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HARTINGTON UPPER QUARTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 11th August 2021

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

Principal Councillors: None. Members of the Public: Two (Councillor applicants)

Stephen Mansfield, (Clerk).

11/08/21/01	Apologies
	1.1) Vice Chair, Lloyd Melland heard apologies from Principal Councillor Linda Grooby.
11/08/21/02	Minutes of the meeting held 21st July 2021
	Minutes from 11/08/2021 were agreed and approved. Proposed Councillor Lloyd Melland, seconded Councillor Steve Wardle and unanimously approved.
11/08/21/03	<u>Matters arising and Public Speaking</u>
	<p>3.1) Two applicants for the position of Parish Councillor were present.</p> <p>3.1.1) Mr Ray Mellor, well known to Parish Councillors and a local resident who had assisted the Parish Council previously held a discussion with the Parish Councillors regarding becoming a member of the Parish Council by co-option. It was proposed by Councillor John Bennett and seconded by Councillor Steve Wardle that Mr Mellor be co-opted to Hartington Upper Quarter Parish Council. A vote was taken and the proposal was unanimously accepted. Councillor ray Mellor signed the Acceptance of Office documents which wee countersigned by the Clerk.</p> <p>3.1.2) Mr Michael Staden, also well known to Parish Councillors and a local resident who had assisted the Clerk to the Parish Council on a number of occasions held a discussion with the Parish Councillors regarding becoming a member of the Parish Council by co-option. It was proposed by Councillor Andrew Bennett and seconded by Councillor Lloyd Melland that Mr Staden be co-opted to Harting Upper Quarter Parish Council. A vote was taken and the proposal was unanimously accepted. Councillor Michael Staden signed the Acceptance of Office documents which were counter signed by the Clerk.</p> <p>3.2) A resident of the Parish had made three requests to the Parish Council</p> <p>3.2.1) Communication methods: Reviewing and considering improving communications with the residents of the large Parish area, to ensure all residents are kept up to date with news, meetings and activities etc. Sterndale Moor has a number of new residents and as our Parish covers such a large rural area, which may now also include part of the new housing development in Harpur Hill, this may be a good time to reconsider using a form of social media to communicate frequently, quickly and to the majority of residents in the Parish. It may also provide a good opportunity to promote the successful refurbishment of the Parish Hall and its availability for hire.</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed this request but did not feel that it was appropriate to use Facebook as a means of communicating local government information because the number of people using that medium is still a minority in our Parish. A large number of residents still do not have access to broadband facilities.</p>

2) **Tarmac ROMP/development:** how the Parish Council can/plan to support the residents of Sterndale Moor and surrounding dwellings, to ensure everyone is aware of the scale of the new tip, the reduction in size of the current 'Siberia tip', the workings of the site and how they can raise any concerns/ideas etc and be kept up to date with what is going to happen and when etc.

It was noted that Parish Councillors, High Peak Borough Councillors and Derbyshire County Councillors have attended Quarry Liaison meetings at the Quarry Offices on Sterndale Moor for many years. This is the first time for three years that the Parish Council has received any correspondence from Parish Residents on this subject. Parish Residents can look at this link to see current plans and the status of current discussions.

<https://planning.derbyshire.gov.uk/Planning/Display/R1/0621/34>

Proposal: First periodic review of mineral permission

Location: Hindlow Quarry, Sterndale Moor, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 9QD

Application: R1/0621/34

3) **Access to the High Peak Trail:** Approximately three years or so ago I raised with Councillor Stafford the possibility of the Parish Council supporting and liaising with Breedon and the appropriate authorities to look to create a multi user access section from Sterndale Moor to the High Peak Trail. Unfortunately, I have never received any updates on progress with this matter from the Parish Council.

- I initiated conversations between the Breedon site management and the Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Countryside Access Improvement Officer (Gill Millward) and understand that Breedon are very keen to support the idea. I have recently had a conversation with Gill Millward who confirmed this to be the case and that discussions had taken place with a view to creating an extension of the trail on the land owned by Breedon/DCC, with access starting near to the entrance area of the Tarmac site. This would enable village residents and walkers to cross from Sterndale Moor (as they do to use the bus service) and get straight onto the trail, which is currently not possible unless residents follow the indirect ordnance survey footpath routes or risk using the busy A515 by foot or bicycle. The short extension of the trail would bring fantastic well-being and environmental benefits, enabling residents to leave their cars and cycle/walk directly from their home village. In turn this would also financially benefit local businesses located along the trail and surrounding areas.
- As a Parish resident I would be extremely grateful if the Parish Council could kindly review the status of this initiative with a view to pursuing and progressing on the Parish resident's behalf. I feel now is an opportune moment to engage with Breedon/Omya/Tarmac/Lhoist/DCC and other organisations such as the Buxton Town Team: Safer Walk & Ride network. Who knows over time, perhaps the village of Sterndale Moor and trail could even be extended further to connect to Harpur Hill and thus the Town centre creating safe off-road connections and reducing the pressure for parking in the already busy Peak Park designated parking locations or on street parking in congested villages.

The Parish Council supports the project to provide a cycle track extension from the High Peak Trail to Sterndale Moor. The Parish Council cannot comment on private discussions between a resident and a retired Parish Councillor as current Councillors have no knowledge of those discussions. However, we do know that the cycle trail extension was enthusiastically supported by the now retired Parish Councillor Tracy Stafford.

3.3) Banking facilities. It was agreed that Councillors Andrew and John Bennett would make an

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appointment to visit the Macclesfield Branch of RBS with the Clerk S. Mansfield. The object is to rationalise the banking arrangements after recent changes to members of the Parish Council and ensure that the correct signatories for the account are registered with the bank. It is thought that some retired Parish Councillors still have access to the bank account and to avoid any misunderstandings in the future this should be notified to the bank and the facility should be closed.

3.4) The question was raised as to whether there is any equipment or documents still held by retired Parish Councillors. The Clerk will investigate and make a list to be presented at the next meeting.

3.5) The Clerk informed the meeting that residents of the Parish were still intending to sue him for Defamation of Character. It was considered important that this situation is monitored by the Parish Council and the situation made transparent to all residents of the Parish.

11/08/21/04 Items of Account

Bank balance stands at £27822.14 as at 2nd August 2021

The following expenditure was approved:

Date	Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
11/08/2021	000813	J. Melland and Son	Empty Septic Tank	£100.00

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
16/07/2021	HPBC – Covid support	Business support grant	8000.00
21/07/2021	Alison Bussell	Duke of Edinburgh Award	260.00
02/08/2021	Brian Foreman	Radio Club	100.00

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

11/08/21/05 Planning Applications

The planning application at [NP/HPK/0721/0798 Planning Application Siting of a static caravan to provide daytime shelter and occasional night time accommodation for animal welfare use such as during lambing time. Oldfield Farm Unnamed Road From Madscar Farm To Oldfield Farm Taxal](#) 16/07/2021

Parish Councillors asked for more information. In particular why a property being used as a Care Home needs Shepherds' accommodation. The agent states "The proposed site is currently set aside for this use. previous location of farm building." However, the Care home has no employees who are shepherds.

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11/08/21/06	Sterndale Moor
	<p>6.1) Clerk to discuss mowing and safety inspections with Derek Morson and Richard Fletcher including;</p> <p>6.2) The noticeboard appears to be seized up and will not open. Minutes have been posted by sliding document into side of the noticeboard. This should be repaired soonest.</p> <p>6.3) A corner post at the playground appears to have rotting wood. Needs to be inspected/repaired soonest.</p> <p>6.4) The bus shelter needs attention</p> <p>6.5) There are trees overhanging the footpaths.</p>
11/08/11/08	Parish Hall
	<p>7.1) Visitors are now using the hall with no reported problems.</p> <p>7.2) The window and floor still need to be sealed.</p> <p>7.3) Clerk to invite participants in Remembrance Sunday service and make sure the wreath is ordered.</p>
11/08/21/08	Highways
	<p>8.1) Clerk to report surface water on Gamballs Lane again to Highways engineers now done as;- This road is called Gamballs Lane. It is one of only two similar narrow approach roads to a large number of properties in Brandside. This lane become flooded regularly and this surface water turns to ice very easily at this altitude of approximately 1000 feet above sea level. The drains need to be serviced and repaired so that residents, deliveries and emergency vehicles have safe access during frosty autumn, winter and spring months. Please inspect this fault when it is raining and the serious consequences of that surface water turning to ice will be self evident.</p>
11/08/21/09	Policies and Procedures
	<p>9.1) There were further discussions on how to keep Brandside Hall Covid safe as regulations continue to change.</p>
11/08/21/10	Correspondence
	<p>10.1) Email from resident – fully addressed in minute 3.2 above.</p> <p>10.2) Request for inspection of Fire Safety Equipment from North Staffs Fire. Date set for inspection as 18/08/21</p>
11/08/21/11	Any other business
	<p>11.1) The Clerk is to send the best wishes from all Parish Councillors to Councillor Linda Grooby who is recovering from a recent stay in hospital.</p>
11/08/21/12	Date and time of next meeting
	<p>Date set as Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 7:30pm at Brandside Village Hall.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 21:14 hours.</p>