



## Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2025

The Annual General Meeting of the **Climate Action Stokesley and Villages group** was held at **Yatton House, Great Ayton** on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**, starting at **7:00pm**.

**Members attending:** Simon Gibbon, Kate Gibbon, Bridget Holmstrom, Derek Simpson, Caryn Loftus, Anne Press, Joy Smith, Peter Smith, Barry Warrington, Joanna Whitwell

**Apologies:** Robert Campbell, Jenny Earle, Helen Herring, Ron Kirk, Caroline Kitching, Mark Lewis, Mike Loftus, Anne Mannix, Gill Moore, Wendy Smith, Rebecca Wright

### Matters covered:

1. [Minutes](#) from previous AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were approved.
2. An account of activities during 2025 was given, based on the [report](#) which had been circulated in advance to members. It was highlighted that if we want to take on additional activities then we will need extra people to take the lead on new projects.
3. A [report](#) on the finances for July 2023 - June 2024 was given. The group had £5092.87 in unrestricted funds available at the end of June.
4. It was agreed that the annual membership fee should be increased to £10. There will be a new short membership form to help keep track of members in any given year. Membership will include free attendance at meetings and a chance to help direct the activities of the group through voting in AGMs and any other general meetings.
5. The current steering group consisting of Simon Gibbon, Bridget Holmstrom, Ron Kirk and Caryn Loftus all stood down as they were at the end of their 3-year term. They were all re-elected for another 3 years. Barry Warrington, who was co-opted following the AGM in July 2004, was also elected to the steering group.  
Joanna Whitwell expressed interest in being co-opted to the steering group for a year.
6. The resolution to change the aim of the group was passed once the votes of those present, proxies and voting by email had been counted. The new aim is:  
"The aim of CASaV is to help the communities in Stokesley and the surrounding villages to take action on the interlinked crises of climate, food security, biodiversity, pollution and inequality by supporting and developing local initiatives to reduce carbon emissions, adapt to the changing climate, increase biodiversity and reduce pollution in an equitable way."
7. Future activities were briefly discussed and Jane Mercer outlined the Stokesley Clothes Swap planned for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

After the AGM Jonathan Stephenson, manager of Yatton House, gave a short talk about the work at Yatton House to make the fabric of the building more energy efficient and the work with members on the climate and nature emergencies.