

Widdrington Station & Stobswood Parish Council



Please find below the minutes from the Widdrington Station and Stobswood Parish Council Meeting held on 15th of December 2026 starting at 6pm.

Parishioners Input:

To receive questions from parishioners' present (limited to 2 minutes each) 20 minutes:

Parishioner discussed topic of fireworks following on from previous meeting and the non receipt of apology from the council and also the completed copy of the complaints procedure. This was addressed following the meeting and an apology sent out to her, along with being posted on social media and the complaints procedure sent to her directly via email all within the time frame stipulated.

Parishioner discussed ideas to contact the Woodlands trust to get donation of trees and get community involved by making new trees planed as memorial trees – this may discourage vandalism. Also asking if can get the school involved in planting bulbs ready for planting around the village in spring.

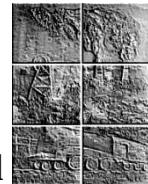
Thanks received from Elderberries for the Christmas Meal that was held at the Community Centre on 8th December.

Formal Parish Council Meeting:

Parishioners are welcome to stay and listen to proceedings but may make no input to the meeting and remain silent

1. **To receive Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Sandra Bexfield, Cllr Ed Dungait.
2. **To receive Declarations of Interest:** Widdy Welcomes Pop Up.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th November 2025 for approval and adoption:** proposed: Cllr Trudy Jerdan, Seconded: Cllr Tina Wills.
4. **Matters Arising on the Minutes:**
5. **Amendments to standing orders:** 1 Mistake with date corrected and signed.
6. **Agenda Items:**
 - **Standing agenda item:** Banking still needing HMRC updated – Awaiting statement to arrive to make contact to change address to Clerks home address.
 - **AGAR 24/25 progress:** To be finalised prior to January Meeting and then signed off. **25/26:** To be started following the new year.
 - **Parks Update** – Stobswood floor to do at the time of the meeting but since been finished. Widdrington Station now completed. Both final payments to be paid.
 - **MUGA lighting:** ongoing – Bulbs gained since meeting just now to be fitted.

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- **Windfarm:** Nominees for a member of the council to sit on the panel at the windfarm advisory panel to be discussed – Cllr Jacek Juszczuk nominated himself to be part of the panel.
- **Gleeson homes:** contacted regarding the car park and path promised prior to building started. They have acknowledged contact and will get back to us after discussions with their lawyer. Still waiting for final confirmation. To follow up after Christmas again.
- **Fence for Stobswood park** – update re different quote as discussed in previous meeting – Youlls to be contacted to provide a quote to continue to the fence around Stobswood park to match fence already in situ.
- **New Laptop:** now received and all documents transferred. Both previous laptops now in storage at the community centre archives.
- **Donation:** from Widdy Welcomes Pop Up of £100 (£75 for Entertainment and £25 for food) for the Elderberries Christmas lunch. £116 gained from the raffle - £40 used for prizes and remainder donated to the food bank. Further £100 donation received - £75 used for the entertainment and the remaining £25 was banked for next year in BOI account on 19.12.25.
- **Policies to be reviewed:** new policies to be discussed – list to be distributed at the meeting. A list of 21 new policies to be created and signed off by PC and the uploaded to website once changed over.
- **Northumberland Design Code:** email sent to chair/vice chair – unable to provide info will move to next month's meeting.
- **Commissioners Community Fund:** closes 7th Jan 2026 – email sent to chair/vice chair. Cllr Trudy Jerdan to follow up on this and put in a bid for bulbs for the MUGA, Signs for the play parks and a further security camera.
- **Website / Facebook:** Discussed having a new host of HugoFox – this was agreed that we move away from old website and go with HugoFox – full discussion of cost had – will update in February's meeting once all changed over as this will be completed prior to the financial year end 25/26.

7. Actions:

8. Reports from outside bodies:

N/A

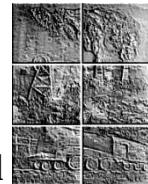
9. Correspondence Received:

- **Quotation for Flags:** £1081.84 total – Widdrington (double sided) £535.18 (single sided) £267.59, Northumberland flag £134.14 all including VAT. This is to be revisited in March 2026 meeting prior to the end of financial year.
- **Quotation for Sanitary bins:** emptying and cleaning for the year £520? Citron Hygiene to be contacted for quote on this and also for the hand dryers.
- **Flag in community park:** became detached to be reattached. This was completed prior to the meeting.

10. Planning Applications:

- **The Haven Mile Road Widdrington:** Roof extension, demolition of existing garage and new one built/modification of existing roof – no objections.

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- **Elizabeth Street Extension:** no objections.

11. Financial – Payments for Approval:

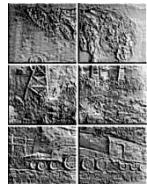
- HMRC paid – total = £700.05 (backdated payments)
- Wages: Bonnie £671.14 / Phil £402.93 – paid on 5.12.25
- Cleaning company £360 – Paid.
- 2x DBS checks totalling £70.85 – Paid.
- Laptop £383.98 – Paid
- Handyman expenses £5.99 – Paid
- £25 Refund for community hall to A Timmins (discussed in Nov meeting) Paid.
- £140 to Aaron Carrier for WIX website yearly subscription – Paid
- £220 North East Foresters – Grass cutting etc. - Paid
- NALC yearly payment outstanding £498.91 – Paid following meeting.
- NALC training course payment outstanding £15 (Trudy and Tina 17.11.25) – Paid following meeting.
- Playdale outstanding amount £23,222.23 to pay. Further enquiries sent to Playdale due to payments made that are not showing on invoice. Awaiting reply.
- British Gas Bill – this is to be paid from the community centre funds once banking has been sorted.

12. Any Other Business:

- **Doorbell to discuss:** once doors outside locked no way to contact people inside hall. There is currently a doorbell on the wall. Electrician to be contacted to see if this is still active otherwise look to have one installed.
- **Hand Dryers:** Rather than paper towels – more economical/cost efficient. Contacting Citron Hygiene to discuss this further.
- **Heating now on timer:** All groups notified.
- **Clerk/Caretaker numbers:** To be put on the noticeboard/Website. Completed
- **Next service user meeting:** 16th February 2026. All groups notified via email.
- **Contacted all service users:** regarding bookings and invoices – all will be set up/updated and ready for the new year where possible. Also asked who will not need slots over Christmas period – awaiting response.
- **Alarm Fobs Active:** 23 including the master – swap out ones that are out there with the ones alarm engineer has numbered. These will be swapped out where possible in due course.
- **Christmas tree was discussed:** this was decided to leave this alone now rather than try to reposition again.
- **Solar Panel reclaim:** Contacted Solar panel company and in discussions on how to reclaim the funds generated from the panels since last submission – will update in Januarys meeting.

13. Next Meeting: 12th January 2026.

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'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.'

14. Closed Session

N/A

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Action Log

Date	Action	Responsibility	Update
14.7.2025	Price for NCC to add lights to Christmas tree	Clerk	Agenda for meeting 10.11.2025 - complete
11.8.2025	Hedge Stobswood allotments	Clerk/Chair	Cllr J Bexfield reported 15.7.2025 Completed by contractor - complete
11.8.2025	AGAR complete	Clerk	accountant sign off Discussion at meeting 10.11.2025
13.10.2025	Buffing machine refurb/grass cutter refurb	Cllr R Longstaff	Refurbishment of machine and grass cutter (buffing machine complete)
13.10.2025	Pavement outside welfare and pavements Grangewood Road	Cllr E Dungait	Take to NCC
13.10.2025	Fireworks	Cllr T Jerdan	Completion of legal side/forms - complete
13.10.2025	Remembrance Sunday	Cllr T Jerdan Clerk	Cllr T Jerdan will lead parade Clerk to forward information for Brownies Clerk to arrange wreaths - complete
13.10.2025	Wooden Planters	Clerk	Prices for planters and email to Cllrs - complete
13.10.2025	Caretaker vacancy	Clerk	Add to Facebook and posters - complete

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13.10.2025	Refurb of park	Clerk	Order two packs of repair kit - complete
13.10.2025	Letter to residents Ena Street	Clerk	Letter to be sent Cancelled
13.10.2025	Photo of Cllrs	Cllr R Longstaff	Arrange photographer
13.10.2025	Park Benches for Stobswood Park	Clerk Cllr S Bexfield	Arrange prices Get donation (Cllr SB)
10.11.2025	Painting of bus shelters	Clerk	Magnolia sandex paint contact Brian Colourdec for quote
10.11.2025	Fence Stobswood Park	Clerk	Prices to be arranged for post and wire fences and Health and Safety reviewed
10.11.2025	Agenda and Minutes	Clerk	To be sent to Scott Dickinson
10.11.2025	Police incident numbers	Clerk	Clerk to contact police for incident numbers for each incident
10.11.2025	AGAR meeting	Cllr T Jerdan Cllr W Childs	To be signed off
10.11.2025	MUGA lights	Cllr R Longstaff Cllr J Bexfield	To look at alternative Clerk to get quote and purchase tool
10.11.2025	Clerk laptop	Cllr J Bexfield	Order laptop
10.11.2025	Refund for double booking	Clerk	Email sent 11.11.2025
10.11.2025	JD sent to caretaker	Clerk	Email sent 11.11.2025
10.11.2025	Bookings 8.12.2025	Clerk	Send details for groups booked at CC for 8.12.2025 to Cllr T Jerdan
15.12.2025	Fence at Stobswood Park	Clerk	Contact Youlls to discuss a further quote for fencing matching current fence already there.
15.12.2025	Hand Dryers Sanitary Bins	Clerk	Contact Citron Hygiene to get quote for Sanitary Bin emptying and hand dryer installation
15.12.2025	Notice Board Stobswood	Clerk	Contact a company regarding getting a new notice board installed at Stobswood.
15.12.2025	Street Light Xmas Decorations	Clerk	Contact Ellington PC Clerk to see about getting supplier and costings for street light decorations for Christmas next year.
15.12.2025	AGAR 24/25	Clerk/ Cllr Jerdan and Cllr Wills	Get together to discuss finalising AGAR 24/25
15.12.2025	Website	Clerk	Contact HugoFox to arrange website changeover.
15.12.2025	Facebook	Cllr Jerdan	Create new Facebook page for WS&SPC.



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15.12.2025	Policies	Clerk	Create 21 Policies discussed within the meeting.
15.12.2025	Safeguarding Lead	Cllr Jerdan ++ +	Minimum of 1 Safegurading lead for both Adults and Children to be established. Training to be completed via NALC website.
15.12.2025	Playdale	Clerk	Contact Playdale to get up to date final bill then pay outstanding amount.
15.11.2025	HSBC account	Cllr Bexfield	To contact HSBC to add Clerk on to account and change address.
15.11.2025	Receipts to be reimbursed	Clerk	Cllr Jerdan - £198.23 to be refunded for Elderberries xmas lunch and cleaning of tablecloths. <u>Completed on 19.12.2025</u> Cllr Childs – to be refunded for Elderberries expenses £34.28 – <u>completed on 19.12.2025</u>