

Harbottle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 **At The Star Inn**

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

The meeting was preceded by a discussion with representatives from Northumbria Primary Care: Cara Charlton and David Pierce from Administration and Emma Fisher and Dominic Connor from Property, about the future of Harbottle Surgery. NPC proposed replacing the current provision in the Village Hall, with a mobile surgery that could also be used elsewhere in the Rothbury practice. The hours of service to Harbottle, currently two on a Thursday morning, would remain the same. Two public meetings were proposed in the new year. Members had a number of questions, most not satisfactorily answered. (Appendix 1)

1. Apologies: None

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th October were approved.

4. Matters arising:

It was noted that the order to repaint the 30 miles an hour speed limit on the road at the west end of the village, had been given.

5. Finance:

Budget to date was considered and the Forward Budget for 2023-4 discussed. (Appendix 2) It was agreed to increase the precept from £1,000 to £1,500 to take account of the repair needed to the Holystone bus shelter. It was noted that the annual cost of the Parish Community Charge per Band D property, currently £7.50, was the lowest in the area.

It was noted that no payments or receipts had been made since the last meeting.

6. Northern Powergrid Foundation Fund

The Fund had a balance of £3,373 which was not now needed to fund accommodation for the generator. It was agreed to purchase a third defibrillator for Sharperton, to be sited on the wall of Steve Poole's house. The remainder of the fund to be kept in reserve to fund items such as diesel for the generator, in an emergency. SB reported that a form needed to be completed for the Foundation, detailing our expenditure and its use and benefit to the community.

9. Any Other Business

None

10. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 30th January 2024

Chairman