

Harbottle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th June 2023 **At The Star Inn**

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

1. Apologies: S. Kenny

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th May were approved.

4. Matters arising: None

5. Finance:

(i) The Council had received an unqualified audit for the 2022-23 accounts from Elaine Young and it was agreed to give her a £50 gift voucher from the Star in recognition of the work she had carried out for the Council

(ii) It was noted that the Council's bank account was now fully usable on the internet. A policy was agreed that payments not agreed at a meeting should be authorised by the Chairman and another Councillor.

(iii) Payments were agreed for:

(a) Cheviot Heat and Power (generator):	£7,434.31
(b) Cheviot Heat and Power (adaptors etc. for generator):	£ 894.00
(c) Gala Tents (lights, storage bags for marquee)	£ 332.40
(d) Zurich Insurance (insurance for generator & tent)	£ 90.00

All above from Northern Powergrid Foundation grant

(e) Penny Burston (prizes for Coronation event)	£ 40.45
(f) Star Inn (voucher from Chairman's allowance)	£ 50.00

(iv) A balance of £4,461.01 was noted

6. Coronation Celebrations

The final account for the celebrations showed a small deficit over grants and sales of mugs of eleven pence.

7. Marquee and Generator Letting Policy

It was agreed that the marquee and generator should be let out free for community use, subject to the hirer being responsible for any damage sustained to the equipment. If possible, a member of the Parish Council should be present when the marquee is erected and taken down.

Accommodation for the marquee and generator had been offered at the Star Inn and it was resolved to investigate this further.

Consideration was given to a smaller tent being purchased, to be used as ancillary to the main marquee or independently. Prices to be obtained.

8. Bus Shelters

It was reported that the County Council were no longer prepared to repair or maintain bus shelters. Legal ownership remained in doubt. Two of the Parish's shelters are on private ground (Harbottle and Holystone) and one is claimed to be part of the highway (Sharperton) but could be part of Sharperton Common. The Council would be free to do what they wished with those on private ground. It was agreed to obtain estimates for the repair of the shelter at Holystone and the cost of insurance.

9. Local Transport Plan

It was agreed to submit two items for inclusion in the County Council's annual Local Transport Plan:

- (i) Parking issues in Harbottle
- (ii) Subsidence on the south side of the road out of Holystone leading to the Burma road.

10. Any Other Business

Concern was expressed about road potholes and general maintenance. It was agreed that each Councillor should monitor his/her own area and report work required on the County Council's website.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 31st July

Chairman

