

WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 16TH July, 2018 COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.

In attendance were Councillors Mrs S Willoughby (Chair), K Batson, D Baron,

R A Smith (Parish Clerk).
Police Constable Paul Dent
2 Members of Public

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Gareth Tate

2.To receive declarations of interest

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

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

P C Dent reported that the period since the last meeting had been relatively quiet, however recently there had been some crimes of theft of a Motor Cycle involving a white van in a Private Drive. There have also been some cable thefts at Road Works in the area. Reports of thefts at the property Avala Park which has been sold and the new owner has proposed to demolish it. Gangs of youth have been gathering at the Community Park which has caused some skirmishes resulting in anti-social-behaviour, the Gables Estate some Green Houses have been damaged. The Junction Inn has a new Tenant and has confirmed that he will conform with the Licensing Regulations. He is looking to open for the benefit of the Community with a view to become the Community Based Centre.

Cllr Mrs Willoughby thanked P C Dent for his attendance he then left the meeting.

Member of the Public thanked the Parish Council for providing the Planters which had enhanced the entrance roads to the village. No objection would be raised for individuals to provide planters in Housing Estates provided they were positioned away from the road and were not an obstruction. Cllr Mrs Willoughby raised the possibility of planting troughs being made available from HM Prison Northumberland.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th June, 2018 for approval and adoption

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

5. Matters arising on the Minutes

none

6. Reports from Outside Bodies.

Reference was made to the meeting held on the 25.06.18 with Officers from Northumberland County Council in regard to arrangements to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the award of the Victoria Cross to James Johnson on the 14th October, 2018. Details of the formation of a Memorial Garden in the railed area in front of the Co-op Building on Grangemoor Road were considered. The rails are to be painted and costs were being obtained together with the formation of the Garden. It may be possible that the Northumberland County Council may partly fund the project as they are responsible for maintaining the area..

7. Correspondence Received none

8. Planning Applications

a) Planning Appl 18/01923/FUL – Proposed Erection of Single two Storey four-bedroomed detached house on land North of Alma House Stobswood. Applicant Christine Holland. It was Agreed to recommend Approval however the Council are of the opinion that the entrance needs to be widened to allow for improved visibility. As it will be a shared access there is currently only one car width and the proposal will add to the danger at the point of access.

provide 11 Bungalows on the parcel of land. When received the Council will be requesting the Northumberland County Council for a reduced scheme.

9. Arrangements for dealing with payments and parish matters during the August recess.

Cllr Mrs Willoughby proposed that payments that are normally approved at the monthly Parish Council meeting are approved for payment and arrangements made for cheques to be issued and signed by two of the mandated Councillors. Other Expenditure shall be notified to all Councillors for approval. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Batson and carried.

**10. Parish Council Event – Village Gala held at the Community Park on Saturday 16th June, 2018
Financial Statement**

The Clerk provided the Financial Statement confirming the Expenditure for the event was £397.92 which included the cost of the Steel Band, Hire of Toilets and purchase of Raffle Prizes. The Raffle raised £75.00 to be donated to Hospice Care Northumberland together with a donation from the Widdrington Methodist Church.

11. Finance

i) Parish Clerk's financial statement – monthly update – Bank of Ireland Account as at 30.06.2018 - £54,497.69 reconciled with Bank Account monthly Statement for June, 2018
Receipts – Bank Account Monthly Interest £4.86.
Stobswood Allotment Association £525.00 Annual Rent.

ii) Payments to be Approved: -

Parish Clerk's June Salary £703.36 (5 weeks)
Parish Clerk's June Expenses £24.13 (Working from Home Allowance £10.00, Home Internet and Telephone £8.00, Postage £6.13)
A Henderson Parish Handy Person, June Invoice £257.00 (includes £59.00 for additional work and materials)
K Arries Parish Grounds Maintenance Worker June Payment £478.00
Fish Electrical Services Ltd £4,681.44 Investigations and Canopy Hoist Repairs
Section 137 Grant £500.00 Widdrington Santa Group
Playsafety Limited £176.40 Annual Inspection Community Park Play Areas
HMRC £457.18 Quarterly Payment of PAYE & NIC Q/E April, May & June, 2018
Hospice Care Northumberland £100.00 donation from Raffle held at Village Gala
Event Support Services £200.00 Toilet Hire for Village Gala
Greenlay £50.39 Supply of Deflector & Blade, Safety Glasses re Grass Cutting at Community Park
Fir Tree Nursery £59.88 Supply of 12 Bags of Compost for Village Planters.

CLlr Mrs Willoughby proposed approval of the payments; the proposal was seconded by CLlr Batson and carried.

iii) Quarterly Statement 2018/19 – Budget against Expenditure as at 30.06.18

The Clerk presented a report showing the Council's expenditure for the period 01.04 to 30.06.2018. The total budget for the year was £53,740 and £16,207 had been spent. The report would be published on the Parish Council Website and Notice Boards to conform with the Government's requirement for information to be made available to the community.

12. 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.

13. To be held in closed session

**Councillors resolved that members 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:-
Report and Invoices in regard to repairs to canopy hoist lifting equipment
Report on CCTV at the Community Park**

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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

