

Hartington Upper Quarter Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held 5th February 2025

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

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| 1 | Apologies for absence | Cllr Temperley sent her apologies |
| 2 | Minutes of last meeting | The minutes of the last Parish meeting and December planning meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair. |
| 3 | Matters arising | None |
| 4 | Financial matters | <p>Balance in bank - £ 15168.86</p> <p>Outgoing:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ionos – website hosting £ 12 Boiler service (GasPoint) - £95</p> <p>Income: None</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that a precept application for £ 5806.14 and a Parish grant of £1684 has been applied for. A VAT refund (last 3 years) of £ 2285.28 has been submitted.</p> <p>The Chair had received a message from Greg Boulton concerning continuing the maintenance at Brandside at the same price (£300). The meeting accepted this and the Clerk will ask if he is prepared to do grass maintenance at Sterndale Moor playground too.</p> |
| 5 | Planning | None |
| 6 | Sterndale Moor Matters | Nothing outstanding |
| 7 | Parish Hall / Brandside Matters | <p>Cllr Staden commented that cleaning materials were required and will send a list to the Clerk.</p> <p>It was also agreed that fire exit and information signs were needed and the Clerk will progress this.</p> <p>The meeting thanked Mr Jackson for temporarily repairing the gutters who will complete this shortly.</p> <p>Mr Bennett (from the public) commented that the war memorial needed pointing. The Chair agreed to look into this and Cllr Jackson said she would investigate if any grants were available for this.</p> <p>There was some discussion regarding tidying the hall of unwanted furniture and computer gear and this will be progressed.</p> <p>The bus shelter tile was discussed and the Chair agreed to try to find something to match the tiles and progress.</p> <p>The redundant gate and fence posts were discussed and it was suggested that these could be sold later in the year (farm sale?)</p> |
| 8 | Highways, footpaths, access etc. | Cllr Jackson had contacted DCC and road salt had been delivered as a result. |

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| | | <p>The meeting was encouraged to report the state of Brandside lane and the Clerk confirmed he had reported this too.</p> <p>It was noted that Brearlow Bar junction was now being worked on.</p> |
| 9 | Clerk's position | The Chair introduced Ms Steeples and confirmed that he and Cllr Otty had discussed the post with her. The Chair recommended she be formally offered the post and the meeting agreed. Cllr Otty will send a contract. |
| 10 | Correspondence | <p>The Clerk had forwarded the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training courses from DCC (it was noted these were not DALC events). Anyone interested was invited to inform the Clerk. • News from Derbyshire law centre • DCC Energy advice • News from community nature fund • Fire service consultation information • DCC Council Forum event in Matlock (March) |
| 11 | Policies etc. | Cllr Jackson is still awaiting update for Wormhill and Cllr Grooby |
| 12 | Any Other Business | None |

Date of next meeting. Wednesday 5th March 2025

The meeting closed at 20.10