

WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE HALL OF THE WIDDRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 14th November 2022 COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.

In attendance were Councillors Mrs M Willoughby (Chair), K Batson, A Carrier, Parish Clerk

1. To receive apologies for absence none

2. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Batson declared a non-pecuniary interest in regard to any matters relating to the Stobswood Welfare.

3 Minutes of monthly meeting held on the 14 November 2022 for approval and adoption

Cllr Carrier proposed to approve and adopt the minutes. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Batson and carried.

4. Matters Arising on the minutes

Maintenance of Play Parks/grassed areas – PC recorded a complaint from residents about the state of the Play Parks and The grassed areas in Maple Crescent and surrounding estate. This being the responsibility of Harewood Green Investments It was decided that an email of complaint would be sent to Environmental Health at County Hall and to include Cllr Scott Dickinson to ask for assistance.

Disorder COOP car park - PC outlined ongoing anti-social behaviour and damage to area by local youths in the rear of the COOP Car park in Widdrington. Police attendance and a report received from Asset Watch about an incident recorded in The Peoples Park. It was decided that a letter would be drafted to the lease company of the COOP asking it they would consider providing CCTV coverage of the car park at the rear of the COOP building as this is not currently covered by CCTV An email was also forwarded to Asset Watch asking if CCTV could be provided in the current agreement.

Allotments Stobswood The current lease was discussed for the Allotments Association in Stobswood by the Parish Councillors. The current yearly lease charge of £500 was discussed and what other local allotment association plot Holders are being charged to lease a plot. No increase in Annual fees has been introduced by the Parish for sometime Due to the current situation for Parish Councils and the demands on the Parish, all areas have had to have a looked at Closely and it was deemed necessary to increase the Annual fee to £1000 from 2023

Party in the Park 2023 – Arrangements for next years Party in the Park were discussed in the meeting and it was agreed That the entertainment would be booked to secure the date in June 2023

Remembrance Day Services – Future Remembrance Day services were discussed at the meeting and it was agreed that From 2023 the Parish Council would have their own Remembrance Day service at the Memorial Garden in Widdrington

8. Reports from Outside Bodies

Ms R Hudspith – Complaint about noise from Fireworks affecting her dog. This was discussed after a letter was received And it was agreed that consideration for silent fireworks would be considered. Price permitting

9. Planning Applications

Agricultural Forestry Access – Land West of Fir Trees Nursery – No objections as gateway is already in place at point

10. Parish Council events - Fireworks Display 2022 – Event was a success again this year and £133.33 was received from A collection at the event.

11. Website

Cllr Carrier reported on the website and how the information showed a continued viewing of the website From all areas. 3% increase website – 94% visitors – 31% Parish site - Google

12. Finance

i) Parish Clerk's financial statement – monthly update – Bank of Ireland Account Balance as at **25 October 2022** **£122,121.71 (Less £70,000 ringfenced for CC Refurbishment) = £52,121.71** reconciled with Bank Account statement for October 2022 (less £70,000) = **£44,705.87**

ii) Payments Approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council in accordance with the Covid 19 restrictions arrangements were issued to the Councillors with the meeting Agenda.

The Meeting Ended at 8.00 pm



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