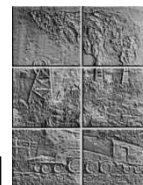


Widdrington Station and Stobswood Parish Council



Dear Councillor,

A meeting has been arranged to commence at 6.00 pm on Monday 14th September 2026 to take into consideration and determine upon the following agenda:

Parishioners Input:

To receive questions from parishioners' present (limited to 2 minutes each) 20 minutes

Formal Parish Council Meeting:

Parishioners are welcome to stay and listen to proceedings but may make no input to the meeting and remain silent

1. To receive Apologies for Absence:
2. To receive Declarations of Interest:
3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th of August 2026 for approval and adoption:
4. Matters Arising on the Minutes:
5. Amendments to standing orders: Standing orders updated to include £400+ spend requiring estimates and approvals prior to purchase.
6. Standing Agenda Items:
 - Christmas Lights – Awaiting Funding confirmation before moving forward. Updated plan of location and Stobswood Plan. Suggestion of lights on the community centre also.
 - Facebook – Currently at 397 members.
 - Date for Diary – Fireworks – 1st November 2026 @ 5pm – deposit paid awaiting risk assessments from company.
 - Christmas Tree 2026 – Ordered from Northumberland Christmas Trees will be delivered around 30th November 2026. NCC contacted regarding lights.
 - Staff Training – Safeguarding Adults and Children for Cllr T Jerdan as the safeguarding lead. Ride on mower course still waiting on date – update to follow.
 - Elderberries Christmas Dinner. Entertainment booked – Mark Dawson.
 - Replacement Speed Sign for Grangemoor Road. Cllr Dungait to update.
 - Village Green discussion – this belongs to Karbon homes – email sent to see if it would be possible for this parcel of land to be donated and turned in to a village green – Karbon unwilling to sell/gift – no further action required.
 - CCTV upgrade – 4x outside cameras, 1x inside camera, 4x park cameras. Underway started w/b 7/9/26 – CCTV governance policy to be created with regards to new CCTV cameras being installed and parish council taking over monitoring.
 - Flooring in the community centre. New quote received. Awaiting grant information.

- Play Park repair – Contacted Playdale – awaiting parts prior to repair estimated delivery w/b 7.9.26.
- Police Engagement Next Session was on 5th September 2026 – new dates to be sourced for the remainder of the year.
- Flags – Widdrington arms design is no longer viable due to boom size unattainable. Suggestion – go with Union Jack, St Georges & Northumberland Flags as an alternative. All to be set out in landscape.
- Community Centre Structural Concerns. Estimates gained – underpinning required.
- Date for Diary – Remembrance Day Service 8th November.
- Hedge Trimmer and Chainsaw update – tools and clothing to be purchased.
- New expenses policy reviewed and to be confirmed.
- Bin update from previous meeting – awaiting confirmation we can change the bins from NCC.

7. Actions:

- N/A

8. Reports from outside bodies:

- Police Report – forwarded to PC on 3/8.
- Police Report – forwarded to PC on 6/9.

9. Correspondence Received:

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10. Planning Applications:

- 26/03010/FUL -Change of use of existing outbuilding on site to commercial gym and creation of pedestrian access. Location - 79 East Acres Widdrington Station Northumberland NE61 5NT – closing date 18.9.26 – sent prior to the meeting for review.
- 26/02052/OUT - Outline permission (all matters reserved) for proposed 1 No. detached self-build residential bungalow property, with proposed access driveway onto C118 highway - Location Land South Of 2 Chibburn Court Mile Road Widdrington Station Northumberland – Decision = Refused.
- 26/01892/PRUTPO - Tree Preservation Order Application: Lime tree - Crown lift to 4m above the ground level. Location 5 Lambert Terrace Widdrington Station Northumberland NE61 5RE – Status – Awaiting decision from permits.

11. Financial:

- Widdrington Community Centre Account Balance as of = £12,166.64
- WSPCC Current Account Balance as of = £59,584.57. Out = £4416.77 In = £26,406.18 – VAT Return, To Pay =0.
- Bank accounts to be merged all in to the name of parish council following payment for CCTV.

Payments completed or for Approval:

- Wages: Clerk £1848.67, Caretaker/Handyman £1726.28 – paid (includes annual leave).
- Hugo Fox monthly email charge – £2.99 – paid
- Asset Watch monthly bill - £322.40 – paid
- Secure IT - £83.50 – paid
- P Lee – expenses – petrol for mower, cleaning tablecloths etc. - £53 – paid
- SLCC membership - £86.02 – paid
- Ride on Mower repair - £634.86 + £12 for petrol – paid

- Gate for allotments - £500 – paid
- Deposit for pantomime - £240 – paid
- Playdale parts delivery - £18 – paid
- Paint and brushes etc. bus stop repaint - £60.18 – paid
- Amazon – CCTV/Parking signs for cc car park & stationary - £73.40 – paid
- N E Foresters - £732 – paid
- Amazon – Hi-Viz, strimmer wire, bin hoop. - £81.92 – paid
- UK Fireworks deposit - £1480.50 – paid
- High Speed Training - £36 – paid

12. Any Other Business:

- Grit Bins around Maple estate to be discussed.
- Village restoration project discussion.
- Seat requested by parishioner at the bus stop next to Fernybeds on Mile Road.
- Light in the park still not working – reported by parishioner in June – to be reviewed and repaired – this was reported to fix my street – this is the pc's. In-post locker update – confirmed to be installed – awaiting date.
- Advertising for community centre required – Discuss sign to be moved/ updated/new adverts created to go on social media.
- Sign added for the community centre on Grangemoor Road – highways contacted.
- Discuss stone bus stop removal next to railway line – safety concerns/ vandalism.
- New Planters in village.
- Gain estimates to repaint the play equipment.
- Website update – To include live booking page including paperwork completion and payment options for the community centre bookings.
- Update totals of crockery/glasswear etc at the community centre to make all up to standard levels.

13. Next Meeting: 12th October 2026.

'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.'

14. Closed Session:

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