

Hartington Upper Quarter Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held 7th May 2025

Present: Cllr Mellor (Chair), Cllr Temperley, Cllr Staden, Cllr Jackson & Cllr Otty (acting Clerk).
Plus five members of the public

1	Apologies for absence	None
2	Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the April meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair.
3	Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The smart meter has now been installed • VE Day – There has been some confusion regarding VE Day grant applications resulting in Sterndale Moor being refused. The Clerk has contacted HPBC and the matter is being resolved • Goyt Valley Shrine – Cllr Jackson confirmed this is looked after by Forestry England
4	Financial matters	<p>Bank balance: £ 20,729.79</p> <p>Outgoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ionos (Website) £12 • Septic tank - £122 • Land registry deeds £94.85 • Payroll £132 • Bank charges £6 <p>Incoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precept £4889.07 • Greenhalgh Youth Group £198 <p>EDF are still estimating bills and have billed for £400+ and, after submitting correct reading this has gone up to £881.26. The Clerk has emailed and Whatsappped EDF but had no response to date so will continue to submit readings but not pay anything until resolved.</p> <p>The AGAR Forms were presented, agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chair. The Clerk will liaise with Fords auditors to progress these.</p>
5	Planning	HPK/2025/0135 for No. 3 Sterndale Moor was considered and there were no objections.
6	Sterndale Moor Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Otty noted that VE Day and Easter events have taken place • The playground RosPa inspection has been booked
7	Parish Hall / Brandside Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Jackson noted that the gutter repairs were ongoing. • The Clerk stated that he had approached 3 contractors regarding installation of the fire alarm system but was still awaiting responses. • Camping at the Hall – Correspondence had been received from Mr Pilmoor expressing some concerns over recent events. <p>The Clerk had accessed the insurance and believed it to be correct and had drafted the necessary risk assessment – the policy was circulated. Cllr Jackson requested a specific answer regarding campers from Zurich and the Clerk agreed to contact them and report back.</p> <p>There were lively discussions regarding the general subject of camping and the current legal status with inputs from Mr Bennett, Mr Oliver and Mr Pilmoor from the public. Mr Bennett stated that groups could camp on his land if that became necessary.</p> <p>Discussions highlighted that the Council needs to be fully legal as they are liable for any breaches. There were also comments that some</p>

		<p>Councillors and residents were deliberately trying to stop the camping but this was refuted.</p> <p>During the discussions Mr Pilmoor stated that Cllr Temperley knew nothing of his purchase of the ex-Methodist land until it had been completed.</p> <p>With regard to planning requirements, the Clerk agreed to apply for Peak Park pre-planning advice and contact Cllr Grooby for guidance.</p> <p>The position regarding current Hall bookings remains unclear.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewerage system, access matters & use of adjacent land – it was agreed to put these into abeyance until the Chair and Cllr Otty had had chance to discuss the situation with the owners of the Schoolhouse. They will report back at the next meeting.
8	Highways, footpaths, access etc.	<p>The Clerk noted that Brearlow Bar junction was now complete. Cllr Jackson asked that temporary 'new road layout' signage would be appropriate, and the Clerk agreed to contact highways.</p> <p>Cllr Jackson reiterated that everyone in the area should report road damage to Highways in order to bring the matter up their priority list.</p>
9	Clerk's position	<p>Ms Pugh attended the meeting and had discussed the position with the Chair & Vice-Chair previously. It was unanimously agreed to offer her the position and the Clerk agreed to provide a contract for agreement.</p>
10	Correspondence	<p>Correspondence received from Mr Pilmoor – see item 7</p> <p>Comments from Mr Oliver regarding the septic tank overflow which have been actioned.</p> <p>Forwarded from Clerk's email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire service questionnaire • HPBC Parish Forum latest • Derbyshire anti-social behaviour feedback <p>Cllr Staden had received information from the recent DofE group and would pass this to the Clerk.</p>
11	Policies etc.	<p>Cllr Jackson agreed to send some drafts to the general emails for the next meeting.</p>
12	Any Other Business	<p>Mr Bennett highlighted the maintenance necessary to the memorial and agreed to clean it. The Chair agreed to carry out the pointing.</p> <p>Although brought up under item 7, Cllr Temperley highlighted that only official and traceable communication methods should be used.</p> <p>Cllr Staden stated that his correct declaration of interest was now published.</p> <p>Mr Pilmoor suggested donating some of the camping money to NSPCC and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting</p>

Date of next meeting. Wednesday 4th June 2025 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.48