**Havenstreet and Ashey Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 6.30pm on Thursday 16 May 2024**

**in the Havenstreet Community Centre.**

**Present:** S Lyons (Chair), V Hattersley, K Hull and M Lyons,R Priest (Clerk),

and 2 members of the public present.

1. **Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed residents to the 2024 Annual Meeting and thanked them for support during the previous year, and noted Cllr Gauntlett and Ballard, and IW Cllr C Mosdell sent apologies, and members noted the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 4 May 2023.

1. **Chairman’s report**

The Chair of the Parish Council welcomed members and residents to the meeting, highlighted the projects delivered in the previous 12 months, as well as projects being planned, with the full report on the Parish Council website, as well as circulated to members.

1. **Statement of Accounts**

Raine Eliss presented the Statement of Accounts for the year 2023-24, together with a summary, with details of expenditure against budget (Out-turn). She commented on the Annual Return and had circulated the Internal Audit Report as soon as received, and it will be published on the website as soon as possible.

1. **IWC Ward Councillor Address**

Cllr Mosdell sent apologies, and report would be circulated once received.

1. **Tracey Dove – Zoologica Red Squirrels**

The Chairman welcome Tracey Dove, from Zoologica Red Squirrels, who gave a very informed and comprehensive presentation on Red Squirrels, on the Island and in the wider context of Great Britain and Northern Europe, including threats to the Osland Red Squirrel Population. The Chair thanked Tracey for her work and presentation.

Meeting finished at 7.15pm for refreshments.