

Hartington Upper Quarter Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held 6th November 2024

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

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| 1 | Apologies for absence | None |
| 2 | Minutes of last meeting | The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair. |
| 3 | Matters arising | Thanks were expressed to Chris Jackson for fitting the letterbox. Other matters are covered elsewhere on the agenda |
| 4 | Financial matters | The bank account has now been transferred to Unity Trust and the balances reconciled. Balance in bank - £16514.69 Outgoing: Cllr Oliver for accumulated website costs - £103.02 Cllr Oliver for duplicate Hall keys - £56.00 Cllr Otty for remembrance day printing costs - £69.00 Income: RBS closing interest - £31.02 The meeting confirmed that website costs should be paid by Direct Debit in future. Cllrs Otty & Oliver to arrange this The Clerk has contacted DALC regarding the VAT situation and awaits a reply. A donation request for £300 received from Sterndale Moor Club towards their remembrance bonfire and event. The meeting agreed to donate this but would require a specific item to invoice against. Cllr Temperley agreed to contact Ms Melland at the Club. Cllr Oliver highlighted that a 25/26 budget should be agreed. A budget meeting has been arranged prior to the next Council meeting. |
| 5 | Planning | Notice received regarding dog restrictions at Hollin Knowle. No comments were invited. |
| 6 | Sterndale Moor Matters | Cllrs Temperley & Jackson had attended further events at Sterndale Moor and future events should be supported by the Council. |
| 7 | Parish Hall / Brandside Matters | It was not apparent if Bywaters had carried out the boiler service or not and no paperwork had been received. The Clerk agreed to contact Bywaters. |

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| | | <p>The Chair presented the Fire Officer report for the Hall and there were a number of items requiring attention, some more urgently than others. The Clerk has drafted a fire file and this will be developed for the next meeting. Replacement fire extinguishers are a priority to be taken forward asap.</p> <p>Brandside remembrance event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has been managed by Cllr Staden. It was agreed to purchase the wreath for £25 plus a £5 donation. • Cllr Otty questioned previous year's expenses and lack of invoices. The meeting agreed to set a budget of £75 plus the costs of the wreath and any printing. <p>Cllrs Temperley & Jackson have organised a 'Mince pie & Mingle' event at the Hall on 18th December and this Cllrs were encouraged to circulate this.</p> |
| 8 | Highways, footpaths, access etc. | <p>Cllr Oliver noted that Coalpit lane between the A53 & A54 is in a poor states with good vehicles causing damage and accidents. The Clerk agreed to contact Highways with a view to road repairs and imposing a weight limit.</p> <p>Brandside lane between Greenland & Wilshaw farms has a large hole. Also, the unnamed road between Dove Head farm and Dove Head Cottage is in very poor condition. The Clerk agreed to contact Highways to request road repairs</p> |
| 9 | Clerk's position | <p>Cllr Otty has contacted DALC and they have locum clerks they can utilise but it was agreed that his could be difficult with introducing different clerks with the ongoing matters. Cllr Otty agreed to continue as acting clerk for now.</p> |
| 10 | Correspondence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice • NSPCC volunteer circular • Derbyshire Law Centre circular • HPBC – Governor Elections Chesterfield hospital • DCC – flood risk management presentation slides • DCC – mobile library routes. Cllr Oliver has put on website • DCC records office (Matlock) – regarding disposal of redundant paperwork. Cllr Temperley offered to arrange to collect this. |
| 11 | Policies etc. | <p>Cllr Jackson is progressing.</p> |
| 12 | Any Other Business | <p>Cllr Oliver announced that he would be retiring from the Council after the December meeting. The meeting unanimously thanked him for his work particularly with his work on the website and banking and hoped he would be available again in the future.</p> |

Date of next meeting. Wednesday 4th December 2024

NOTE: a budget pre-meeting for Councillors only is arranged for 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm