

Hartington Upper Quarter Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held 5th March 2025

Present: Cllr Mellor (Chair), Cllr Temperley, Cllr Staden, Cllr Jackson & Cllr Otty (acting Clerk)

One member of the public

1	Apologies for absence	None
2	Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the February meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair.
3	Matters arising	None
4	Financial matters	<p>Bank balance: £17235.87</p> <p>Outgoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDF paid £175.44 • Ionos (Website) £12 <p>Incoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAT Refund received of £2285.28 <p>The DALC cost had increased to £427.36. This was discussed and agreed to maintain membership</p> <p>Greg Boulton has been given the go ahead for both Brandside & Playground maintenance</p> <p>Clerk to submit a meter reading</p>
5	Planning	Camping pods at Booth Farm have been approved on appeal.
6	Sterndale Moor Matters	Nothing outstanding
7	Parish Hall / Brandside Matters	<p>The fire signs have been provided and will be put in place.</p> <p>The redundant computer equipment has been removed by the Clerk.</p> <p>There was some discussion regarding the fire safety review and it was agreed for this to take place prior to the April meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Staden to submit list of cleaning materials</p> <p>The gutter repairs will be progressed by Cllr Jackson</p> <p>The bus shelter tile is being progressed by the Chair</p> <p>Cllr Staden confirmed that there were several Hall bookings. The Clerk agreed to look into creating an on-line diary / booking facility but that it still relied on someone opening the Hall and organising cleaning etc.</p> <p>A smart meter installation has been booked for April 1st</p>
8	Highways, footpaths, access etc.	<p>Brearlow Bar junction improvements are ongoing.</p> <p>The Chair and Cllr Temperley had attended the DCC event and discussed the pothole reporting system which they now</p>

		<p>understood better. The Clerk agreed to try to add a link for pothole reporting on the website.</p> <p>The fly-tipping at Cistern's Clough was discussed and Cllr Jackson stated she had already reported this.</p> <p>Cllr Temperley commented on the continued poor state of Coalpit Lane. The clerk confirmed he had reported this some time ago.</p>
9	Clerk's position	<p>The previous candidate had declined the post. It was noted that DALC had offered a locum Clerk but that this may not always be the same person so was of limited value.</p> <p>Cllrs Temperley & Jackson agreed to speak to Cllr Grooby (DCC) when they next spoke following earlier discussions on a possible candidate.</p>
10	Correspondence	<p>The Clerk had forwarded the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC Councillor's forum event • Information on regeneration fund • Lithium Battery information <p>The Clerk agreed to add more of these items as 'news' items to the website.</p>
11	Policies etc.	Cllr Jackson is still awaiting update for Wormhill and Cllr Grooby
12	Any Other Business	<p>There was some discussion regarding Declarations of Interest and the Clerk agreed to contact HPBC to determine if and when they must be updated or renewed.</p> <p>VE Day celebrations were discussed with a possible joint event with Sterndale Moor and Brandside. Mr Bennett (from the public) stated that he thought Brandside should have its own event and use the Hall. The matter was not resolved.</p>

Date of next meeting. Wednesday 2nd April 2025 with a fire safety review meeting prior
The meeting closed at 20.38