**WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th February 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.**

In attendance were Councillors Mrs M Willoughby (Chair), K Batson, S Horton, T Jerdan W Childs,

Parish Clerk S Sainthouse

**1.** **To receive apologies for absence**

 none

**2.To receive declarations of interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11 December 2023 for approval and adoption.**

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

**4. Matters Arising on the Minutes – 12th February 2024**

 **Play Park – Stobswood –** The park has been gifted to the Parish Council by the owners of the Woodland. An inspection of

 The play area was carried out on 5/2/2024. The following was reported:

 Gate requires renewal

 Rockery & name stone require attention

 Trees require inspection from a qualified tree surgeon

 Soft surface tarmac required attention and cleaning

 Unofficial rope swing to be removed (unsafe)

 Play equipment needs to be replaced

 All of the above was discussed during the meeting and it was decided that out grounds person would carry out the the

 Repair and clearing of the park. New equipment quotes would be sourced and the tree surgeon from NCC would be

 Contacted to assess the trees.

 5**. Reports from Outside Bodies**

  **Roads** - A formal complaint was logged by Cllr Willoughby to NCC about the state of the roads in and around Widdrington

 Stobswood. This is yet to be acknowledged and will be updated in due course.

 **Parking Community Centre –** a complaint wasby the Parish Clerk about car parking in the CC car park. The library users

 Are finding that they are unable to find a space on a Wednesday with user groups using the centre and taking all of the

 Spaces available. It was established that the car park belongs to NCC and is for the official use of the library. NCC have given

 The Community Centre permission to use the car park but that there must be sufficient spaces left for use by the library

 In view of this. Signs have been placed in 3 bays on a Wednesday and 1 disabled bay for the use of LIBRARY ONLY to

 Resolve the issue

 **6. Correspondence Received**

 **Play Park Stobswood –** Correspondence received from the solicitor of the owners of the play park in Stobswood that the

 Legal process had commenced

  **7. Planning Applications**

Oaklands – Granted

 Widdrington 1st school extension – granted

 **8. Parish Council Events**

 **Fireworks Display –** Still deemed to wet to safely allow the event to take place on Welfare field

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 **10. Parish Council and Community Centre Websites – items to be considered for inclusion.**

 **Nothing to add**

 **11. Finance**

 i) Parish Clerk’s financial statement – monthly update – Bank of Ireland Account Balance as at 31 January 2024 **£101,843.58**

 **Reconciliation Balance – from 31/1/2024 to 29/2/2024 – (**toinclude January and February payments**)**

 Reconciled with Bank Account statement for (yet to be received) **31/1/2024 – 29/2/2024** **= £94,776.62**

 **Debits**

 **ADT Fire & Security £1020.46 Cheque No 2559 JA Gordon (hedge cutting) £96.00 – Ch No 2560**

**Viking (cleaning) £ 21.52 Ch No 2561 Viking (admin ) £70.42 Ch No 2562**

**HMRC £ 563.42 Ch No 2563 HMRC (Jan) £ 395.40 Ch No 2564**

**Viking (cleaning) £21.52 Wage £836.43 Ch No 2566**

**Wage £ 387.50 Ch No 2567 Wage £597.43 Ch No 2568**

**Wage £310.30 Ch No 2569 Wage £306.27 Ch No 2570**

**Viking £56.26 Ch No 56.26 HMRC £504.13 Ch No 2573**

**Accountant £ 72.00 Ch No 2574 Admin £16.34 Ch No 2575**

**Viking (paper towels) £106.72 Ch No 2576 Wage £842.59 Ch No 2577**

**Wage £462.56 Ch No 2578 Wage £508.86 Ch No 2579**

**Wage £ 263.60 Ch No 2580 Wage £342.76 Ch No 2581**

**HMRC £383.00 Ch No 2582 Washeteria (laundry) £30.00 Ch No 2583**

**Viking (Storage boxes) £48.47 Ch No 2584**

**Credits**

**Clothes Bank £54.30 Clothes Bank £36.60 (31/1/2024)**

 **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.**

 The following matters were raised: - N/A

 **The Meeting Ended at 7.30pm**

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