

WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 9th March, 2020 COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.

In attendance were Councillors Mrs M Willoughby (Chair), K Batson, A Carrier, G Tate.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr D Baron

Richard Smith Parish Clerk was unable to attend as he had been admitted to Cramlington Hospital the night before.

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)

None

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4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th February, 2020 for approval and adoption.

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

5. Matters Arising on the Minutes

none

6. Reports from Outside Bodies

none

7. Correspondance Received

- a) Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering Letter received detailing event to be held 18th to 20th April, 2020 the 53rd (subsequently cancelled re Government Covid 19 Lock down restrictions)
- b) The Salvation Army Fundraising Department Letter of thanks for £100.00 donation circulated.

8. Planning Applications

- a) Ref 20/00395/FUL – Change of use from former garden nursery to 2 detached residential houses and associated access road at Fir Tree Nursery, Widdrington Station, NE61 5DW Applicant Clive Milner.
It was stated that when the planning application for the Nursery was considered by the Planning Authority the decision to allow the Nursery included a condition that no permanent dwellings are to be developed on the land currently referred to as the former garden nursery. The plantation was originally designed as a buffer between the village and the Opencast coal workings. This decision was taken because the area is outside the boundary of development as defined by the NCC Planning Authority. Indeed, a recent Planning Application adjacent to Grange Court, Widdrington Station was refused by the Planning Authority on the basis that the application was outside the area defined for housing development in the Parish.
- b) Ref 20/00399/FELTPO Tree Preservation order application for T4 Pine fell at Balquhidder, Mile Road, Widdrington Station, NE61 5QP Applicant The Riverside Group Ltd.
No objection to the application was raised therefore the Council recommended approval.

9. Site visit at the Community Park in regard to the provision of fitness and disabled access equipment

Cllr Mrs Willoughby confirmed that she had attended a meeting with Max Walker Sales Manager for Wickstead Playgrounds earlier in the day. It was considered not appropriate to provide the equipment proposed at the present time.

10. Review of Widdrington Station Community Centre Hire Charge Rates for 2020 – 2021 Effective from the 1st May, 2020 (Current year's charges were circulated)

It was agreed that the charges were not to be increased or amended for 2020,2021.

11. Finance

- i) Parish Clerk's financial statement – monthly update – Bank of Ireland Account Balance as at 29.02.2020 £50,851.50 reconciled with Bank Account statement for February, 2020.
- ii) Payments for Approval: -
Parish Clerk's February, 2020 Salary £628.54
Parish Clerk's February, 2020 Expenses £29.52 (Working from Home Allowance £10.00, Internet & Telephone £8.00, Postage £11.52)

A Henderson Parish Handyperson February Invoice £220.00 (includes £20.00 for lighting and fire alarm checks at the Community Centre).

Fish Electrical Services Ltd £726.00 Electrical remedial work carried out as per report dated 27.06.2019 to give a satisfactory electrical installation condition report. Premises to be inspected every 5 years.

Chaplins Pantos Deposit £240.00 re Booking of Panto Dick Whittington to be performed Saturday 05.12.2020.

The Washeteria £42.00 Laundry of 21 Round Table Cloths delivered 2nd and 13th January, 2020.

Standard Security £152.88 called out 17.02.20 – Replaced RS Keyswitch box to enable roller door at Community Centre entrance to operate.

Corneton Electronics Ltd £415.20 Annual Fire Alarm mtce fee 01.04.20 to 31.03.21

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

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. none

14. 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.

none

Meeting closed .

Signed ----- Date-----

