

**WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE HALL OF THE
WIDDRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 10th March 2025
COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.**

In attendance were Councillors Mrs M Willoughby (Chair), S Horton. W Childs, T Jerdan
Parish Clerk

1. To receive apologies for absence none

Cllr K Batson.

Cllr M Willoughby – Confirms that she will NOT be standing in the next election and has presented her resignation to

The Parish Clerk in writing effective from 30th April 2025

2.To receive declarations of interest

Cllr T Jerdan declared a non-pecuniary interest in regard to any matters relating to the Guides/Brownies.

Cllr W Childs – Widdy Welcomes

3. Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting for approval and adoption

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

4. Matters Arising on the minutes – Questions from the Public

Cuppa with a Copper - arranged for 22/3/2025 – Update to follow
Gleeson – Public No feedback has been received to date from the New Build Ombudsman in relation to the issues of concern raised about the housing standards of Gleeson Homes in Widdrington.

Highways/Footpath concerns were also challenged and this has not been resolved to date by Gleeson or Highways at NCC as the adoption cannot be transferred to NCC until Gleeson have completed.

There has been no response from the Police & Crime Commissioners office in relation to the open letter to date

Car Park – Gleeson have now completed the transfer of the car park to Widdrington Community Centre as part of the S106 agreement

EV Charging Point – There has been no update or response about the siting

of the charging point at the Centre

Further enquiries are to be made to establish the situation

Resilience Centre – Widdy Welcomes have applied for their venue to be the medical Hub but it was the understanding that only one venue would cover all aspects of a coordinated event - resilience centre when attended by Cllr Willoughby. This was believed to have been agreed as the Community Centre. To be confirmed.....

Police Patrols – Questions were raised about the fire in the Gables/Sanderson Terrace and what the situation was at this time. MW – There is no significant update from Northumbria Police, other than regular police patrols in the area

Solar Panel – Applications details have been received from NCEL in relation to applying for funding for replacement

Panels for the Community Centre. This is to be forwarded for application by the new Parish Councillors in May 2025

5. Reports from Outside Bodies

Parish Council Election – 1 May 2025

Elections Officer – Northumberland County Council - Parish Clerk is to publish the information for the Parish Elections on the website and Notice Board in due course.

All applications will then be presented to the Returning Officer at County Hall before the 4th April 2025

Applications available from receipt – 20/3/2025 – 2/4/2025. Closed at 4pm 3/4/2025

Closure of Nominations

Candidate seats available – 8. To include Widdrington Station (West - 3) Widdrington Station (East - 3)

Stobswood (1)

If more than 7 candidates, then seats – Election required – Less – then quorum received – co-opt.

6 Planning Applications

Planning Ref – Elder Cottage Mile Road – single storey extension – comments – No concerns

7 Finance

Parish Clerk's financial statement – monthly update – Bank of Ireland
Account Balance as at **31 March 2025**
£95,330.07

**Receipt of Community Chest grant payment – 21/3/2025 = £20,000.00 –
(Ringfenced for Stobswood
Play Park)**

**Ringfenced monies – S106 Agreement – Refurbishment of Community
Centre - £70,000.00**
**Expenditure to date - £35,000.00 – Toilets in Community Centre. Gents,
ladies and disabled refurbished
(all receipted)**

Reconciled balance (including ringfenced monies) = 89,989.34

Cheques not yet presented

**02695 – HMRC (Paye/NIC) = £772.45
include holidays 2024/25) £1,766.31**
**02697 – wage = £334.90
£244.80**
**02699 – Wage £765.38
£1,456.89**

02696 – Wage (to
02698 – Wage =
26700 – Wage =

Receipt – Clothes Bank - £20.50

ii) Payments Approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council since the last meeting

The Meeting Ended at 8.00 pm

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