

Hartington Upper Quarter Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held 2nd October 2024

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

1	Apologies for absence	Cllr Temperley and Cllr Jackson received in advance.
2	Minutes of last meeting	The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.
3	Matters arising	<p>The Hall letterbox is covered in section 7.</p> <p>The Chair has looked at the war memorial and bus stop and will address any repairs.</p> <p>Cllr Oliver confirmed the Defibrillator code and noted that it was in order.</p> <p>Cllr Otty agreed to send details of snow warden to Cllr Oliver. Invoices for payment:</p>
4	Financial matters	<p>No bank statement has been received so it was not possible to give a definitive bank balance. The Clerk has requested a replacement.</p> <p>Outgoing: Andrew Dean for work on Hall - £3561.00 PFK Littlejohn for additional audit costs - £252.00 DM Payroll Services for payroll provision 24/25 - £132.00</p> <p>Income: It was not possible to confirm income as no bank statement has been received. Some Hall hirings are outstanding.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that we now have access to the payroll system and that the previous Clerk (Ms Staden) should be receiving a P60.</p> <p>Cllr Oliver has been to NatWest (RBS) and was unimpressed by their confused approach. He proposed applying for a Unity Trust account which, at worst, is £6 per month with free transfer - the meeting agreed with this. Cllrs Oliver and Otty will meet to complete the necessary forms.</p> <p>The auditor's have signed off the AGAR form with one highlighted matter regarding VAT which was already rectified. A formal notice is required (supplied by the auditor) and the Clerk will address this.</p> <p>The Clerk will contact DALC to determine the position regarding VAT as we have lost access to the old number. We need to ensure we can recover the last 3 years VAT.</p>
5	Planning	Notice of proposed 40mph limit at Brierlow Bar received. The meeting agreed that something needed to be done regarding

		this accident black-spot. Both a roundabout and traffic lights were considered and the Clerk agreed to contact highways to highlight this.
6	Sterndale Moor Matters	The Clerk has contacted Zurich Insurance who will need to know the replacement value of the defibrillator. This is to be done and informed before the next renewal.
7	Parish Hall Matters	<p>It was noted that the current round of repairs has been completed.</p> <p>The new letterbox is now in place.</p> <p>The refurbishment of the floor in the back room has never been completed and this should be addressed now the leaks have been fixed. Funds for this are in place still.</p> <p>The Clerk agreed to contact Buxton Fire Service to arrange for a fire inspection.</p> <p>The Clerk to contact Bywaters to arrange for a boiler service and inspection.</p>
8	Highways, footpaths, access etc.	The large hole is at Harley Grange has still not been mended – this remains with Highways.
9	Clerk's position	The only applicant, Ms Walsh, has declined the position. Cllr Orry will try to contact HPBC media officer to see if they can advertise the position.
10	Correspondence	Notice of High Peak Green Day received.
11	Policies etc.	Cllr Jackson is progressing.
12	Any Other Business	<p>Cllr Oliver has had comments that there has been an occasion of noisy vehicle apparently racing in the lane at Brandside. This was noted and any repetition will be reported.</p> <p>VAT recovery is covered in section 4.</p> <p>Cllr Staden agreed to contact the various parties with regard to the memorial service. It was noted that the Police Commissioner would like to lay a wreath. It was proposed that Cllrs Jackson & Temperley be approached to address the printing.</p>

Date of next meeting. Wednesday 6th November 2024

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm