

**WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

ON MONDAY 10th February 2025 COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.

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

S Sainthouse (Parish Clerk).
6 Members of Public

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr K Batson

2. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Jerdan declared a non-pecuniary interest in regard to any matters relating to the Scouts
Cllr Childs – Widdy Welcomes

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

GLEESON HOMES

There were a number of complaints outlined to the Parish Council from residents of Gleeson Homes during the meeting. Many of the complaints were in relation to the failings of the builder to repair problems with individual properties on the estate. Some of which were deemed a Health & Safety issue due to the fault that had been found.

It was made clear that the Gleeson Homes did not appear to listen to the complaints made to them and repairs had not been carried out at most of the homes. The residents had, had a meeting with the builder but this had been unsatisfactory. **MW** – Advises that she had made inquiries and that the best way forward for the residents was to contact the NEW HOMES OMBUDSMAN.

The Parish Council would not be able to help legally, however they would offer any help and assistance that they are able to, in support of the residents of Gleeson Homes.

Adoption of Road – **PC** explains that it is not the Parish Council, who adopts the roads/footpaths. It would be **NCC** who would be responsible for adopting the roads /footpaths in Gleeson estate.

PC Advises that residents contact **NCC** and ask to speak to “Road adoption” who deal with this area.

Recent events in The Gables - Resident of the Gables asked what could be done about the recent events. Deliberate car fire, assault and ongoing anti-social behaviour in the area.

MW – Advises that she has written an “Open letter” to the Crime Commissioner and Northumbria Police informing them of the ongoing issues danger to life from recent events.

Requirements through

4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting

Proposed Cllr S Horton Seconded Cllr T Jerdan

5. Matters arising on the Minutes

Tree in Play Park Stobswood – This tree has been cut down and removed after it fell.

There is a meeting for the play park equipment and refurbishment with Playdale at 11am 24/2/2025.

Grant application is still ongoing and waiting completion.

Solar Panels – These are not lithium battery supplied. We receive a payment from them when in working order.

Replacement and refurbishment is to be reviewed.

6. Reports from Outside Bodies.

Car Park Gleeson- **MW** – The car park has now been formally adopted by the Community Centre and is for the use of

Service users

7. Correspondence Received

MW- Community Centre is now registered as a base for a **Strategic Emergency Response**

In the event of anything happening, civil contingency will access the centre with all equipment required for Residents, emergency workers as a base to coordinate plans

8. Planning Applications

None

12. Website Cllr Carrier. Up to date

13 Finance

- Parish Clerk's financial statement – monthly update – Bank of Ireland Account 28/2/2025
- £79,211.57 – Reconciled balance - £76,299.20

Cheques

NCC Lighting (Xmas) – 2689 - £762.00

Wage – 2691 - £906.13

Wage – 26293 - £419.62

HMRC – 2690 - £317.12

Wage – 2692 - £313.28

Wage – 2694 - £948.60

Credit – Clothing Bank - £47.25

14. 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.

15. To be held in closed session

Councillors resolved that member of the public and press are excluded from the remainder of the meeting which is

to be held in closed session due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed: -

- **Adoption of Auditor** – Discussed that due to the retirement of Mr Booth. Parish Internal Auditor. Mrs M Tully would
Now oversee the Parish Council Internal Audit as from April 2023.
This was proposed by Cllr M Willoughby and seconded by Cllr K Batson. Agreed Cllr A Carrier. **Carried**
- **Seasonal Contract** – R Ainsworth is now to be given a seasonal contract commencing April 2023 – November 2023

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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

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