

Harbottle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025 at The Star Inn

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

1. Apologies for Absence: A. Stripp, S. Wardlaw
2. Declarations of Interest: SB in planning application 25/NP0091 being a member of the National Park Planning Committee.
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th September 2025 were approved.
4. Matters Arising: SB reported that Alwinton Parish Council were not interested in joining with Harbottle.

Having obtained legal advice, it was noted that a financial contribution towards the cost of the legal action taken by a group of Sharperton residents against the County Council would be lawful under Section 137 Local Government Act 1972.

5. Finance: Balance of £4,446.84 in the General Fund and £976.59 in the Emergency Support Fund were noted.

After consideration of this year's budget to date, it was agreed to request a precent of £1,250 for the financial year 2026-7. It was noted that at £8.30 this is still one of the lowest tax per household levies in Northumberland.

The hire charges for use of the tents and generator were considered and it was agreed were too low. Future charges would be considered on a case by case basis, with community use continuing to be free.

6. Planning Application 25/NP0091: Replacement of Existing Holiday Chalet. It was noted that the replacement was considerably larger than the original wooden building. It was agreed to raise no objections, subject to the property being restricted to holiday use.

7. NCC Free Trees Scheme. SB reported that she had order 120 trees on behalf of the parish. It was agreed to offer these to members of the community who had available land to accommodate new tree planting via the newsletter.

8. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 5th January 2026