

# ***Harbottle Parish Council***

## **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022** **At The Star Inn**

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

1. Apologies: None

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were approved.

4. Matters arising:

It was noted with satisfaction that defibrillators were now installed at Holystone and Harbottle with 28 local people now trained to use them. SB reported that these were now included in our insurance cover for theft and damage. Indicative signs had been purchased for Harbottle. The provision of a third machine in Sharperton was discussed and it was agreed to try and find a suitable location for this to be installed.

A letter of thanks for the Jubilee trees provided had been received from the children of Harbottle School.

5. Finance:

(i) The provisional outturn for 2021-2 was noted.

(ii) The Certificate of Exemption from external audit for Councils with an income of less than £25,000 was agreed and signed by the Chairman

(iii) It was agreed to ask Elaine Young to undertake the internal audit

(iv) An indicative budget for 2022-3 was considered and amended to be agreed at the next meeting

(iv) The bank balance of £3,157.41 was noted including the first instalment of council tax at £750, a grant of £600 from the Upper Coquet Resource Group towards the defibrillator training courses and £838.10 VAT return from 2021-2.

(v) Payments were agreed to:

(a) Youngs Electricians for the electrical work required to connect the defibrillator cabinets of £530.14.

(b) Indicative signs for defibrillators: £10.94

(c) Northern Training Partnerships for three defibrillator training courses: £1080.00

(d) NALC subscription including website service of £163.27

(e) Zurich Insurance for £140.00

6. Jubilee Celebrations

The arrangements agreed with Alwinton Parish Council earlier were noted.

## 7. Any Other Business

(i) JO reported that the condition of the bus shelter at Sharperton was causing concern. It was agreed that SB would enquire from Stephen Ricketts (NALC) about the legal position regarding ownership and responsibility for repairs for bus shelters

(ii) Following further representations from members of the public, it was agreed that SK would write to the National Park concerning the situation regarding the hut in the wood down from The Manse, currently being occupied as a residence.

## 12. Date of Next Meeting and AGM

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 at 7.30 following the Jubilee Meeting at Clennel