

WIDDRINGTON STATION & STOBWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 10th February, 2020 COMMENCING AT 6.30. P.M.

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

R A Smith Parish Clerk
One member of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr A Carrier,

Police Constable A Teasdale

NCC Cllr S Dickinson report received confirming that his last few resident drop in's have been well attended and items resolved to resident's satisfaction.

The proposed Housing Development behind the Surgery has been approved by NCC Planning. I supported the Parish Council view and raised concern about the Section 106 Agreement changes presented to the meeting.

Grange Court pathways are now finished, we had to return following a section missed due to complications on the day with parked vehicles but since resolved.

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)

The Clerk read out the report provided by Police Constable Teasdale as follows: -

There were several reports of Anti- Social Behaviour around Widdrington Station since Christmas in particular in the Beaumont Court area. These reports are being looked into in order to identify those responsible.

There are several issues around East Acres with parking as in other parts of the village. Some of the Estates were not built for the amount and size of vehicles now on the roads. Please be considerate when parking vehicles so not to cause an obstruction to other vehicles or pedestrians. If we are called to reports of this nature parking tickets will be issued in regard to those vehicles causing the problems.

A sofa was set on fire outside a property at Old Ferneybeds on the 30th January. This has been recorded as a crime. If Information to identify possible offenders please let PC Teasdale know. There were also issues with poachers across the whole area but a lot of these go unreported. Please make sure people are aware to contact 101 and report all issues of poaching so that we can identify where the issues are and address them.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th December, 2019 for approval and adoption.

Cllr Mrs Willoughby proposed to approve and adopt the minutes. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Batson and carried. As January 2020 is the recess period no Parish Council Monthly Meeting was held during January.

5. Matters Arising on the Minutes

(Minute 10a pages 16 & 17 refers) The Clerk announced that £184.00 had been raised from the Raffle and sale of refreshments held at the Annual Panto held on the 7th December, 2019 and £200.00 raised from the raffle held at the over 60s Christmas Lunch held on Saturday 14th December, 2019. The Parish Council would determine the Charities to receive donations in due course.

6. Reports from Outside Bodies

none

7. Correspondance Received

a) Wansbeck Valley Food Bank Letter expressing thanks for the Parish Council's donation of £100.00

b) Combat Stress letter expressing thanks for the support given by the Council during 2019.

c) Letter of Invitation to meet the team from HC-One's Foxtan Court Care Home, Morpeth on Tues 20.02.2020 6.00 to 8.00 pm.

8. Planning Applications

a) Ref 19/04336/FELTPO T1 – Lime (fell due to proximity to building and gas tank as well as damage to footpath) at Oak Tree Lodge, U6011 Grangewood Terrace to Stobswood Road Junction, Stobswood, NE61 5QE Applicant Steve Lloyd, Letter received from NCC advising permission refused.

b) Ref 19/04255/FUL 6' fence that runs along a footpath and a turning circle on the boundary of 57 Lintonburn Park, Widdrington Station NE61 5DA (Retrospective application) Applicant Luke Mercer – letter received from NCC advising permission granted.

- c) Ref 19/04316/FUL Proposed extension and internal alterations, construction of garden structure and refurbishment of existing detached garage at Hazeldene, Grange Road, Widdrington Station, NE61 5LZ. Applicant Ms Kerrie- Anne McGregor Letter received from NCC advising permission granted.
- d) Ref 19/04572/FUL Proposed garage conversion to bedroom at 94 The Gables, Widdrington Station, NE61 5RB Applicant Rob Baker letter received from NCC advising permission granted.
- e) Ref 17/04653/VARYCO Variation of condition 29 (Approved Plans) for up to 149 residential units at The Old Brick Works, Stobswood, NE61 5PZ Applicant William Thompson. Letter received from NCC advising permission granted
- f) Ref 18/04481/FUL Erection of 160 dwellings with associated landscaping and infrastructure on land West of Surgery, Grange Road, Woddrington Station, Applicant James Johnson of Gleesons. NCC Site visit on Monday followed by meeting of the Planning Committee on 04.02.2020 to determine application.

9. Northumberland County Council – Public Spaces Protection Orders, Alcohol consumption in designated public spaces re anti-social behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Part 4 Review of Orders for Widdrington Station and Stobswood Parish Council.

The County Council has a number of Public Space Protection Orders in force under the provisions of Section 59 of the Anti – social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which deal with the consumption of alcohol in certain areas. The Orders currently in force are were detailed enclosure dated 20 October, 2017.

As the 3 years will expire on the 20 October, 2020 the County Council are seeking views on whether it is considered necessary or appropriate to either extend some or all of the existing PSPOS for a further period of 3 years.

It was agreed to accept the information without comment.

10. Northumberland County Council briefing for Library Consultation for Parish Councillors, Consultation Period 18.12.19 to 18.03.2020whole.

Details of the Library Service public consultation with residents of Northumberland were received. The consultation is to help decide the future of library services provided by Northumberland County Council. This will cover both branch libraries and the mobile library service across the county as a whole.

11.Parish Council Events for 2020

The Council considered a Calendar of Community Events for 2020 to be arranged by the Parish Council.

The following details were confirmed: -

Saturday 9th May, 2020 to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day at the Community Park.

Halloween Disco at the Community Centre Saturday 31.10.2020

Guy Fawkes Public Firework Display at Stobswood Welfare Saturday 07.11.2020.

Parish Christmas Tree Lights Switch On Saturday 28.11.2020.

Annual Panto at the Community Centre Dick Whittington Saturday 05.12.2020.

Over 60s Christmas Lunch at the Community Centre Saturday 13.12.2020.

Autism and Special Needs Christmas Party date to be determined.

New Year's Eve Event at the Community Centre Thursday 31.12.2020

Posters of all events will be displayed on the Parish Council Notice Boards in due course.

12. Finance

- i) Parish Clerk's financial statement – monthly update – Bank of Ireland Account as at 31.12.2019 £54,820.08 reconciled with Bank Account statement for December, 2019.

Receipts include £23,945.00 half yearly Precept Payment which was incorrectly paid by NCC into incorrect Bank Account.

Monthly update – Bank of Ireland Account as at 31.01.2020 Balance £54,087.34 From Sale of Tickets for Old Year's Night Event £610.00 to be added to account.

- ii) Payments for Approval: -

Parish Clerk's January Salary £628.54

Parish Clerk's January Expenses £36.84 (Working from Home Allowance £10.00, Home Internet & Telephone £8.00, Postage £18.84)

A Henderson Parish Handy Person, January Invoice £224.28 (includes £124.28 for additional work and materials)

Northumberland County Council £1,718.40 Village Christmas Display Tree Dressing and festive lighting including attendance at switch on.

CPRE The Countryside Charity £36.00 2020 Membership

The Salvation Army £100.00 Donation approved at Council Meeting 09.12.2019.

Widdrington Community Centre £330.00 Error by NCC in making payment to Parish Council Account re use of Community Centre for Polling Day 12.12.2019.

Viking Toner and Copy Paper £83.78

In addition, cheque payments as follows were made during the January recess period in accordance with the Council's approved policy: -

Parish Clerk's December, 2019 Salary £785.68 (Salary)

Parish Clerk's December, 2019 Expenses £30.66 (Working from Home Allowance and Internet/Tel £18.00, Postage £12.66)

A Henderson £279.00 Parish Council Handy Person Dec 19 Invoice.

ADT Fire & Security pic £780.89 British Telecom Redcare and Mtce & Monitoring Intruder Alarm System 2020 Charge.

Cormeton Fire Protection Ltd £57.78 Service of Portable Fire Appliances.

JAX First Aid Supplies £44.97 2 no First Aid Kits for the Community Centre.

Widdrington Parochial Church Council £17.00 Wreath for Remembrance Sunday 10.11.2019.

The Washeteria £54.00 Laundry of Table Linens.

HM Revenue and Customs £587.70 Quarterly payment of PAYE & NIC for Oct, Nov and Dec 2019.

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

13. 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.

14. To be held in closed session

Councillors resolved that members of the public and press are excluded from the remainder of the meeting which is to be held in closed session due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

Staffing Matter – Ken Arries had announced his intention to leave his position of Community Centre Caretaker from the end of February, 2020. The position had been advertised, candidates interviewed by The Contracts Working Group of the Council and Allan Barnfather was appointed to commence his duties from the 1st March, 2020.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

Signed ----- Date-----

