

Harbottle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025 at The Star Inn

Present: Cllrs. S. Bolam (Chairman), J. Ormston, A. Stripp,

1. Apologies for Absence: S. Kenny, S. Wardlaw
2. Declarations of Interest: None
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st March 2025 were approved.
4. Matters Arising: SB produced a small plaque suitably inscribed to fix to the fencing protecting the coronation oaks. It was agreed that this was suitable and two more purchased.

5. Finance

The outturn statement for 2024-5 was agreed.

The Certificate of Exemption from full external audit was agreed and signed.

The Annual Governance Statement together with the risk assessment strategy was agreed and signed.

The Accounting Statement together with the Asset Register was agreed and signed.

It was agreed to ask Elaine Young if she would carry out the Annual Internal Audit as previously.

Bank balance of £4,432.79 in the General Fund and £976.59 in the ESF were noted.

Income of the first precept £625 and the VAT return £297.67 were noted.

Invoices for: Zurich Insurance £230.87; NALC subscription and website Fee £175.58; Plaques £30.96; Printer ink and envelopes £23.05; were agreed.

6. Any Other Business

SB reported on the latest situation with regard to the “consultation” on the route to bring the timber out of Uswayford. Forestry England are intending for this to use the valley roads which will need to be significantly upgraded. It was noted that timber wagons had been observed in the past week travelling down from the upper valley and through Harbottle (not from Uswayford) and this had been reported to the Highways Department of NCC.

AS reported a complaint against the National Park planning department due to the handling of a pre-application planning enquiry.

7. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 16th June

Chairman