

Hartington Upper Quarter Parish Council
Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held 8th May 2024

Present: Councillors: Ray Mellor (Chair), Simon Oliver (Vice Chair) Michael Staden, Steve Otty (acting clerk)

Plus seven members of the public.
The meeting was opened at 7.10 by the Chair.

Item	
1. Apologies for absence	None received
2. Election of Chair & Vice Chair	Cllr Mellor agreed to stand again as chair. Proposed Cllr Otty, Seconded Cllr Oliver and was elected unanimously Cllr Oliver wished to step down as Vice Chair. Cllr Otty agreed to stand. Proposed Cllr Oliver, seconded Cllr Staden and elected unanimously
3. Minutes of previous Annual meeting	The minutes were agreed without comment
4. Matters arising	There were no matters arising from the previous minutes
5. Chair's report	The Chair (Cllr Mellor) presented and read out his statement which highlighted the events of the year. This was accepted by the meeting.
6. Financial Statement	Cllr Staden stated that a full statement could not be presented due to the AGAR forms only being received that day. He will try to resolve and complete the statement in the following week.
7. Parish Council Membership	It was highlighted that the Council remained two Councillors short. Maria Jackson and Katherine Temperly expressed a wish to be co-opted onto the Council. The procedure was unclear and contradictory advice had been received. It was decided to carry out the election at this time. Mr Bennett from the public questioned the potential East / West make-up of the Council but it was agreed that, as no one from Sterndale Moor could be found, a full Council was better at this time. He also commented that he did not know Ms Jackson who then gave a summary of her experience and qualifications for the post. Both Maria Jackson and Kate Temperly were proposed as Council members by Cllr Mellor, seconded Cllr Otty and elected unanimously. The Cllr Otty agreed to obtain the pecuniary interest forms accordingly. The Chair suggested that the new Councillors attend the next Sterndale Moor Community Task Force meeting.
8. Any other business	None

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Steve Otty (acting Clerk)