

Hartington Upper Quarter Parish Council

Meeting held Wednesday 5th August 2026 at 7.30pm
at Sterndale Moor Social Club

Minutes

Present:

Cllrs Oliver (Chair), Jackson, Melland, Staden, Temperley, Grooby (DCC)

Clerk - Jocelyn Granger

4 members of the public

Apologies:

Cllr Watson

		Actions
1	Meeting opened at 7.30pm.	
2	Cllr Temperley made a Declaration of Interest in Agenda items 7.1/2/3/4/5/6.	
3	No members of the public wished to speak.	
4	Minutes for meeting on 3 rd June 2026 accepted as a true and accurate record; signed by Cllr Oliver.	
5.1	As of 1 st August 2026, the Council's current account bank balance was £1059.90 and the deposit account balance £19015.40. Cllr Oliver asked for an updated budget to be presented at the next meeting.	Clerk
5.2	The following income was received since last meeting: £259.50 – camping. Income due but not outstanding: £257.50 – camping, £516.87 – VAT reclaim.	
5.3	The following bank payments were approved: DM Payroll Services - £158.40, Sterndale Moor Social Club - £30.00, Bywater Gas - £79.00 and Jocelyn Granger, Clerk - £841.29 (Jun26) & £562.94 (Jul26). The following DD payments were noted: Waterplus - £38.96, Ionos Cloud - £12.00 x 2.	
5.4	Holiday entitlement back pay for Clerk approved - £255.83. Increase in mileage allowance from 6 th April for Clerk approved - £27.70.	
5.5	Further to point 6.2 on 3 rd Jun 26 Minutes, Clerk confirmed that claiming Small Business Relief on NI contributions is not allowed by Public Bodies and Local Councils.	
5.6	Clerk unable to get access to existing NEST pension scheme so new scheme set up (still with NEST) and previously incomplete returns for The Pensions Regulator (TPR) signed off ensuring HUQPC are now compliant.	
5.7	Whilst all agreed that it would be valuable for the Clerk to study for the CiLCA qualification, grants towards the cost of £800 should be sought to offset the cost and starting delayed until the next intake in September 2027.	
	<u>Sterndale Moor</u>	
6.1	Breedon at Dowlow works have kindly donated a brand new Defibrillator and case to replace the out of date and damaged device at Sterndale Moor. They will also arrange to fit it. This is due to be done imminently.	
6.2	Further supporting information has been sent to the administrators of the TCF and we await the committee's decision in September. Confirmation of additional financial support has been received from Cllr Grooby's Community Fund (£500), Barratt Homes (£500) and there's a pending application to Keepmoat Homes. The General Manager at Hindlow Quarry, Josh Mason, has been asked to confirm his support for the project to his regional manager who will be part of the ultimate decision-making process.	
6.3	The original suppliers of the notice board, Notice Board Company, will not accept liability for any damage as the unit is over 4 years old. Due to the bad design of the	

	noticeboard, it was decided not to repair it. Cllr Melland will ask Matt Willetts to price up a new wooden notice board and the Clerk will price up other smaller alternatives. Posting Agendas/Minutes on the local FaceBook/WhatsApp platforms would also be an effective means of communication with residents.	Cllr Melland Clerk Clerk
7	<u>Brandside</u>	
	Cllr Temporley left the room.	
7.1	Clerk read out the following statement: <i>“Following a review of available records regarding the small orphan parcel of land between the War Memorial and the old Methodist land, including checking the current land registry title plan and speaking to Mr Pilmoor as requested at the last meeting on 3rd June 2026, it has been confirmed that it is unregistered with no identifiable owner or manager. A parish council does not have the legal authority or jurisdiction to get involved in disputes over land it does not own or manage. This is a civil legal matter and intervening would be ultra vires (beyond its legal authority). The Parish Council holds a strict fiduciary duty to its taxpayers and must safeguard public funds for the benefit of the entire community. No statute permits parish councils to resolve land disputes therefore any council expenditure here would be unlawful and uninsurable. In summary, the Council will remain strictly neutral and the matter closed.”</i> It was resolved to take no further action on this matter or discuss it further as it is beyond the Parish Council’s statutory powers. The motion was proposed by Cllr Jackson, seconded by Cllr Oliver and decided by a majority vote.	
	Following the Clerk’s reading of the statement at Agenda Item 7.1, the meeting was interrupted by continual disruptions from the room, particularly, but not limited to, members of the public. Despite repeated requests from the Chair for those present to refrain from using bad language, making personal insults, and displaying abusive and threatening behaviour, the unruly conduct persisted. As the safe and lawful transaction of council business was no longer possible, the Chair invoked Standing Order no 2 (Disorderly Conduct). Having already asked several times for order in the room, the Chair suspended proceedings and exercised their authority to end the session. The meeting was officially closed at 8:20pm due to ongoing disturbance by some of those present. Immediate advice was then sought and taken via telephone from the police to report the matter.	
8	<u>Next meeting</u> Wednesday 9th September 2026 – 7pm at Buxton Town Hall, SK17 6EL Entry via side door. Members of the public are requested to ring the bell to be let in.	

Signed by Cllr Suzanne Oliver:

Date: