

WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE HALL OF THE WIDDRINGTON STATION
COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 8th August 2022. COMMENCING AT 6.30PM

****MEETING IN JULY 2022 – CANCELLED AND ADDED TO AUGUST MEETING****

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

Parish Clerk in attendance

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1. To receive apologies for absence

None

PCSO. No attendance

2. To receive declaration of interest

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

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

None in attendance

4 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th February 2022 for Approval and Adoption

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

5 Matters Arising on the minutes

Resignation of Councillor Gareth Tate

A letter of resignation was received by Chair Michelle Willoughby from Cllr Tate. Cllr Tate has resigned his position within Widdrington & Stobswood Parish Council as from July 2022. An advertisement will follow in due course to fill the vacancy of Parish Councillor and will be added to the website and notice boards. Application forms will be available from the Parish Clerk

Food Bank Concerns were raised about the name of the Food Bank within the Parish

Currently Parish Food Bank. It was determined that the food bank is a separate entity from the Parish Council and is not overseen by the Parish. It is the Community Food Bank and ran by Gareth Tate. MW. Asked that that it be noted on minutes.

Community Park Removal of the mound at the park was discussed. It was agreed that Arnot Clark should be contacted for a quote to remove mound. Clerk to contact A Clark

CCTV – Community Park CCTV is not available in the Park. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact AWI to inquire why the CCTV is not available and update at next meeting

Windfarm Fund Fund was discussed at the meeting and if an application had been submitted Cllr Tate was dealing with application but it was agreed that Cllr Carrier would oversee the application with the Parish Clerk. To be submitted in due course

Fireworks 2022 Fireworks – Stobswood Welfare. This year’s fireworks event was discussed at the Meeting and Cllr Batson explained that unless a third Cllr vacancy was filled within the Parish then the fireworks can not go ahead this year. This is due to Cllr Batson having a declared interest in the Stobswood Welfare and therefore being unable to vote.

User Groups It was discussed during the meeting that a meeting of the User Groups should be arranged to discuss any concerns or requests that the groups may have. To be arranged by Clerk

Hire of Community Centre It was discussed in the meeting that the hire agreement for the Community Centre was to be reviewed and the Cllrs agreed that a new Hire Agreement terms and agreement was to be introduced with new hire fees

6 Reports for Outside Bodies.

Nothing to report

7 Correspondence received

Joseph Noblett 2022 Xmas Tree. Discussed in meeting and agreed that a Norway Spruce 30ft would be ordered for this year and the transport costs of the tree. Clerk to arrange

8 Planning Applications

Nothing to report

9 Parish Council Events

Party in the Park – Venue was discussed during the meeting and agreed that it had been a success There had been a positive reaction to the event and it is planned to expand the food vendors and Fun Fair for next year concentrating more on rides than the bouncy castle Proceeds from the event. Combat Stress to be given a donation from proceeds.

11. Community Centre Website

Cllr Aaron Carrier reported that Website. Popularity is still up - Feedback on Community events to be added to website by Cllr Carrier.

This was a combination of direct website viewing, Facebook and Google Community Centre hire agreement/fees. It was discussed and agreed that a dedicated page would be added to the website advertising the revised hire fees and requirements

12. Finance

Cllr Willoughby proposed approval and seconded by Cllr Batson as follows

Approved and signed by the Chair of the Council

Parish Clerk’s Financial Statement – monthly update- Bank Account Balance as **30 June 2022 – 29 July 2022**

. Less cheques not yet presented

Balance before Reconciliation - £47,812.71

Reconciled with Bank Account Statement for July 2022 - £45,303.22

Bank Statement was viewed and signed as correct by the Chair of the Parish Council. Cllr Willoughby