

WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE HALL OF THE WIDDRINGTON STATION COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 14th March 2022. COMMENCING AT 6.30PM

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

Parish Clerk in attendance

Public 2

1. To receive apologies for absence

None

PCSO . Unable to attend as not on duty

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)

Request from residents attending the meeting in relation to their disapproval of the works that have taken place in the Ancient Woodland in Stobswood. The number of trees that have been felled.

Cllr Willoughby discussed the concerns raised about the woodland. Giving a full explanation as to what the Parish Council have done to object against the felling.

Confirmed. No building to take place on land.

Outside agencies who have been contacted such as Environment Agency. Forestry Commission. Tree surgeons for NCC. Planning NCC

The owner's agent Mr Ellis who was contacted on a number of occasions to object against the works

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

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

5 Matters Arising on the minutes

Alva Park Cllr Willoughby replied to email from resident. No update or information. Planning have given permission to delay due to ongoing issues with Coastal Mitigation Scheme as company has ceased to trade. No new developers are in place at this time.

Complaint from resident next to site. Mr Quicke about not being able to access his fence to cut back overgrown shrubbery.

Allotments Application for £250 grant agreed and supported. Cheque forwarded.

Fence Objections about height of fence at property entering Stobswood. Height concerns not meet by planning and fence height to remain

Grass cutting Offer by NCC to provide extra grass cutting declined as Parish have own grass cutter and handyman

6 Reports for Outside Bodies.
Nothing to report

7 Correspondence received

Gleeson – Electric Charging Point

Underground cabling and electric point to be sited next to substation.

Keith Hopper NCC POC for electric charging points to be contacted to discuss the costing for siting on behalf of Parish as well as Gleeson's

COOP – Johnson & Tucker – Land Agents Cllr Willoughby met with land agents to discuss the plans for the COOP and car park at the rear of the property. Also responsibility for the fencing and land at site. Parish have agreed to repair fencing along footpath (Adopted highway) leading to COOP and entrance to the park

Removal of Bottle Banks in car park.

(Cllr Batson declaration of Interest) as bottle banks belong to NCC

Queens Jubilee – Agreed that 100 coins would be purchased for the Jubilee and dispensed during event to residents

AWI CCTV/Security – It was agreed that AWI Control Room would be visited by Cllr Carrier with a view to taking over the CCTV and security of the Community Park and surrounding areas within Widdrington for Reay Security due to failures with their CCTV and response of late.

Ancient Woodland – Correspondence from resident of Parish received in relation to the ownership of Ancient Woodland and if the Parish can make the Woodland an Asset of the Community.

Resident informed that the woodland has been privately owned for a number of years and therefore does not fall into the remit of the Parish. Not an asset.

8 Planning Applications

None

9 Parish Council Events

Jubilee Events Discussed and agreed that coins would be purchased for occasion.

Party in the Park – ongoing arrangements for the event

All discussed at meeting

10. Community Park

Anti-social behaviour – CCTV working. As Above AWI to be considered as a possible new company to provide CCTV & security in and around the Community Park. Agreed that Cllr Carrier was to attend Control room of AWI and discuss their services

11. Community Centre Website

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

This was a combination of direct website viewing, Facebook and Google

12. Finance

Cllr Willoughby proposed approval and seconded by Cllr Batson as follows

Statements of Accounts, Annual Return for Year ended 31st March 2021

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement

1/ We have put in place arrangements for the effective financial management during the year and for the preparation of the accounting statements **YES** 2/ We maintained an adequate system of internal audit control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and its reviewed effectiveness. **YES** 3/ We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the council to conduct its business or on its finances **YES** 4/ We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of elector’s rights in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations **YES** 5/ We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required **YES** 6/ We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems **YES** 7/ We took appropriate action on all matters raised internal and external audit **YES** 8/ we considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments events or transactions occurring either during of after the year end have a financial impact on this authority and where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements **YES** 9/ Trust Funds the statements were not applicable to the Parish Council

Section 2 Accounting Statements for 2021 /2022

Approved and signed by the Chair of the Council

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

. Less cheques not yet presented

Reconciled with Bank Account Statement for March 2022 £51,631.92

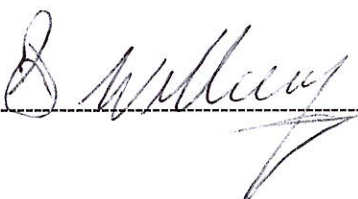
Payments Approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council since the last meeting in accordance with Covid 19 arrangements were included with the agenda.

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

13 To consider any urgent business which shall be limited to circumstances in which the Councils responsibilities cannot be met, or the Councils interests are likely to be prejudiced, if the business is deferred to the next available meeting in order to allow for inclusion in the relevant agenda

None

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

Signed  Date 11-14-22.