

Hartington Upper Quarter Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held 4th September 2024

Present: Cllr Mellor (Chair), Cllr Jackson, Cllr Staden & Cllr Otty (acting Clerk)
Two members of the public

1	Apologies for absence	Cllr Temperley
2	Minutes of last meeting	The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.
3	Matters arising	The Hall letterbox is covered in section XX
4	Financial matters	<p>Balance in bank - £17,736.67</p> <p>The Chair has been contacted by Derbyshire Broadband about outstanding payments which should be paid by Direct Debit. He agreed to pass contact details to the Clerk to investigate.</p> <p>Invoices for payment:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Bywaters Gas - £130.00</p> <p>Income:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A number of outstanding Hall lettings plus bank interest received</p> <p>Cllr Oliver stated he will consolidate and submit website costs when they become significant.</p> <p>There was some discussion regarding future internet accessible bank accounts. The Chair & Cllr Oliver agreed to go to NatWest (RBS) in Macclesfield to investigate with Unity Trust being an alternative. The meeting agreed to allow them to make a decision on their behalf if necessary.</p>
5	Planning	None received
6	Sterndale Moor Matters	<p>Cllr Jackson noted that her and Cllr Temperley had a had a good experience at Sterndale Moor Scarecrow festival.</p> <p>Cllr Otty asked what was the situation with the Defibrillator as new battery and pads had now been installed. There was discussions regarding responsibilities and insurance for both this and the Brandside units. Cllr Otty (as Clerk) agreed to contact Zurich Insurance to determine any additional costs involved.</p> <p>Cllr Otty noted that voluntary work was ongoing at the playground. Cllr Jackson stated that we should make a fundraising effort in coordination with Sterndale Groups when the new bank account was up and running.</p> <p>Ms Walsh (from the public) noted that quarries could be approached.</p>

7	Parish Hall Matters	<p>The Clerk agreed to reply positively to a message received concerning a smart meter.</p> <p>Cllr Staden outlined the position with the current work. A date is yet to be confirmed with neighbouring property and the Clerk agreed to remind both parties.</p> <p>Cllr Staden highlighted that a small section of wall had fallen and the Chair agreed to address this.</p> <p>Cllr Otty enquired if there was any news regarding the sale of the Chapel land. After discussion it determined that the land was essentially worthless because of potential access issues and was still for sale. It was agreed to not make any offers at this time.</p> <p>The Chair agreed to pursue the issue of the hall letterbox.</p> <p>Cllr Staden agreed to assess and report on the condition of the Brandside bus stop.</p> <p>Mr Bennett (public) highlighted that some remedial work was necessary to the memorial and the Chair agreed to look at this.</p>
8	Highways, footpaths, access etc.	<p>A large hole persists at Gambols Lane which Cllr Oliver agreed to bring to Highways attention.</p> <p>A large hole is at Harley Grange which has been reported. Cllr Staden to pass details to the Clerk to pursue.</p>
9	Clerk's position	Ms Walsh attended the meeting for information and councillors agreed to discuss the position with her after the meeting.
10	Correspondence	None received other than discussed elsewhere.
11	Policies etc.	Cllr Jackson will progress.
12	Any Other Business	None

Date of next meeting. Wednesday 2nd October 2024

The meeting closed at 925 pm