Hartington Upper Quarter Parish Council

Meeting held Wednesday 4th November 2026 at 7.30pm
at Brandside Parish Hall, SK17 0SF

Minutes

Present:
Cllrs Oliver (Chair), Jackson, Melland, Staden, Temperley, Watson
Clerk - Jocelyn Granger
4 members of the public
Apologies:
Cllr Grooby (DCC) and Cllr Payne (HPBC)

		Actions
1	Meeting opened at 7.30pm.	
2	Cllr Temperley made a Declaration of Interest in Agenda items 7.1/2/3/4 & 13.	
3	No members of the public wished to speak. The Chair passed on a message from Mr Pilmoor saying that if any residents have any queries regarding School House, they should be directed to him by email on matt.pilmoor@flightworksuk.com, by letter with a return address or in person.	
4	Minutes for meeting on 7th Oct 2026 accepted as a true and accurate record; proposed by Cllr Temperley, seconded by Cllr Jackson and duly signed by Cllr Oliver.	
5.1	As of 1st November 2026, the Council's current account bank balance was £687.88 and the deposit account balance £11,103.60, total £11,791.48.	
5.2	The following income was received since last meeting: £500 contribution towards SM playground from Cllr Grooby's CLS (Community Leadership Scheme), £75.00 - Nov rent for hall and £549.50 for hall bookings. There are two outstanding invoices for camping - £172.00 and £120.50 – the former is due for payment 6th Nov but the latter isn't yet overdue.	
5.3	The following bank payments were approved: *Hartington First Responders - £75.00, SM Social Club - £30.00, RBL - £25.00 and Jocelyn Granger, Clerk - £865.35. The following DD payments were noted: EDF - £21.10, HMRC - £714.51 and & Ionos Cloud - £12.00. * Clerk will diarise with regard to making an annual donation for maintenance of both defib devices.	Clerk
6	Standing Orders and Financial Regulations documents reviewed and adopted without any amendments.	
7.1	Remembrance Sunday Service – 8th Nov. As previously confirmed, Karen Kidd will officiate. Clerk to contact Mr Pilmoor to request access across his land for the cannon and if granted Clerk to ensure the gate is unlocked. Clerk will also ask Mr Pilmoor if he can chase up removal of the Portaloo. Cllr Staden will unlock the Hall and get the heating on. Carl Gartside will attend to play the bugle. Clerk contacted the Army Cadets but was not able to get a response. Wreath and Orders of Service ready in Parish Hall. Chair will organise refreshments. Clerk to post the service on SM FaceBook site.	Clerk Clerk Cllr Staden Cllr Oliver Clerk
7.2	A request has been submitted to DALC for legal guidance regarding the lock on the gate and CCTV but in spite of chasing, a response has not yet been received. Clerk will continue to chase.	Clerk
7.3	Breedon are still considering the request for assistance with general maintenance issues on the Hall. Resident Ray Mellor has kindly offered to do some remedial work on the perimeter walls if the PC cover the cost of materials - the Clerk has already confirmed this with him. Following subsequent discussions at item 13, Clerk to liaise with Ray before any work commences. It was agreed not to pursue having a key safe as there are sufficient door keys held by Councillors.	Clerk

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7.4	Mr Pilmoor confirmed he had chased for removal of the Portaloo as recently as 2nd Nov, also see item 7.1 above.	
8.1	Grant Agreement document for playground signed by Cllrs Oliver and Melland. Clerk to process and advise next steps at next meeting. Clerk to check ROSPA playground inspection report and confirm what recommendations have been made regarding the concrete posts and fencing. Suggested additional sources of funding – High Peak Comps, Waitrose and Morrisons.	Clerk Clerk
8.2	New defib at SM installed 20th Oct and publicity photos done 4th Nov. Breedon have requested no publicity on FaceBook. They will be publishing an article in their newsletter and subsequently Clerk will request permission for PC to publicise locally. Clerk to get options/prices for a new plaque.	 Clerk Clerk
8.3	The PC is very grateful to Matt Willets for repairing the SM notice board and notes it still needs a backing board and waterproofing which Matt will attend to when he has time. The Clerk now holds a key for the Notice Board with the other one kept inside the Social Club.	
9.1	Outstanding Highways issues for Clerk to chase: Loose gravel and Potholes on back road down to River Dove Bridge, bent Brandside sign on A53, grit bin lids x 2, SM 'sink holes'.	Clerk
9.2	New Highways issues: Black (usually) silage wrap strewn along roadsides Cistern Clough (DCC) – gate/padlock damaged/missing making it vulnerable to fly-tipping.	Clerk
10	Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum, 3rd Nov – postponed until next year. The current status of Derbyshire's LGR is that on 29 Oct, the government officially withdrew its July decision to implement a two-unitary system for Derbyshire to allow for a wider national review. Consequently, the May 27 local elections will proceed under the existing council structures, and a revised decision is expected in early 2027.	
11	There were no comments/objections for: PDNPA planning application ref: NP/HPK/1026/1031 – School House, Brandside	
12	Data Protection and Security Matter (Confidential) It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1 (2), that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item due to the confidential and sensitive legal nature of the business to be transacted. The Council discussed a sensitive internal IT security and data protection matter. It was resolved that the Council issue a formal demand for the immediate containment and mitigation of a localised data breach, with strict deadlines for compliance, failing which the matter will be formally escalated to the relevant external regulatory and principal authorities.	
13	Heads of Terms – ex Methodist land (Confidential) It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1 (2), that the press and public continue to be excluded from the meeting for this item due to the confidential and sensitive legal nature of the business to be transacted, involving commercial negotiations for a temporary land licence. A member, having previously declared a personal interest in this item, left the meeting room prior to any discussion or vote. The Council discussed the draft Heads of Terms for a temporary parking licence. It was resolved to approve the draft framework in principle to allow the Council to clarify and agree fundamental operational parameters directly with the landowner prior to instructing legal counsel, ensuring no premature legal costs are incurred.	
14	<u>Next meeting</u> Wednesday 9th December 2026 – 7.30pm at Sterndale Moor Social Club, SK17 9QB	
	Meeting closed at 9.20pm.	

Signed by Cllr Suzanne Oliver: Date:

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