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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT

WIDDRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON MONDAY 14TH OF SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESENT	Cllr Trudy Jerdan (Chair)	Cllr Wendy Childs (Vice)	Cllr Tina Wills-Porter
	Cllr Jacek Juszczak	Cllr Richard Longstaff	
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE	3 MOP	Phil Lee - Caretaker/Handyman	

PUBLIC QUESTIONS / SPEAKING

To receive questions from parishioners' present (limited to 2 minutes each) 20 minutes – the following items were mentioned within the meeting and will be followed up on if required:

- Thanks given for the seat installation at the old factory.
- CCTV enquiry – this is discussed later in the meeting
- Perspex replacement query in the bus stop. This will be costed and brought to the next meeting for authorisation.
- Seat at the Fernybeds bus stop to be discussed. This will be reviewed following the meeting, costed and brought to October meeting.
- Leak remains at the old miners cottages in Stobswood – clerk to contact County Cllr Dungait with regards to this as this has been a historic issue. Fix My Street will be contacted with regards to this also to see if this can be repaired this way.
- Stobswood Signs replacement – this has been reported and is awaiting update.

AGENDA ITEMS

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: • County Cllr Ed Dungait • Cllr Sandra Bexfield • Cllr Jacqui Bexfield
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: • Elderberries
3.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: • The minutes from the meeting of 10th of August 2026 were approved as a true

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	record. • Agreed and signed.
4.	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: • N/A
5.	AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS: • Standing orders updated to include £400+ spend requiring estimates and approvals prior to purchase. Now completed. • To be removed from agenda.
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. Agreed to move forward with NCC for the electric boxes on suggested lamp posts inc Stobswood tree wrap. To be completed in preparation for the funding being approved. TJ proposed, RL seconded, all in favour. • Facebook – Currently at 397 members. • Date for Diary – Fireworks – 1st November 2026 @ 5pm – deposit paid awaiting risk assessments from company. Risk assessments received from company. Agreed clerk to create letter for residents with animals surrounding the venue to be hand delivered explaining the plan to give prior notice. • Christmas Tree 2026 – Ordered from Northumberland Christmas Trees will be delivered around 30th November 2026. NCC date of 1st December 2026 agreed to add lights and switch on. • Staff Training – Safeguarding Adults and Children - Cllr T Jerdan as the safeguarding lead to complete prior to the October meeting. Ride on mower course Cllr T Jerdan to arrange with workplace and invoice PC. Date to follow. Training information to be sourced and discussed at next meeting for the CCTV monitoring. TJ proposed, TW seconded, all in favour. • Elderberries Christmas Dinner. Entertainment booked – Contact details to be gained for clerk to arrange payment. • Replacement Speed Sign for Grangemoor Road. Contact C Cllr Dungait to arrange. C Cllr Dungait to pay half, PC to pay half to replace. TW proposed, WC seconded, all in favour. • 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. To be removed. • CCTV upgrade – Due to unexpected issues Asset watch/Secure IT will no longer be providing services for this and cameras have been removed from the park by Asset Watch themselves due to these belonging to their company. PC have agreed to purchase new cameras which will belong to the PC and to have alternative company providing monitoring service until PC is trained to do so. • Flooring in the community centre. New quotes received – agreed in meeting to move forward with this – date to be determined. Update to be given in next meeting. WC proposed, JJ seconded, all in favour. • Play Park repair – Contacted Playdale – parts received and given to Cllr Longstaff to complete the work prior to the next meeting.

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	- Police Engagement Next Session was on 5th September 2026 – new dates to be sourced for the remainder of the year. Update to follow. - Flags – Union Jack, St Georges & Northumberland Flags agreed on rather than the Widdrington Arms flag due to layout issues once on the pole. New price agreed and to order. TJ proposed, TW seconded, all in favour. These will be installed in the park in spring 2027. - Community Centre Structural Concerns. Estimates gained – underpinning required. Estimate agreed – work will take place mid October. - Date for Diary – Remembrance Day Service 8th November. Wreaths to be purchased – WC proposed, TJ seconded, all in favour. Discussion with Ulgham church who has purchased and WSSPC have repaid. Collection date to follow. - Hedge Trimmer and Chainsaw update – tools purchased. - New expenses policy reviewed and to be confirmed. TJ to complete and then sent to all cllrs for review to be signed off in Octobers meeting. - Bin update from previous meeting – awaiting confirmation we can change the bins from NCC. Required due to moving from single bins to double. Update to follow.		
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: Light in park still not working – location gained caretaker will review for repair.		
10.	PLANNING APPLICATIONS:		
	APPLICATION NUMBER / ADDRESS	PLANNING INFORMATION	RESULT
	26/03010/FUL 79 East Acres, Widdrington Station, Northumberland, NE61 5NT.	Change of use of existing outbuilding on site to commercial gym and creation of pedestrian access. Location closing date 18.9.26.	No objections.
	26/02052/OUT Land South Of 2 Chibburn Court, Mile Road, Widdrington Station Northumberland.	outline permission (all matters reserved) for proposed 1 No. detached self-build residential bungalow property, with proposed access driveway onto C118 highway -	Decision = Refused. N/A
	26/01892/PRUTPO 5 Lambert Terrace, Widdrington Station, Northumberland, NE61 5RE.	Tree Preservation Order Application: Lime tree - Crown lift to 4m above the ground level. Status.	Awaiting decision from permits. N/A
	26/02401/FUL	Replacing detached wooden	No

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	Amerdale, Mile Road, Widdrington Station, Northumberland, NE61 5QW.	garage with a breeze block/rendered construction.	objections.
11.	FINANCIAL: - Widdrington Community Centre Account Balance as of 7th of September 2026 = £12,166.64 - WSPCC Current Account Balance as of 7th of September 2026 = £59,584.57. - Out = £4416.77 - In = £26,406.18 – VAT Return, - To Pay = £240 electrician for community centre light. - All payments authorised for payments.		
12.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS: - Grit Bins around Maple estate to be discussed. Clerk to discuss further with County Cllr Dungait to see if space to share payment. - Village restoration project discussion. Full discussion on what the restoration project looks like for the future, including – Replacement of signs on the side of the Co-op building both sides, repainting of old village sign at the top of mile road, sandblasting of stones at the entrance of the park and within the park, removal of steps at the clock in the park, repainting of the park equipment, continuation of the work done by the handyman etc. Plan to be completed and shared. - Seat requested by parishioner at the bus stop next to Fernybeds on Mile Road. This will be reviewed prior to the next meeting inc size and positioning. - Light in the park still not working – reported by parishioner in June – to be reviewed and repaired, this is the Parish Councils, Cllr R Longstaff to review then electrician will be needing called out for repair. WC proposed, JJ seconded, all in favour. - In-post locker update – requested this to be installed at the beginning of November following the repair of the community centre wall. - Advertising for community centre required – Discuss sign to be moved/ updated/new adverts created to go on social media. Clerk to get a price for new sign for the next meeting. - Sign added for the community centre on Grangemoor Road – highways contacted. Still awaiting contact. - Discuss stone bus stop removal next to railway line – safety concerns/ vandalism. This would have to be a joint venture with Railway and NCC as this is too close to the lines so will need full permission and review prior to starting removal. Need to discuss at next meeting further to see if this is worth the cost. - New Planters in village. Planters to be reviewed for next year to be placed near Stobswood entrance to match the one already there. - Gain estimates to repaint the play equipment. To purchase paint to do this internally – Caretaker/handyman to complete following the meeting – discussed that painting with brush would work the best – Clerk to purchase paint – use similar colour to other equipment in the park – RL proposed, JJ seconded, all in favour. - Website update – Discussion around including live booking page including paperwork completion and payment options for the community centre		

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	bookings. TJ proposed, WC seconded, all in favour. • Update totals of crockery/glass wear etc at the community centre to make all up to standard levels. This was agreed to be completed following the meeting – WC proposed, TJ seconded, all in favour. • Discussion around the overnight parking in either the community centre car park or the car park at the rear of the building (next to Karbon Homes build), it has been agreed that a sign be put up in both car parks to state no parking for more than 48 hours at one time and this is also to be shown on the website and Facebook. Enforcement options to be discussed further in the October 2026 meeting. TJ proposed, WC seconded, all in favour. • Donations for the raffle at the Elderberries Christmas Dinner requested. These can be brought to the meeting in October / November or can be dropped off at Widdy Welcomes on Wednesday or Thursday 8am-12pm. • All bus timetables and their housing have been replaced following them being vandalised. Cllr W Childs has completed this task.
13	NEXT MEETING: • The next meeting for Widdrington Station and Stobswood Parish Council will take place on Monday 12th of October 2026 @ 6pm at Widdrington Community Centre.

Meeting closed at:

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