

Harbottle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th September 2023 **At The Star Inn**

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

1. Apologies: None

2. Attendance of Northumbria Police

Police Sergeant Darren Stapleton and Community Support Office Peter Johnson attended. They reported no crimes in the Harbottle area in the previous three months but were encouraging people to register with Northumberland Connected to receive up-dated information on incidents reported together with easy access to report any potential crimes.

There was a discussion, including a member of the public, about the speed of motorists entering the village. Sergeant Stapleton agreed to monitor this and carry out random speed testing when possible. The setting up of speed watch volunteers was explained and the installation of speed alerting lights discussed.

3. Declarations of Interest: None

4. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st July were approved.

5. Matters arising:

It was noted that the contributions towards coronation celebration expenses from Alwinton and Netherton had been received.

Steve Kidd had been instructed to carry out the repair to the Holystone bus shelter.

6. Finance:

- (i) A balance of £1,002.18 in the general fund and £3, 373.39 in the Northern Powergrid Foundation fund was noted
- (ii) Invoice for the tree guard for the coronation oak on Sharperton Common was still awaited despite reminders being sent.

7. Northern Powergrid Foundation Fund

A small tent had been purchased for £664.95 and used successfully by Alnham Church for their annual lunch.

Storage of the generator and tents was discussed and it was agreed to meet with Karen as soon as possible to see if the accommodation she had offered was suitable. If not, then consideration be given to the purchase and siting of a container.

8. Local Plan

SK reported that the progress of the Rothbury and Coquet Valley Local Plan had been halted due to lack of funds. SB reported that the County Council should now have received this money from the government and it should be possible for work on the plan to recommence shortly.

9. Any Other Business

None

10. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 16th October

Chairman