

### A Meeting of Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council was held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at 7.30pm, in Biggin Village Hall.

**Present:** D Currington, S Lovatt, S Fletcher, M Heathcote and the clerk, S Hampson. For part of the meeting, there was one member of the public in attendance.

#### **Part 1 non-confidential information**

##### **25.12.1 Apologies and attendance register**

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from Mrs J Coles and Mrs W Andrews.

##### **25.12.2 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous ordinary meeting had been displayed on the noticeboard, forwarded to the members and the parish council's website, in advance of the meeting.

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes as a true record of proceedings. These were duly signed by Mrs Currington

##### **25.12.3 Matters arising and pre-meeting**

The large green wheeled bin, paid for by the parish council, for use in the cemetery/church yard has gone missing. The clerk has reported this to the Waste Management Services and the Accounts department at Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC). DDDC will deliver a new bin and the parish council will not be charged for the period since bringing the matter to the attention of DDDC and receipt of the replacement bin.

##### **25.12.4 Public Speaking Procedures Document**

The document was available in the meeting for the public in attendance.

##### **25.12.5 Public speaking**

The member of the public had been in contact with an enforcement officer at Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) with regard to aspects of unauthorised developments at Sycamore House. The officer reported that action is not proposed to take place with regard to windows and doors; however, action is proposed against the tall gate posts and the incorporation of agricultural land into domestic use. The member of the public advised that further gravestones in the old churchyard were laid flat on the day of the meeting.

##### **25.12.6 District Councillor**

The District Councillor was not in attendance.

##### **25.11.7 Update on affordable homes**

The clerk had requested the most up to date situation with the affordable homes in time for the meeting. The property owner had advised DDDC of proposed future occupiers. The officer at DDDC required updates on any works being undertaken. The deadline for completion of works is 19<sup>th</sup> December. The garden area appears much improved, and the drive has been tarmaced.

**Resolved:** the clerk to continue to liaise with DDDC.

**Resolved:** the clerk to request confirmation of compliance the Section 106 agreement regarding occupancy

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### 25.12.8 Heathcote Mere and other works

Mr Heathcote had no further information regarding the grant scheme referred to in previous minutes.

### 25.12.9 Village tree surgery work

The clerk had instructed the contractor to proceed with the quote for £450 and also requested a quote for additional tree surgery work on Main Street. The clerk had not heard anything further about an estimate for Main Street works.

**Resolved:** the clerk to seek additional quotes from other tree surgeons and to chase the other contractor.

### 25.12.10 Budget and precept 2026-2027

The clerk and responsible finance officer had prepared an estimated year end forecast of the accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and a budget for 2026-27. Members discussed financial requirements for the following year considering an increase to the precept from the previous financial year, due to increases in services, essential requirements and maintenance. Income from the parish council cemetery had been low during the present financial year to date. It remains unpredictable and could be zero during 2026-27.

**Resolved:** to increase the precept by £2,000 to £13,000 with a submission of £500 by way of reimbursable expenditure to offset mowing costs in the parish council cemetery.

### 25.12.11 Two-year mowing contract

The clerk had submitted details of the previous mowing contract for members to consider any revisions to the contract prior to seeking tenders for 2026 and 2027. Members have been extremely satisfied with the mowing contractor used for some years, but a tender process is required. Members discussed contractors to contact to submit tenders.

**Resolved:** to keep the mowing requirements the same; to contact suitably qualified contractors and to appoint a mowing contractor for a 2-year mowing contract at the February meeting.

### 25.12.12 Planning applications, planning sub-committee, appeals and enforcement

There were no new planning applications to consider.

### 25.12.13 Bank signatories and mandate

Mrs Currington had further liaised with the parish council's bank. Mrs Currington and Mrs Lovatt have been confirmed as authorised signatories. Additional signatories will be added.

### 25.12.14 Items of account, administration, salaries and HMRC, mowing contract, tree surgery, Remembrance Day refreshments

Cq 1594 HMRC	Quarter 3 tax	£262.40
Cq 1595 S Hampson	December & January internet provision	£34.00
Cq 1596 S Hampson	January clerk's salary	£349.72
Cq 1597 S Hampson	Reimbursement of expenses	£9.20
Cq 1598 Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus shelters cleaning	£27.24 (VAT £4.54)
Cq 1599 D Currington	Remembrance Day refreshments & bugle	£40.64

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### **25.12.15 Highways, street lighting, flytipping, grit bin monitoring, dog fouling, Parwich Lane stile repairs**

Mr Fletcher and Mr Heathcote had kindly broken up the solid grit in the Greenhead Crescent bin and continue to monitor and replenish other parish council grit bins. Members were both concerned and disappointed to learn that the grit bin at Greenhead Crescent has continued to be used as a litter bin, despite a notice being placed in News and Views regarding this. Members discussed relocating the Greenhead Crescent bin to an alternative location such as the village hall car park if the anti-social behaviour persists in using this bin as an alternative waste bin.

Parwich Lane stile had been replaced with a new gate. Highway repair works have been completed in Heathcote

**Resolved:** to place a further article in News and Views to advise that if the practice of dumping waste in the Greenhead Crescent bin does not cease, then the bin is likely to be relocated elsewhere.

### **25.12.16 Articles for News and Views**

**Resolved:** to place an article regarding the possible relocation of the Greenhead Crescent grit bin.

### **25.12.17 Correspondence, electronic communication and Biggin Community facebook**

Details had been forwarded to members in advance and some items were already covered by agenda items.

Other: Citizens Advice Bureau report, Fire Service stakeholder consultation, liaison forums, mobile library routes, stile replaced with gate, Derbyshire's holiday and food programme. A contact had been made via the website to introduce their landscape services.

Mrs Currington reported that the owners of Newhaven Garage have privately purchased and installed a defibrillator on an exterior wall. The members of the parish council are very grateful for another defibrillator being available in the Newhaven area.

### **25.12.18 Items for the next agenda**

Bank signatories, affordable houses, Heathcote Mere perimeter, tree surgery, new mowing contract, grit bin monitoring and possible relocation of the Greenhead Crescent grit bin. Additional items to be compiled by the clerk.

### **25.12.19 Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 as the parish council does not meet in January.

### **Part 2 Confidential information**

There were no confidential items to discuss.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.55 pm

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