

Harbottle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6th January 2025 at The Star Inn

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

1. Apologies for Absence: None
2. Declarations of Interest: SB declared an interest in the National Park planning applications being a member of the Development Management Committee
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th November 2024 were approved.
4. Matters Arising: It was reported that a letter had been sent to Dr. & Mrs. Farndale about the Holystone bus shelter and that there had been no response to date.
5. Finance
Balances of £3,884.33 in the General Fund and £899.57 in the Emergency Support Fund were noted.
6. Harbottle School: Further representations had been received from a parent concerning the management of the school. Only one member of the original staff remained from the Summer term. School meals were now cooked and prepared at the Middle School and brought up to Harbottle. The quality and choice were poor and the meals often cold. There is concern about the new contract for school transport (a County Council responsibility) and its unreliability.
The Chairman produced a completed form for application for Community Asset status for the School. It was agreed to write to the County Council with the Parish Council's concerns about the School, enclosing the Community Asset application.
7. Generator Maintenance: The Chairman had discussed servicing the generator with Paul Barton and it was agreed to ask him to carry out a service during January, with a further service in the spring. In

particular, it was agreed that hirers of the generator would pay for a service prior to its use.

8. Planning: Application 24NP0107

Bushcraft Education Business in Holystone. The Council resolved to object to this application on the grounds that (i) no business case had been made for the application, (ii) the principle of development in the open countryside and (iii) provision for toilet facilities was potentially environmentally damaging.

9. Parking in Harbottle: Following the negative response of NCC Highways to the Council's concerns about accommodating the additional parking required for visitors to the bunkbarn development at the Star it was resolved to follow this up.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 17th February 2025

Chairman