

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

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

1	Apologies for absence	Cllr Grooby had sent her apologies
2	Minutes of last meeting	The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.
3	Matters arising	Cllr Temperley has picked up the paperwork from the records office and this was handed to the Clerk to sort through. Cllr Oliver stated that he had handed the Website administration over to Cllr Otty but would be on hand to help if necessary.
4	Financial matters	Balance in bank - £16445.69 Outgoing: Cllr Staden will get bank details for remembrance event payments and it was agreed for these to be paid. EDF: £404.00 (already paid and included in the balance above) Income: None Cllr Oliver confirmed that the website costs were now on Direct Debit except one outstanding payment which he will invoice. The Clerk confirmed that he has sent EDF a meter reading. The Clerk has contacted HPBC concerning the precept procedure and the forms are due to be sent this month.
5	Planning	a) HPBC – Rugby Club windows – the Council agreed to support this application. b) High Edge Raceway. Several residents of Brandside had received notification of this (retrospective) application but the Clerk confirmed that nothing official had been received and he had contacted HPBC. It was also noted that a number of Brandside residents have not been notified of the application. A number of residents had approached Cllr Temperley to ask if the Parish Council had been formally consulted about the planning application. These residents also expressed their serious concerns about the planning application. It was also noted that two residents had entered objections. Members of the public in attendance included the owner of the raceway. When this item was discussed by members of the council Mr Watson (the owner) and other members of the public in attendance associated with his business provided information about application and the business in general.

		Because no official notification had been received, and the consultation period would expire before the next meeting the Chair proposed to hold a special meeting once notification had been received.
6	Sterndale Moor Matters	Thanks have been received from Sterndale Moor Committee regarding the Parish Council donation. The Clerk agreed to ask the SM Task force if they could add links to the Council website for forthcoming events.
7	Parish Hall / Brandside Matters	The Clerk submitted the Fire File for consideration and Cllr Staden agreed to look at this There was some discussion regarding the impending sale of the Methodist land and possession and access issues. The Clerk agreed to contact the solicitor regarding an adverse possession claim of the land between the Methodist Chapel and the War Memorial as this has been maintained at public expense. The Clerk had contacted Bywaters regarding the boiler service and they had turned up un-announced when the hall was locked. The Clerk has asked either the Chair or Cllr Staden to contact Bywaters to re-arrange.
8	Highways, footpaths, access etc.	Cllr Oliver noted that Coalpit lane between the A53 & A54 remains in a poor states with good vehicles causing damage and accidents. The Clerk has contacted Highways but received no reply. Brandside lane also remains in a poor state. The Clerk confirmed he had contacted Highways but received no reply Cllr Oliver agreed to take photographs and the Clerk would follow-up. Brearlow Bar junction was discussed. The Clerk confirmed he had contacted Highways (as Nov meeting) but received no reply. Cllr Jackson asked if we could co-ordinate with other local Councils and involve Cllr Payne, Cllr Gruby and Jon Pearce MP to improve the situation. The matter was not resolved.
9	Clerk's position	The Chair stated that he was very hopeful that the last candidate would take the job, the hourly rate was confirmed and the contract will be sent.
10	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Grindy regarding Ground Maintenance. It was agreed to contact him further for a quotation on work on Sterndale Moor playground • DCC – Warm Derbyshire email • DCC – Holiday Activity Fund information • DCC School Planning information • DCC – energy saving bulbs information
11	Policies etc.	Cllr Jackson has been put in contact with Wormhill Parish Council who have excellent procedures which would give us a good guide. She is progressing.
12	Any Other Business	The Council thanked Cllr Oliver once again for his work on the Council.

Date of next meeting. Wednesday 5th February 2026
Date of Raceway Planning Application to be confirmed.