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WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON Wednesday 19th October 2022 COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.

In attendance were Councillors Mrs S Willoughby (Chair), K Batson, A Carrier

S Sainthouse (Parish Clerk).
Members of the Public - 0

1. To receive apologies for absence
None

2 To receive declarations of Interest
Cllr K Batson declared a non-pecuniary interest in regard to any matters relating to the Stobswood Welfare

3.To received questions and comments from members of the public (time limited to 20 minutes)
None

4. Minutes of Parish Meeting held 19th October 2022
Cllr Kevin Batson proposed to approve and adopt minutes. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Aaron Carrier

5. Matter arising from Minutes
Equipment for Community Centre – Buffer and hoover. Agreed that the hoover would be replaced with a Suitable hoover and a buffer would be leased from Nisbitt – Newcastle
Cllr Willoughby proposed that she would contact Nisbitts and update at next meeting.

Overdue payment – Hire – Gibson – Agreed that this was to be approached again by a letter to Mr Gibson and An update will be given at the next meeting.

DBS Checks – Discussed that the appropriate DBS check applications would be submitted by PC
Food Hygiene certificate - Cllr K Batson proposed that he would deal with this area

Play areas/grassed areas – Correspondence received from resident that the play areas and grassed areas in Widdrington are overgrown and the play areas require repair in places. This belongs to Harewood Green Investments. Agreed that PC would send a letter would be sent to Mr Ellis. Agent of Harewood Green

S106 – Compensation – The failings of the Planning department over the S106 agreement. It was agreed that a Letter would be formulated and sent to County Hall to request a meeting to discuss compensation

6 Reports from outside Bodies

CCTV – Incident Report An incident was report was received from AWI – Youths in Play park setting fires. Patrol of area by AWI. Monitored burning and youths dispersed.

7 – Correspondence Received

Great North Ambulance – Fund raising and donation. Agreed that a donation of £100 would be gifted to NEAA
Proposed Cllr Willoughby
Application for Public Footpath – Woodland – Stobswood – Agreed that an application form would be submitted On behalf or Parish Council and residents to request a public right of way through the woodland. PC to deal.
Xmas Tree – Tree to be delivered and erected 25/11/2022.
Quote to be requested to dress tree from NCC – PC to organise.

8 Planning Applications

Objection A second Junction was proposed at the Nursery in Widdrington

No Objection Old Ferneybeds Estate – Former Commercial garage – Demolition

9 Allotments – PC The annual yearly rental was addressed for the allotments. It is currently £500 pr year
Agreed that the yearly rental would be £1000 from 2023. This is in keeping with other Parish
Council allotment fees per allocated allotment plot.

10 Parish Council Events - Fireworks – November 5th 2022 – 6.30pm – Stobswood Welfare. Cllr K Batson to run
The event

Elderberries 2023 - Discussed and date to this year 17th December 2022. Poster to be organised by
Cllr Batson.

Warm Space - Each Thursday commencing 03/11/22 – A meal would be provided at the Community Centre
Between 12.30pm – 4pm at £1.50 for Soup, Roll tea & coffee.

Table Top Swap – Event to be run at the Community Centre for residents to have a table to bring unwanted
Items to swap – Details to be advertised in local forum.

New Year Celebrations - New Year 2023 festivities were discussed and it was agreed that No New year event
Is to be arranged this year due to the cost-of-living crisis.

Party in the Park 2023 – Discussed – Agreed that this would be arranged for 17th June 2023. To be confirmed.

11 Website – Ongoing

12 Finance – Parish Clerk financial statement-monthly update-Bank of Ireland as of **25.10.2022** = £122,121.71
Less cheques **NOT** yet presented **25/10/2022** = **Reconciled** =112,955.9

EXCLUDING £70,000 FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE REFURBISHMENT – RING FENCED

ACTUAL RECONCILED BALANCE AFTER CHEQUES = ~~£12,955.9~~

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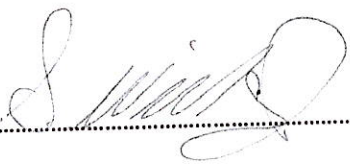
Payments to be approved by Cllr M Willoughby and seconded by Cllr K Batson

13 . 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.

Parish Councillor advertisement – No interest in position. Further advertisement to be made to
Attract candidates

The Meeting ended at 7.45pm



Signed 

Date 14/11/22