

Hartington Upper Quarter Parish Council
 Minutes from the meeting held on 7th February 2024 at 7:30pm

councillors present: Chairman Ray Mellor, Vice Chairman Simon Oliver, Cllr Mick Staden, Cllr Steve Otty.

The clerk: Tarrah Staden

members of the public: Michael Greenwood, Sharon McSherry, Andrew Bennett.

7/02/2024	Apologies for absence: none.																											
7/02/2024	Minutes from the meeting held previously: all the councillors were in agreement with the previous minutes. The minutes from the previous meeting were signed off.																											
7/02/2024	Matters arising: Cllr Otty commented that the defibrillator batteries fro Sterndale Moor have arrived.																											
7/02/2024	<p>Items of account: statements from the bank were made available for the councillors to read. Invoices requiring paying off also were made available to the councillors . Cllr Staden commented that the bill for the gas is less than expected . The chairman commented that Derbyshire Broadband should have contacted the clerk . The cllrs discussed whether it would be necessary to install the Derbyshire Broadband Service , Cllr Staden suggested discussing the subject properly at another time in order to look at the pros and cons of installing Derbyshire Broadband.</p> <p>As of the 16th January 2024, the bank balance stood at £19,815.27.</p> <p>income:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Amount</th> <th>Received by</th> <th>Reason</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>£75.07</td> <td>interest</td> <td>Interest</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Cheques written out during the meeting:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque N.o</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Recipient</th> <th>reason</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>000998</td> <td>£237.50</td> <td>The clerk</td> <td>wages</td> </tr> <tr> <td>000999</td> <td>£130.00</td> <td>ByWater Gas</td> <td>For two 47khg propane refill bottles</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0001000</td> <td>£300.00</td> <td>Greg Boulton</td> <td>Parish gardening services</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Amount	Received by	Reason		£75.07	interest	Interest		Cheque N.o	Amount	Recipient	reason	000998	£237.50	The clerk	wages	000999	£130.00	ByWater Gas	For two 47khg propane refill bottles	0001000	£300.00	Greg Boulton	Parish gardening services
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7/02/2024	Planning applications: None																											
7/02/2024	Sterndale Moor repairs: the ROSPA inspection letter was shown to the councillors. They agreed that the inspection should be booked.																											
7/02/2024	<p>Parish hall maintenance plans: Cllr Staden confirmed he had spoken to Michael Greenwood regarding replacing the drains and sourcing builders to repair the large windows.</p> <p>Michael Greenwood, in attendance at the meeting discussed with the cllrs what would be beneficial to the drainage system . Cllrs commented that the location of the drainage system . Andrew Bennett commented that the previous drainage system for the PC drained into the property next door.</p> <p>The vice chairman commented that the council needs to be sure as to where the drainage system is draining. He also commented that a conversation with the</p>																											

	<p>property owners next door would be required regarding the drainage system in order to see whether our drainage system connects to theirs.</p> <p>The chairman proposed Michael Greenwood to look into an appropriate drainage system, this was seconded by cllr Staden. The vice chairman reiterated the priorities within the maintenance plans . He informed that the quotes need circulating.</p>
7/02/2024	<p>Highways:</p> <p>the chairman confirmed that the large pot hole nearby Sterndale Moor has been repaired. Cllr Staden confirmed that the grit bins have not been refilled. Cllr Otty stated that the area requires grit, Sterndale Moor has surplus amounts. Cllr Staden mentioned that the bus shelter at Cisterns Clough requires some repairs.</p>
7/02/2024	<p>Correspondences:</p> <p>the precept form was shown to the councillors who made comparisons to the previous years precept and considered the expenses . Cllr Staden suggested changing the precept next year. However, for the current year, the councillors jointly agreed to keeping the precept figures from the previous year. The chairman filled in the precept form with the figures. It was mentioned by the vice chairman that in the future, the precept figure needs to be decided in October / November before the new precept year.</p>
7/02/2024	<p>Footpaths and bridleways:</p> <p>nothing to report</p>
7/02/2024	<p>Policies and procedures:</p> <p>the clerk confirmed she had spoken to Robert Watkins regarding the evaluation and that an appropriate date will be arranged to put a value on the property.</p>
7/02/2024	<p>Clerks announcement:</p> <p>the clerk announced her resignation. It was agreed that her final working date would be within the first week of April. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the relevant people to make them aware of the resignation and to advertise the position.</p>
7/02/2024	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>no correspondence received from the Methodist Church. The vice chairman commented that there will be documentation on the license . Cllr Staden commented that it would be beneficial to obtain some records , he also commented he would look for records.</p> <p>#it was also mentioned by a member of the public: Sharon McSherry that she has had difficulties in using the website and accessing the minutes . A proper website set up was proposed by the chairman and seconded by cllr Otty.</p>

Date and time of next meeting: March the 6th 2024 at 7:30pm
this meeting closed at 9:05pm