6. Reports from Outside Bodies.

Environmental Enforcement – Ian Bryson attended the shop in East Acres belonging to Mr Singh. He was asked to clean

Up the area around the front of the shop. However, the sub station area is not his responsibility.

7. Correspondence Received

PC Sutcliffe – Reported some reports of crime in rural areas and farmland but no report of the anti social behaviour

In the village. When spoken to about this by Chair. Stated that this is to be reported to the 101 or 999 if urgent

8. Planning Applications

None

9. Parish Council Events

Elderberries 2024 – It was put to the Parish Councillors by the Chair that this year we might have a Xmas Tea for the Elderly residents. This is due to the dwindling number of residents that remain in the village.

An afternoon tea with a singer, music and activities to commence at 2pm – 5pm

All voted in favour and passed. To commence Saturday 7th December

Poster and tickets to be advertised in due course.

Xmas Party (Kids DNA) – To be held 21st December 2024 – 6pm – 8pm

Posters and tickets to be advertised at Community Centre, notice boards and tickets made available

10. Finance

i) Parish Clerk’s financial statement – monthly update – Bank of Ireland Account as at 29/11/24

£94,279.54

reconciled with Bank Account monthly Statement **£86,232.91**

Debits

Cash - £350 Elderberries Xmas Tea

Viking (Cleaning) £15.56

M & M theatrical - £1,299

NALC - £462.83

Wage – 784.96 (“)

Wage - £947.40 (“)

Viking (Stationary) £19.16

Wage - £472.86 (including holiday pay)

Wage – 283.96

HMRC - £1090.82

Wage - £820.08(“)

Wage - £1,500 (including holiday

18. 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 in order to allow for inclusion on the relevant agenda.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

Signed..... Date.....

