

# Widdrington Station and Stobswood Parish Council



Dear Councillor,

A meeting has been arranged to commence at 6.30 pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 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 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 for approval and adoption:
4. Matters Arising on the Minutes:
5. Amendments to standing orders:
6. Standing Agenda Items:
  - AGAR 2025/26 update.
  - Policy updates – GDPR updated due to new CCTV being added to the inside of the community centre which includes sound and vision..
  - Christmas Lights – Awaiting update from NCC for final costing for the 20 lamp post electric box additions and the updated price list for available lights from Lite-LTD.co.uk
  - Email address – awaiting update.
  - Facebook – Currently at 176 members. Discussion re: commenting required.
  - Bus shelter update – see below for invoice for refurbishment of some of the shelters plus attached for the new quote for the remainder in the village\*.
  - Bus shelter roof damage – has this been rectified?
  - Play Park Updates: Maple Drive, Stobswood & Widdrington – checks completed for all work required to be done prior to ROSPA coming for inspections in June – confirmation required for the work to proceed.
  - Stobswood – new gate for allotment and refurb of notice board update.
  - Fireworks 2026 update.
  - Christmas Tree 2026
  - Party in the Park proposal.
  - Staff Training – Clerk/CILCA awaiting update, Phil – training to be discussed – still awaiting date for ride on mower training. First aid and H&S to be given to both Clerk and Caretaker.
7. Actions:

- N/A
8. Reports from outside bodies:
    - Police Report
  9. Correspondence Received:
    - Youth Bridge NE – regarding youths in the village\*
  10. Planning Applications:
    - The Haven Mile Road – Closed 5<sup>th</sup> May – sent to all councillors via email
  11. Financial:
 

Widdrington Community Centre Account Balance – 4.5.26: £12,969.57  
 WSPCC Current Account Balance – 4.5.25: £66,073.58 includes £41,295 1<sup>st</sup> precept  
 of 2026 & CC insurance reimbursement from 2025.  
 Out = £6171.51 In = £42,840.33, To Pay = £2457.31  
 Payments completed or for Approval:

    - Wages: Clerk £1750.37, Caretaker/Handyman £632.50 – Paid (these amounts include any overtime owed)
    - Cleaning company - £360 Paid (final bill)
    - NCC invoice: Tree Lights - £904.80 paid
    - Spotty Dog Signs -£168 paid
    - M Tulley final invoice - £130 paid
    - Foresters Grass Cutting - £424 paid
    - Grange Garage Invoice – Muga Lighting - £1168 paid
    - 2024/2025 AGAR bill – Forvis Mazzars - £474 paid
    - Drain King – comm centre drain clear-out - £150 paid
    - Bank Charges - £6.04 – paid
    - Colourdec – Bus shelter upkeep - £1025 to pay
    - Standard Security call outs March/April - £201 – to pay
    - NCC Rubbish Collection - £716.10 – to pay
    - NALC subscription - £515.21 – to pay
  12. Any Other Business:
    - CCTV further quote gained including internal cameras and sound – fully monitored by WSSPC.
    - Police Engagement Next Session – 16<sup>th</sup> May 1pm.
    - Morpeth Bathrooms update. No contact at all – Company gone in to liquidation – further discussion needed if starting with legal proceedings.
    - Citron/PHS Group – waiting on date for install of hand dryers
    - Asset Register. Still working on this.
    - Flag – 2x quotes received to discuss which to move forward with.
    - Awaiting prices for 25 ft Christmas tree including delivery and installation.
    - Caretaker/Cleaner/Handyman Contract update – to be signed off.
    - Facia repair on the junction chased with George F White estate agents – awaiting date for work being completed.
    - Village Planters update – empty and refill ready for the summer.
    - Electric work @ Muga to be checked and certified by registered electrician.
    - Infinis Sisters Windfarm Fund Update: Cllr JJ.
    - Citizens Advice request for donation\*
    - PC Lock up – keys to stay with handyman and tools within the lockup to get full servicing moving forward.

13. Next Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> June 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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