

WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 10th December, 2018 COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.

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

R A Smith (Parish Clerk).
One member of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence

NCC Cllr David Towns

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

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th November, 2018 for approval and adoption

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

5. Matters arising on the Minutes none

6. Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Mrs Willoughby referred to the Banks Mining Planning Application

7. Correspondence Received none

8. Planning Applications

9a. To give consideration to the purchase of a World War 1 ‘Tommy’ silhouette for location at the Parish Memorial Garden each November to commemorate Armistice Day.

Details of a standing and kneeling silhouettes were discussed as well as other appropriate displays for the fencing and enclosed area beside the Memorial Gardens depicting the history of the Parish. It was agreed to defer consideration until cost details are obtained.

b. To consider providing a Memorial in regard to the two airmen killed whose plane crashed in the Stobswood area during the Second World War.

Cllr Tate proposed that consideration is given to a plaque or similar commemoration to the two airmen and details and costs are obtained. The proposal was seconded and carried.

10. Request from Barnardo’s for assistance.

Request the Council to display a poster on the Council’s Notice Boards. They were looking to recruit hosts that can provide a safe place in their home, who can offer a Supportive environment, have a listening ear, have a spare room in their home for a young person to stay until they are able to move on. It was agreed to display some of the posters.

11.Request for a financial donation from the Salvation Army.

Last year a £200.00 donation from monies raised from proceeds of the Christmas Raffles at Parish Council events was forwarded to the Salvation Army. Cllr Batson proposed that the same donation amounting to £200.00 is approved; the proposal was seconded by Cllr Baron and carried.

12. Parish Council Events

a) Free Christmas Lunch for over 60s Friday 14th December, 2018 from 12.30pm.

Arrangements for the lunch was discussed and it was expected that approximately 100 lunches would be provided. Some would be delivered to those who are housebound.

b) 2018 New Year’s Eve Party Monday 31st December, 2018 7.30pm to 1.00am.

Details of the Entertainment for the evening was given and ticket sales were going well.

13. Arrangements for dealing with payments and parish matters during January, 2019.

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.

14. Finance

- i) Parish Clerk's financial statement – monthly update – Bank of Ireland Account as at 30.11.2018 £56,004.98 reconciled with monthly Bank Statement. Receipts Bank Account Monthly Interest £5.07
- ii) Payments for Approval: -
 - Parish Clerk's November Salary £591.36
 - Parish Clerk's November Expenses £38.42 (Working from Home Allowance £10.00, Home Internet & Telephone £8.00, Postage £15.93, A4 Cards for Panto Tickets £4.49)
 - A Henderson Parish Handy Person, November Invoice £298.95 (includes £89.95 additional work & materials)
 - Chaplins Entertainment Ltd £865.00 Balance of Fee for Panto Cinderella Saturday 08.12.18
 - Standard Security £78.00 called out 15.11.18 re adjustment required to CCTV camera at Community Centre
 - Ulgham PCC £17.00 poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday 11.11.18
 - Matt Fuels £800.00 Supply of 40 mm blue slate for Gardens behind Railings at Widdrington Station beside Memorial Garden.
 - Station Entertainments £175.00 for Disco Entertainment at Children's Christmas Party Sunday 09.12.18
 - Cormeton Fire Protection Ltd £55.86 Service of portable fire appliances

In addition, the following payments were made during November, 2018 in accordance with previous resolutions approved by the Council:-

- £200 Petty Cash in regard to Parish Winter Warmer Event Saturday 24.11.18
- £200 to Station Entertainments for provision of entertainment for Parish Winter Warmer
- £350.00 for Dire Straits Tribute Band 'Brothers in Arms' Parish Council Fund Raising Event Friday 07.12.18

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

- 15. 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.
none

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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

