WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillors,

A meeting has been arranged to commence at 6.00 pm on Monday 12th of October 2026 taking place at the Widdrington Community Centre to take in to consideration and determine upon the following agenda:

PARISHIONERS INPUT:

To receive questions from parishioners present (limited to 2 minutes each) 20 minutes in total.

	AGENDA ITEMS
1.	**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2.	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3.	**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** 1. The minutes from the meeting of Monday 14th of September 2026 were approved as a true record.
4.	**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** 1. EV chargers on Karbon Homes car park/community centre car park – contacted Karbon with reference to these to see who these belong to, where the electricity is coming from and where the money for the use of these go to if any gained. Awaiting answer. 2. BT - still in the process of moving over to broadband with BT – update to follow. 3. Window on bus stop – awaiting estimates 4. Seat to be added to the Fernybeds bus stop 5. Signage for comm centre on side of centre – estimates requested – require standardised font etc to be discussed. 6. Grit Bins around Maple estate to be discussed. Awaiting update from County Councilors. 7. Crockery, glassware and cutlery update – All Completed. 8. Village restoration project discussion update. 9. Seat requested by parishioner at the bus stop next to Fernybeds on Mile Road. Further review required. 10. Advertising for community centre required – Discuss sign to be moved/ updated/new adverts created to go on social media. Prices still required –

	awaiting quotes. 11. Sign added for the community centre on Grangemoor Road – highways contacted. Refused. No further action – To be removed. 12. Discuss stone bus stop removal next to railway line – safety concerns/ vandalism. Discussion required as unsure of the feasibility and cost vs gain on this project. 13. New Planters in village. This is to be moved to spring 2027 agenda. 14. Gain estimates to repaint the play equipment. Costings of paint gained – Handyman able to complete. Advise if this should be done following the winter. 15. Website update – To include live booking page including paperwork completion and payment options for the community centre bookings. In progress. 16. Solar Powered speed signs not working – discussion with county councillors taken place – update to follow.
5.	**AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS:** • N/A
6.	**STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:** 1. Christmas Lights – Awaiting Funding confirmation before moving forward. Updated plan of location and Stobswood Plan. Suggestion of lights on the community centre also. 2. Facebook – Currently at 426 members. 3. Date for Diary – Fireworks – 1st November 2026 @ 7pm – Fully paid – letters to local residents with animals created & to be hand delivered – Cllr TW & Cllr JJ to facilitate following meeting. 4. Christmas Tree 2026 – paid – delivered approx 30th November 2026. NCC installing lights and turning on 1st December 2026. 5. Staff Training – Safeguarding Adults and Children for Cllr T Jerdan to comple. Ride on mower course still waiting on date – update to follow. Chainsaw and Cross Cutting arranged for Phil - 27/28th October with assessment on 30th. Bonnie completed volunteers and the law training. Data protection training to be queried if required by clerk. 6. Elderberries Christmas Dinner 12th December 2026. Entertainment booked – Mark Dawson awaiting bank details for payment to be made. 7. CCTV upgrade – 4x outside cameras, 1x inside camera, 4x park cameras. Underway started w/b 7/9/26 – Now completed - CCTV governance policy to be created with regards to new CCTV cameras being installed and parish council taking over monitoring. Standard Security to be taking over monitoring in the meantime due to this governance not yet being in place by WSSPC. 8. Flooring in the community centre. This will be getting completed on 13th November 2026. All groups informed – no use of the hall over this weekend so this can have time to set. 9. Play Park repair – Awaiting update from Cllr Longstaff regarding repair. 10. Police Engagement Next Session is on 28th October 2026 @ 6pm @ Comm Centre. 11. Flags – Union Jack, St Georges & Northumberland Flags received ready for installation in spring 2027. 12. Community Centre Structural Concerns. Work to be started on 12th of October will last approximately 1 week. 13. Date for Diary – Remembrance Day Service 8th November. Wreaths purchased through Ulgham Church. To be collected following delivery. 14. New mileage expenses policy currently being updated and to be confirmed

(this includes expenses for petrol for tools).

15. In-post locker update – confirmed to be installed – Will be installed following the repair of the community centre wall.
16. Bin update – awaiting confirmation we can change the bins from NCC.

7. ACTIONS:

1. To determine what are the standing agenda items and what are classed as any other business moving forward.

8. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES:

1. Police Report – received 4/10/26 forwarded to PC on 5/10/26

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Light in the park still not working – reported by parishioner in June & to be reviewed and repaired – this is the PC's. Due to its location and the trees planted by members of the PC around this light it can not be fixed without the use of a cherry picker. Further discussion required.
2. Received a request for a meeting with the chair/vice chair from a member of the Longhirst 13/37 group who are concerned with speeding traffic on this road. Chair/Vice chair agreed that this would be a good idea and awaiting date for this to take place then to bring this discussion to the whole council thereafter.
3. Northumberland Landscape Character Assessment Update – Invitation to Contribute – shared email on 5/10/26 with all councillors
4. Request for Dog Foul bins to be placed on the path alongside the railway lines. Sending this enquiry to county councillors – awaiting response.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

	APPLICATION NUMBER / ADDRESS	PLANNING INFORMATION	RESULT
1.	26/02401/FUL – Amerdale, Mile Road, Widdrington Station Northumberland, NE61 5QW	Retrospective replacement of detached wooden garage with a breeze block/rendered construction	GRANTED

11. FINANCIAL:

1. Balance of Community Centre Account: £12,166.24 (Account now closed – discussion to be completed due to cheque sent is in CC name not PC name)
2. Balance of WSSPC Account: £92,141.72
3. Total In: £44,224.69
4. Total Out: £11,700.55
5. Future Payments: £1008 Foresters (Grass cutting - August/September)

DATE	NAME	DEBIT	CREDIT
8.9.26	HUGO FOX – EMAIL	2.99	
10.9.26	PRECEPT 2		41,295
11.9.26	GUSTHARTS - TOOLS/CLOTHING	2685.60	
15.9.26	ELECTRICIAN CC	240.00	
16.9.26	UK FIREWORKS – BALANCE	1809.50	
16.9.26	ULGHAM CHURCH – WREATHS	46.00	
16.9.26	CHAPLAINS PANTO - BALANCE	914.40	
21.9.26	NVCO TRAIN - LAW/VOLUNTEERS	90.00	

	21.9.26	AMAZON – SIGNS/STATIONARY	67.18	
	21.9.26	BUZZ CATERING – CC CROCKERY	1273.08	
	21.9.26	NISBETTS – CC CUTTLERY ETC	245.45	
	22.9.26	BRITISH GAS – ELECTRICITY	67.24	
	23.9.26	BRITISH GAS – GAS	198.18	
	25.9.26	WEBSITE FEE – 1 YEAR	143.86	
	28.9.26	SECURE IT – FINAL PAYMENT	141.32	
	28.9.26	ASSET WATCH – FINAL PAYMENT	545.60	
	28.9.26	CLERK PAY	1553.89	
	28.9.26	CARETAKER/CLEANER PAY	1149.00	
	28.9.26	LOCKS/CLEANING SUPPLIES	42.10	
	29.9.26	CC DEPOSIT – PRIVATE EVENT		40.00
	29.9.26	CC DEPOSIT – PRIVATE EVENT		20.00
	30.9.26	CC DEPOSIT – PRIVATE EVENT		10.00
	30.9.26	CC DEPOSIT – PRIVATE EVENT		30.00
	2.10.26	CC GROUP HIRE + PRIVATE EVENT		430.00
	3.10.26	SOLAR PANELS PAYMENT		2399.69
	3.10.26	CC GROUP HIRE		30.00
	3.10.26	FLAGMAKERS 3X FLAGS	485.16	

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. DBS – Phil & Bonnie – both Comm Centre openers & First Aiders.
2. Next meeting to discuss Budget for 27/28.
3. Net around solar panels – Quoted £300 by Drain Kings.
4. Charity Donation bin at the community centre broken in to. Company contacted awaiting new lock.
5. SLCC/Clerk hourly pay rise – Raised by £0.55 per hour. To be backdated to April 1st 2026.
6. Thanks to Phil for updating the Notice Board at the Coop.
7. Light in small meeting room @ Comm Centre to be fixed – price being sourced.

13 **NEXT MEETING:**

- The next meeting for Widdrington Station and Stobswood Parish Council will take place on Monday 10th of November 2026.

Meeting closed at: