

Hartington Upper Quarter Parish Council
Minutes from the meeting held on the 10TH April 2024

Councillors present: Chairman Ray Mellor, Vice chairman Simon Oliver, Cllr Michael Staden, Cllr Steve Otty, The Clerk Tarrah Staden.

Members of the public: Sharon McSherry, Andrew Bennett, Kate Temperly, Matt Pilmoor.

This meeting was opened at: 19:37pm by the Chairman.

10/04/2024.1	Apologies for absence- none received.														
10/04/2024.2	Minutes from the meeting held previously- The chairman was happy to sign off the minutes pending additional comments made by the vice chairman were added.														
10/04/2024.3	Matters arising- the sourcing of legal advise regarding parish council access through the School House property was brought up, the chairman stated he will source the legal documents from the solicitors regarding access. VC Oliver commented that he would contact someone who may be intersted in the clerks position.														
10/04/2024.4	<p>Items of account. A bank statement from March 2024 was produced for the councillors to look at. As of the 15th March 2024, the bank balance total stood at £18,084.51</p> <p>No income was received during this time period.</p> <p>Cheques were written out and agreed to by all of the councillors on the evening of this meeting.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Cheque N.o</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Recipient</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Amount</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Reason</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>001004</td> <td>ByWater Gas</td> <td>130.00</td> <td>For x247kG Propane refills.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>001005</td> <td>The clerk</td> <td>218.75</td> <td>One months salary.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The councillors were notified that Zurich Insurance requires a renewal. It was agreed that the clerk would find out whether the Roman Catholic shrine in the Goyt Valley is covered by the insurance. This was proposed by CM Mellor and seconded by cllr Otty.</p>			Cheque N.o	Recipient	Amount	Reason	001004	ByWater Gas	130.00	For x247kG Propane refills.	001005	The clerk	218.75	One months salary.
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10/04/2024.5	<p>Sterndale Moor repairs- Cllr Staden enquired after the bus shelter, cllr Otty confirmed that the bus shelter had not been completed.</p> <p>The clerk read out the correspondence from ROSPA, it was clarified that ROSPA will complete their inspection in May or June. Cllr Staden commented that lifting rubber on the playground needs addressing, cllr Otty advised to 'hold off' until the inspection is completed and he will look into previous reports.</p>														
10/04/2024.6	Parish Hall maintenance plans- it was confirmed that Michael Greenwood has began works on the drainage,														

	<p>cllr Otty questioned whether the drainage would prevent food waste issues, cllr Staden confirmed that the new drainage system would resolve the issues.</p> <p>Gregg Boulton gardening services was brought up as a question of continuing using his services for the year, all of the councillors were in full agreement to allow Gregg Boulton to continue maintaining the grounds. This was proposed by Cllr Staden and seconded by the chairman.</p> <p>The vice chairman commented that the intel requires fixing, he mentioned that he had concerns that it would allow rain water to leak through onto the parish hall users, Cllr Staden commented that campers and hall users should be told not to use the affected room, VC Oliver agreed with this.</p>
10/04/2024.7	<p>Highways-</p> <p>The chairman mentioned a pothole in Burbage down by the traffic lights, cllr Staden commented that he did not believe that the pothole in this area is something we would need to deal with as it is an area outside of the parish. The chairman commented that he would report the matter privately.</p>
10/04/2024.8	<p>Correspondences- The Methodist Church. The councillors were informed that the clerk had received an email from a person dealing with the overdue payment for rent to the Methodist church informing her that the cheque had been written to the wrong name. The councillors agreed to wait for a bank statement before correcting and writing another cheque.</p> <p>The clerk has contacted Robert Watkins regarding the evaluation report, the parish council now awaits a response.</p> <p>In regards to the Methodist church cllr Staden queried as to whether parish councils could invest in land. The VC oliver commented that parish councils can providing they have a reason as to why they are purchasing the land and have a purpose for it.</p> <p>Cllr Otty commented that he didn't see the harm in making an offer, VC Oliver suggested adding the matter to the next agenda for the public meeting in order to obtain a response from the public and what their thoughts are.</p>
10/04/2024.9	Foot paths and bridleways- no comments.
10/04/2024.10	Policies and procedures- no comments.
10/04/2024.11	<p>Any other business?</p> <p>The chairman commented that a resident would be interested in co-opting onto the parish council. Kate Temperly also expressed her interest in co-opting onto the parish council.</p> <p>Cllr Otty commented that the both should apply and then the matter should be discussed at the next meeting, he also suggested writing an official invite in order to invite people to co-opt on at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Staden commented that an acting clerk ought to be appointed at the ext meeting also.</p>
10/04/2024.12	This meeting closed at 20:35pm.