Hartington Upper Quarter Parish Council

Meeting held Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 7.00pm
at Buxton Town Hall

Minutes

Present:
Cllrs Oliver (Chair), Melland, Staden, Temperley, Grooby (DCC)
Clerk - Jocelyn Granger
PCs Alex Simpson & Mikey Edwards from Derbyshire Constabulary
5 members of the public

Apologies:
Cllr Watson
Cllr Jackson

		Actions
1	Meeting opened at 7.00pm.	
2	Cllr Temperley made a Declaration of Interest in Agenda items 11.1/2/3/4/5.	
	It was agreed that Agenda items 11.1/2/3/4/5 could be discussed out of order to allow PCs Simpson & Edwards to be present before having to leave for work reasons.	
3	Members of the public raised concerns regarding the parcel of land between the War Memorial and ex-Methodist land, gate, tree-mounted camera, public access to the camping policy and associated plan, condition of the Brandside notice board and roof repairs to Brandside Parish Hall. The Chair advised that these matters (apart from the notice board which was noted and the parcel of land) would be addressed under their respective items later on the evening's Agenda.	Clerk
4	Minutes for meeting on 5th Aug 2026 accepted as a true and accurate record; proposed by Cllr Temperley, seconded by Cllr Melland and duly signed by Cllr Oliver.	
	Cllr Temperley left the meeting.	
11.1	4 x camping bookings confirmed for the remainder of 2026. Clerk to ensure Brandside is listed on DOE website to encourage more bookings. An enquiry has been received from a local artist to hire the hall for several months, initially for personal use as an art studio, with the potential to host public events at a later date. It was resolved to offer the space at an all-inclusive rental rate of £75 per calendar month, subject to a review after one month to ensure economic viability. The Hirer will be issued a key for independent access. The Clerk was instructed to draw up a formal rental agreement and finalise the arrangements.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
	Remembrance Sunday – ~~15th~~ Nov 8th NOV A service will be held as usual at Brandside War Memorial. Cllr Staden will contact the local lay preacher (Karen Kidd) and bugle player (Carl Garside) to confirm. Mr Andrew Bennett (member of the public) will liaise with the owner of the cannon (Aubrey Thyer). Clerk will order a wreath and check if the Order of Service booklets stored at the Hall are adequate. Refreshments will be available afterwards. To be discussed at next meeting on 7th Oct. Cllr Grooby submitted apologies in advance.	Cllr Staden Clerk Clerk
11.2	Mr Pilmoor, owner of the ex-Methodist land, has indicated he may make his land available to the Parish Council for camping parking purposes. Whilst it has been confirmed that the gate is Parish Council property, it was agreed by consensus that it stays in situ pending negotiations. The Chair was authorised to draft initial Heads of Terms for the proposed agreement. Mr Pilmoor has confirmed that the field of vision for the tree-mounted camera is focused exclusively on his private property.	Chair

11.3	Measurements for the ex-Methodist land are on the camping plan which is to be uploaded to the website with the camping policy. Cllr Staden has requested a copy by email.	Clerk
11.4	As of 24th Aug, Mr Pilmoor advised that due to the scale of repairs to School House, the roof design, amongst other things, is having to go through building control to ensure that everything conforms to building regulations and that is presently holding things up. Clerk to keep chasing. The Parish Council needs to consider some emergency protection for the Parish Hall roof and monitor the damp inside on the adjoining wall to School House.	Clerk Clerk
11.5	Richard Fletcher is due to start work repairing the large window to the rear on Monday 14th September. Other maintenance issues will be discussed at Oct's meeting including fitting a key safe and fixing one of the bottom hinges on the gas bottle cage.	Clerk
	PCs Simpson and Edwards left the meeting and Cllr Temperley returned.	
5.1	As of 1st September 2026, the Council's current account bank balance was £290.78 and the deposit account balance £18,015.40.	
5.2	The following income was received since last meeting: £257.50 – camping and £516.87 – VAT reclaim. There are no outstanding invoices.	
5.3	The following bank payments were approved: Gas Point Services - £1085.95, Bywater Gas - £74.00 and Jocelyn Granger, Clerk - £1114.39. The following DD payments were noted: EDF - £67.92 & £78.49, Ionos Cloud - £12.00 The Clerk confirmed the electricity at Brandside is now on a Fixed Rate wef 27th Aug which should reduce the amount payable.	
5.4	Current budget discussed and the need to reduce expenditure and increase income agreed although no formal decisions were made. Upload budget document to website.	Clerk
5.5	It was resolved to switch payroll provider to Hall Accounting with effect from 1st April 2027.	Clerk
5.6	It was resolved to seek alternative quotes for groundsman services to ensure best value. Clerk talk to Ralph Horne to establish if it's viable for him to continue cutting the paddock grass.	Clerk Clerk
6	Uploading Agendas and Minutes to Brandside and Sterndale Moor FaceBook pages is effective. Cllr Grooby has offered to hand out fliers to residents in Sunnyfields giving the FaceBook links so they can follow Parish Council business if they wish.	Clerk
7	Contact made with Cllr Esther Morrison from New Mills where they carried out a successful Parish Survey in 2021. Clerk to forward documents/sample survey to all Councillors. Future agenda item.	Clerk
8	Clerk to compile training register for next meeting. Clerk to check review dates for Parish Council policies and organise as necessary. All policies to be uploaded to website.	Clerk Clerk
9	Information on Derbyshire Low Level Support Services and Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy to be put on notice board/s, uploaded to website and FaceBook. It was resolved to sign the Armed Forces Covenant with HPBC.	Clerk Clerk
10.1	Delivery of new defib and case delayed by supplier. ETA 10th Sept. Clerk to chase.	Clerk
10.2	The old notice board at Sterndale Moor is still usable and just needs moving to a safer location. Cllr Staden will give Cllr Melland the key and she will liaise with Matt Willets, who has been asked to help.	Cllrs Staden & Melland
10.3	It was resolved to donate £300 towards the Sterndale Moor Remembrance bonfire night event on 14th November.	Clerk
12	No PDNPA planning applications since last meeting.	

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	Application received from HPBC since the agenda was published: HPK/2026/0340 – Land off Heath View, Harpur Hill. No comments to be made. Cllr Staden declared a personal interest in this application.	
13	Key points: Food Waste recycling starts Monday 14th September. The Clerk was requested to report green waste fly-tipping next to the bins at Brandside to HPBC. Discussions about LGR not relevant following the announcement there has been a pause in decision-making for a review.	Clerk
14	There is no obligation to attend the Transition Buxton CIC Cluster meeting on 23rd Sept but Clerk to review Agenda when it arrives.	Clerk
15	Issues to be reported to Derbyshire County Council (cc Cllr Grooby to escalate): Loose gravel and potholes on road going down to River Dove bridge. Bent Brandside sign on A53 – photos required. Better signage to warn of blind dip on A515 between Brierlow Bar and Sterndale Moor. Review old correspondence.	 Clerk Clerk Clerk
16	Next meeting Wednesday 7th October 2026 – 7.30pm at Sterndale Moor Social Club, SK17 9QB.	
	Meeting closed at 8.30pm.	

Signed by Cllr Suzanne Oliver: Suzanne Oliver Date: 7th Oct 26

Approval of Minutes

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 9th Sept 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record, subject to the following amendment:

Minute 11.1 Remembrance Sunday
Amend 15th Nov to 8th Nov

Suzanne Oliver
7 Oct 26.