

HARTINGTON UPPER QUARTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 6th July 2016

Present: Cllrs K Kirkham,(Chair), A Bennett, J Bennett, T Stafford , L Melland

S Mansfield (Clerk of HUQPC); S. Flower (HPBC Councillor)

06/07/01	Apologies
	<p>Cllr Stephen Wardle sent apologies due to work commitments which were unanimously accepted by the meeting. Cllrs Tony Kemp and Caitlin Bisknell had sent apologies by email prior to the date of the meeting and these had been acknowledged by the Clerk.</p>
06/07/02	Minutes of the meeting held 1st June 2016
	<p>Minutes for May meeting were approved as a correct record; proposed Cllr. A. Bennet, seconded Cllr. F.K. Kirkham and signed off by the Chair F.K. Kirkham.</p>
06/07/03	Matters arising
	<p>By invitation of the Councillors, Steve from Bull Expeditions attended the first part of the meeting so that Councillors could discuss with him the facilities at the Parish hall. Bull Expeditions operate Duke of Edinburgh Award schemes for 13 schools in the UK and have managed 657 participants in the last 12 months. Steve listed the following points as positive reasons for the Parish Hall site to be used by them;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The site is particularly suitable for participants seeking the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award because of the “medium difficulty” of the surrounding countryside, the availability of Toilets and access to water. Steve suggested the facilities should be maintained “as they are” so as to keep the site suitable for silver awards. However, a few improvements were suggested to make the site suitable for up to 30 simultaneous participants. The Clerk to action these points.2) The Youth Leaders are pleased that the site is regularly available for young people and open all year round. They have noticed that participants who have achieved the Silver award here are more motivated to go on to the next level and try for the Gold award. The Chair of the Parish Council was pleased to have confirmation that the availability of facilities at Brandside Hall was encouraging youngsters to go on to achieve higher awards.3) Steve asked if broadband could be made available and commented that Bull Expeditions would be prepared to contribute a further £5 per visit to pay for this service. The Clerk to action this request.4) Safety issues and risk assessments were discussed. Bull Expeditions stated that they saw no Safeguarding issues at this site. They had noted that 999 calls were available in the public phone box. Discussions concluded that a First Aid Kit of the type designated “First Aid at Work” should be provided along with a standard “Eye wash station”. Clerk to action this asap. Bull Expeditions had received good service from High Peak First Aid Ltd of Bradwell. Clerk to contact Nicola Pickering there for advice on suitable equipment.

	<p>5) Steve raised questions about the suitability of the grassed area in very wet conditions. Councillors A. Bennet and K. Kirkham thought that the site was well drained but would make an inspection next time the weather was particularly wet and decide if any improvements are needed. The hard standing area has grass encroaching over it in places. This should be removed as the youngsters use the area for cooking and it would be safer/cleaner to be able to brush it down regularly.</p>														
06/07/04	<p>Items of Account</p>														
	<p>Bank balance stands at £7,042.26 as at 30th June 2016</p> <p>The following expenditure was approved:</p> <p>Direct Debits paid during June 2016</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"><u>Payment for Eon Direct Debit – EON Electricity</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£39.47</td> </tr> </table> <p>Expenses already incurred and paid by cheque or cash on hand</p> <p><u>Expense -</u></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Jo Taylor, Internal Auditor</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£93.75</td> </tr> </table> <p>Work done to be approved, signed off and paid</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"><u>Payment for Salary/Expenses June - S.W.Mansfield Clerk</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£258.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payment to Play Safety Limited</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£92.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payment to Severn Trent Water</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£56.99</td> </tr> </table> <p>The following income was reported by the Clerk</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"><u>Bull Precision Expeditions</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£120.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Bank Interest</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£0.85</td> </tr> </table> <p>Accounts were approved, proposed Andrew Bennett, seconded Lloyd Melland.</p>	<u>Payment for Eon Direct Debit – EON Electricity</u>	£39.47	Jo Taylor, Internal Auditor	£93.75	<u>Payment for Salary/Expenses June - S.W.Mansfield Clerk</u>	£258.32	Payment to Play Safety Limited	£92.40	Payment to Severn Trent Water	£56.99	<u>Bull Precision Expeditions</u>	£120.00	<u>Bank Interest</u>	£0.85
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06/07/05	<p>Planning Applications</p>														
	<p>Existing Planning Applications None were received this month.</p>														
06/07/06	<p>Sterndale Moor</p>														
	<p>The Rock of Remembrance has now been fully completed. The Parish Council were unanimous in commending all the people who have worked so hard and made such a first class job. All councillors considered this to be a very fitting memorial.</p> <p>Parish Councillors attending a liaison meeting at Dowlow quarry. The chair considered this to be a very useful meeting as Dowlow management described in detail their plans for</p>														

development of the quarry and the surrounding area. The chair recommends that all councillors should attend the next Dowlow liaison meeting as there will be a number of planning consultations in which the Parish councillors will be required to participate.

The accident damage to the wall adjacent to the A515 at Sterndale Moor has been tidied up and will be fully repaired on the 17th July 2016.

Severn Trent upgrade project – nothing reported by Severn Trent. John Faulkener had requested an update on project progress by email. Parish Councillors who are residents at Sterndale Moor reported lots of recent activity by ST in testing and investigating existing drainage systems currently in use there. FKK to contact Graham Robinson for an update on progress.

Gas pipeline – no progress reported.

New structure reported. A number of residents have reported that a new structure has been erected on Sterndale Moor and have asked the Parish Councillors why planning permission had been granted for the structure without any consultation with residents. The Parish Councillors agreed that they could not recall being asked to consider any notifications from other planning authorities about this structure and the Clerk confirmed that no notifications had been received in recent months. The residents should be advised that if they have objections to the structure. Then the correct procedure is for them to contact the Planning Enforcement Office at DDC, as the Parish Council has no powers to act in such a situation.

Village Green Application – Cllr T. Stafford reported that SMSC had filed an objection to the VGA. Cllr Stafford felt that some of the evidence given in this objection was materially wrong and was preparing a document to send in to DCC refuting some of the claims made in the SMSC objections. As there is no meeting in August and as Cllr Stafford is the original appellant in the application for Village Green status, the Chair suggested that Cllr Stafford should make the appropriate response to DCC as she sees fit without waiting for the next meeting in September. The Cllrs present gave unanimous approval to the Chairs request. Cllr S Flower offered to review the response in the light of her previous legal experience on these matters. Cllr Stafford accepted the kind offer.

06/07/07 Parish Hall

It was decided that the electricity usage at the Parish Hall needed to be monitored in more detail to inform councillors when the consumption is occurring and enable them to best decide how to control costs. The clerk to investigate and report back to next meeting. Ongoing activity – Clerk currently recording meter readings manually but looking for economical way of automatically recording usage and therefore costs and allocating them to individual users at the Hall.

The Clerk has obtained some bird netting to prevent attacks by wild birds damaging the rear window. Richard Fletcher has agreed to solve this problem of birds attacking the putty in the

	<p>newly fitted window by fitting wooden beading around the glass panes free of charge to the Council.</p> <p>A Bennet to regularly inspect drainage system and waste water storage system over the heavier usage period July to September</p> <p>AB to contact Steve Poyser regarding repointing of the War Memorial. If cost is less than £200 proceed with the work.</p>
06/07/08	<p>Highways</p>
	<p>Despite reporting to highways repair department the cattle grid and Coal Pit Lane had not been attended to.</p> <p>1) Cattle Grid near Buxton Raceway...first metal bar broken or dislodged 2) Coal Pit lane ...multiple potholes now formed but associated with ones recently repaired. The condition of this lane is so poor it requires immediate repair or should be closed until repairs are effected. 3)Staden Lane Junction had been given an emergency repair but is considered to be substandard as a permanent repair. 4) A515 junction with Staden Lane..dangerous multiple potholes. 5) A long pothole has developed at the lowest point of Brandside Road, this should be reported to Derbyshire Highways. Clerk to action.</p>
06/07/09	<p>Policies and Procedures.</p>
	<p>The clerk reported that the External Audit documents and Annual Return had been submitted on time to Grant Thornton who had sent confirmation that documents were received. Clerk is now awaiting External Auditors report. Second Internal Auditor, Liz Fitzgibbons would check the accounts published on the website for completeness and correctness now that Internal audit is signed off.</p>
06/07/10	<p>Correspondence</p>
	<p>The Clerk had received documents from an organisation called FIT (Fields in trust) inviting the Parish Council to consider placing the War Memorial in Trust. The documents were examined by the councillors but Cllr S. Flower advised caution when committing properties into trusts as the procedure was very difficult to reverse. Clerk to seek more information and advise councillors of legal position in considering this action.</p> <p>Clerk advised that the Parish Councils bankers had requested an information update from the Parish Council to keep the records in line with anti-money-laundering regulations. Clerk to respond to this request with full information requested by bank.</p>
06/07/11	<p>Any other business</p>
	<p>A member of the Public asked the Parish Council if a request could be sent to High Peak Borough Council to confirm that his address should be included on the electoral register for this Parish as he had experienced problems in obtaining his voting card in the recent</p>

	<p>referendum. The Clerk was advised that Simon Baker at HPBC is the person to contact regarding these matters. The Clerk agreed to do so and report back to the Councillors on this matter.</p> <p>Cllr A Bennet asked if Cllr Flower could give an update on the situation at the Octagon in Buxton as its closure was affecting residents of the Parish. Cllr Flower explained that as work had begun on the roof, structural problems were found and it was necessary to close the building to make safe the defects and effect a more speedy repair. There is no time scale for this known as yet, because the faults have only recently come to light.</p> <p>Cllrs agreed no further business for discussion. Next meeting date and time was agreed and the meeting was closed at 21:30 hours.</p>
06/07/12	Date and time of next meeting
	Wednesday September 7th 2016 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall