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**HARTINGTON UPPER QUARTER PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 21st July 2021**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Lloyd Melland (Vice Chair), Andrew Bennett, Steve Wardle, John Bennett.

Principal Councillors: None.                      Members of the Public: Three (Local residents)

Stephen Mansfield, (Clerk).

<b>21/07/21/01</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	1.1) Councillors Kevin Kirkham, (Chair) Tracey Stafford were not present and both sent letters of resignation by hand delivered by the Vice Chair. Steam cleaning equipment, used recently to make the Hall more Covid safe ,was returned by the retiring Chair, Councillor Kevin Kirkham.
<b>21/07/21/02</b>	<b>Minutes of the meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>
	Minutes from 6th December 2020 were agreed and approved. The Vice Chair questioned why no other minutes had been tabled since then. The Clerk explained that due to the pandemic restrictions and there being no broadband to half of the Parish Councillors homes, certainly not enough bandwidth to support Zoom, there had not been quorate or other wise valid meetings since then. There had been meetings between the Clerk, the Chair and HPBC councillors and even other Parish Councillors but none of those could be constituted as a proper Parish Council meeting. The approved minutes mentioned that Councillors with no Zoom access had been asked to contribute by making notes on a special agenda to be readout by the Clerk in the meeting.
<b>21/07/21/03</b>	<b><u>Matters arising and Public Speaking</u></b>
	<p>3.1) It was noted that the Brandside refurbishment project is now complete and the tables and chairs purchased with the final balance of the DET Grant monies are in the hall ready for use.</p> <p>3.2) Members of the Public were invited to speak. Their concerns were the higher levels of use of the Hall now that it was improved and the likelihood of more traffic on the Brand Top lane. There was a question and answer session and the Clerk and Parish Councillors assured the residents that it was unlikely that there would be more traffic than there was prior to the pandemic. It was mainly the same groups of Scouts, Duke of Edinburgh Award participants, schools and other youth groups that will be using the hall now as before the pandemic. There was probably more traffic, workmens' vans, delivery vehicles etc., during the time the hall was being refurbished but that is now complete.</p> <p>3.3) The Clerk explained to residents that the hall was built by public subscription for use as a school for local children in around 1832. The school was closed in the 1970's. The Parish Council acquired the hall from the Chatsworth Estate near the end of the twentieth century and resolved that the purpose of the hall was for local residents use and for any children or youth groups who were interested in outdoor education. It was noted that Brandside and its surroundings are particularly suitable for the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award and hundreds, perhaps thousands of youngsters have had the advantage of staying</p>

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at Brandside over the last couple of decades. It is intended that the Hall will continue to be used for the education of young people but there has also been interest from a local group who wish to use the Hall for Yoga classes and this is being facilitated by the Clerk. In the past (and particularly during times when UK troops have been stationed overseas in conflict zones) short wave radio aerials have been temporarily erected to establish communications across time zones and continents, manned by ex-military personnel. This is because Brand Top's altitude and location makes it suitable for this purpose. Practice sessions of this activity will still probably occur once or twice a year. Very well attended Remembrance day services are important to the the local people. A Church service with Bugler and a Canon salute are normally arranged and the memorial to fallen service personnel is carefully maintained by the Parish Council.

**21/07/21/04 Items of Account**

**Bank balance stands at £19462.14 as at 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

The following expenditure was approved:

Date	Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
28/05/2021	000806	All Seasons Farm and Garden Supplies	2 x 47KG bottles of Propane heating gas	£130.00

No further request for payments were presented or processed due to the untimely resignation of two Parish Councillors.

**The following income was reported by the Clerk**

The Clerk has received or noted the following payments credited to the current account

Date	Received from	Description	Amount
06/04/2021	HPBC – Covid support	Business support grant	238.00
06/04/2021	HPBC – Covid support	Business support grant	2001.00
06/04/2021	HPBC – Covid support	Business support grant	2096.00
06/04/2021	HPBC – Covid support	Business support grant	4000.00
23/04/2021	HPBC	Precept half year	4409.35
29/06/2021	RBS bank	Interest on bank balance	2.53

It is thought that a further £8000.00 has been credited by the HPBC recently but the bank statement showing that had not arrived with the Clerk prior to this meeting.

**Funds managed by the Parish Council for the Sterndale Moor Defibrillator**

Transactions on the Defibrillator Reserved Fund are £0.00  
**Defibrillator Reserved Fund Balance is recorded as +£165.02**

**Funds managed by the Parish Council for the Brandside Broadband Mast**

Transactions on the Brandside Broadband Reserved Fund are £00.00  
**Brandside Broadband Mast Reserved Fund Balance is recorded as £150.00**

**21/07/21/05 Planning Applications**

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	<p>The recently posted application regarding a caravan at Oldfield Farm will be considered at the next meeting. The Clerk will print off the applications beforehand so that Parish Councillors without internet access can review the application.</p> <p>All other planning applications on the agenda have been determined by the PDNPA planning officers and committee. No comment is now needed from Parish Council.</p>
<b>21/07/21/06</b>	<b>Sterndale Moor</b>
	<p>6.1) Rospa have still not done playground inspection. Clerk to request again.</p> <p>6.2) Big swing apparatus wooden support ans associated fixings has been repaired by the original supplier, Play dale Playgrounds Ltd.</p> <p>6.3) Due to resignations there are no Councillors at Sterndale Moor to make regular playground inspections. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Derek Morson who lives near the playground and regularly mows the grass around it if he will, at least temporarily, inspect the playground and report potential problems to the clerk.</p>
<b>21/07/21/07</b>	<b>Parish Hall</b>
	<p>7.1) The Clerk has begun to receive bookings from previous visiting youth groups for camping etc. at the Hall.</p> <p>7.2) The floor and the large window at the back of the hall should be inspected by the workmen who refurbished them recently for finishing and waterproofing respectively. Clerk to organise.</p> <p>7.3) The paddock needs to be mowed. Councillor Andrew Bennett will handle this.</p>
<b>21/07/21/08</b>	<b>Highways</b>
	<p>8.1) Some of the upper drains have been cleared by Cllr A Bennett on Gambols Lane but there is still water running down the road leaving gravel and debris which is blocking the lower drains. Clerk to report it again to Highways engineers</p>
<b>21/07/21/09</b>	<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
	<p>9.1) Clerk to look into whether Parish Council can/should erect signs on Brand Top asking users of the Hall to take more care on the road.</p> <p>9.2) The Clerk showed letters from the Derby Stroke Clinic to the meeting to clarify his health status. This was to allow Parish Councillors to make the decision as to whether he should be asked to step down and be replaced by another Clerk.</p>
<b>21/07/21/10</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
	<p>10.1) Correspondence had been received from an agent acting on behalf of High Peak MP Largan. The Vice Chair would investigate and review what actions need to be taken. It is not clear why a particular resident had requested the MP 's involvement. All correspondence received from that resident had been replied to promptly by the Clerk.</p>
<b>21/07/21/11</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
	<p>11.1) The Vice Chair read out the letters of resignation from Councillors Kevin Kirkham and Tracey Stafford. Parish Councillors were unanimous in expressing a feeling of disappointment in losing two persons who have done so much over the years to support</p>

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the community in a wide variety of projects. Both of these Councillors have been the main driving forces to get fast broadband onto Sterndale Moor, grants to refurbish the Hall at Brandside and had project managed the refurbishment project. It was thought that it would have been unlikely that the replacement water system on Sterndale Moor would be now working without Councillor Kirkham's determined efforts in conjunction with the retired HPBC Councillor John Faulkner. The ongoing project to have a designated village green to the rear of Peak View will struggle to get through without the hard working administrator and co-ordinator Councillor Stafford.

11.2) There was no vote taken to accept the resignations. This item to be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

**21/07/21/12 Date and time of next meeting**

Date set as Wednesday 11th August 2021 at 7:30pm at Brandside Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 21:17 hours.