

Hartington Upper Quarter Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held 2nd April 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 March meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair.
3	Matters arising	It was noted the EDF Smartmeter had been installed Hall cleaning materials had been received
4	Financial matters	<p>Bank balance: £16416.57</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outgoing: Ionos (website) £12 • Cleaning materials: £162.96 • EDF: £32.54 <p>Nothing Incoming:</p> <p>The Clerk commented that it was the end of the financial year and that he had contacted Ford Partnership (auditors) but had not received the AGAR form. Cllr Staden agreed to work on this with the Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr Staden had a list of a number of items that should be included as Council assets when arranging insurance.</p>
5	Planning	Nothing to report
6	Sterndale Moor Matters	<p>Cllr Otty noted that the playground inspection would be due. The Chair commented that advance booking could save money and the Clerk agreed to try to arrange this.</p> <p>The Clerk agreed to contact Ms Askew to confirm that the defibrillator was checked.</p>
7	Parish Hall / Brandside Matters	<p>The gutter repairs and bus stop tile are ongoing.</p> <p>There was some discussion regarding the Hall booking procedure and that the Clerk regarded the website system (as yet inactive) as too complicated. It was decided to keep the current system until a Clerk could be found.</p> <p>NOTE: Cllr Temperley had previously declared an interest in the following two items and left the meeting during discussions.</p> <p>Mr Pilmoor (School House) had reported the septic tank overflowing and had now had the tank emptied. He had asked the Council if they would split his cost. The Council agreed to this. There was some discussion concerning where the roof water was discharged. Although it is believed there is a separate soakaway, the Chair agreed to investigate this. Discussions of ownership, maintenance and responsibilities were not considered fruitful at this time.</p> <p>The recent sale of the (ex)Methodist land was discussed and Cllr Staden noted that the land was no longer covered by the Council</p>

		insurance nor demarked. The Clerk agreed to contact the new owner and also investigate if a rental agreement could be reached.
8	Highways, footpaths, access etc.	<p>Cllrs Temperley highlighted the condition of Coalpit lane which had not been repaired. After discussion it was agreed that the only way was to encourage everyone to report this using the online portal.</p> <p>Cllr Staden brought up the fact that someone had filled a pothole on Brandside Lane and that a car had been damaged. DCC had refused to consider payment as they had not carried out the works.</p>
9	Clerk's position	The Chair stated that there was a potential candidate (Ms Pugh) for the position. He, and Cllr Otty agreed to meet with her to discuss the matter.
10	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Boulton concerning ground maintenance update • Mr Pilmoor – septic tank issues (see above) • Letter concerning Council Insurance which the Clerk requested to follow up • There have been multiple hall bookings • PFK Littlejohn information received and awaiting Clerk's attention <p>Items already forwarded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC – holiday activities • Live & local - information • HPBC - VE information • HPBC - liaison meeting information
11	Policies etc.	Cllr Temperley will attend Wormhill meeting to discuss the matter with their organisation.
12	Any Other Business	<p>Cllr Temperley had enquired about DALC portal access. The Clerk has contacted DALC and will progress their reply.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that Mr Oliver had resolved any website confusion and that he would not be charging for this work.</p> <p>VE Day celebrations were discussed. The Clerk had forwarded the DCC funding mail to Sterndale Moor Club who were organising an event. Cllr Staden and Mr Bennett (from the public) would try to organise a Brandside event.</p>

Date of next meeting. Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 7.30pm with the Annual General Meeting prior at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 20.26