

A Meeting of Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council was held on 2nd March 2026 at 7.30pm, in Biggin Village Hall.

Present: D Currington, S Lovatt, W Andrews, S Fletcher and the clerk, S Hampson. There were no members of the public in attendance

Part 1 non-confidential information

26.3.1 Apologies and attendance register

Mr M Heathcote was not in attendance.

26.3.2 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

26.3.3 Matters arising and pre-meeting

As referred to in the previous minutes, Mrs Lovatt had purchased some no smoking signs to be placed in the bus shelters.

26.3.4 Public Speaking Procedures Document

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

26.3.5 Public speaking

There were no members of the public in attendance.

26.3.6 District Councillor

The District Councillor was not in attendance.

26.3.7 Casual vacancy

A casual vacancy notice had been prepared by the clerk and this had been placed on the website and the noticeboard.

26.3.8 Update on affordable homes

The owner of the affordable homes has confirmed that he has at least identified a new contractor for the replacement heat pumps required at the properties. He has accepted that he needs to install new pumps in order to get the MSC certification and then Building Control to sign off. He is chasing the contractor to get a date for this to happen. Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) has requested to be updated with the progress in getting the heat pumps installed and also to ensure that he's got confirmation from the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) that both of the people he has set up to move into the properties meet the eligibility criteria in terms of the 10 year residency, affordability, housing need and so on – and pointed out that this may take some time to confirm with the PDNPA. Regarding Council Tax banding, it is understood that an application to band the properties with the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) was made in December, but there are some significant delays with this process at the moment and it could take as long as July before the banding is confirmed.

DDDC confirmed that not having the Council Tax band confirmed will not delay occupation of the properties and that the council can take payments in advance of the banding being confirmed. So, if the owner delivers his promise to get the heat pumps replaced and certified, followed by Building Control sign off and PDNPA confirmation that the occupants meet the residency criteria then DDDC could, with only realistic optimism, still be looking at getting the properties occupied in Spring 26.

The clerk had invited the owner to attend the March meeting but this was not convenient for him.

Resolved: the clerk to offer the owner of the affordable houses, two alternative dates and await confirmation of attendance.

Mrs S Hampson
Clerk

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26.2.9 Heathcote Mere and other works, toad migration

Toad migration patrol signs had been erected near Heathcote Mere, subsequent to the February meeting. The clerk had requested an update on works at the Mere. Pygmy weed had been attended to in November. Other works are being considered by PDNPA.

26.3.10 Bank signatories and mandate

Three signatories have now completed the required process by the parish council's bank are now authorised. These are Mrs Currington, Mrs Lovatt and Mrs Hampson.

26.3.11 Possible relocation of Greenhead Crescent grit bin

An article had been placed in News and Views advising that if the grit bin sited at Greenhead Crescent continues to be used as a litter bin, rather than its intended purpose, it will be relocated in the vicinity of the village hall. Immediately prior to the February parish council meeting, a member of the parish council checked the grit bin and there was further litter and cigarette ends inside the bin which is most unsatisfactory. However; the bin had been checked again in advance of the March meeting and it was reported that on this occasion, the bin was free from litter which was pleasing to the members.

Resolved: to place a further article in News and Views to advise that the grit bin will remain on Greenhead Crescent subject to it remaining litter free during each of the future regular monitoring sessions.

26.3.12 Assertion 10, email address, .gov.uk. .org.uk

From the February meeting, it was agreed to defer this at this present time and work towards it over time. Some further information had been sent to members but no further action taken.

26.3.13 Planning applications, planning sub-committee, appeals and enforcement

An appeal, with Start Date: 12/02/2026 had been received as follows:

Proposal: Proposed storage shed at Homestead Barn, Main Street, Biggin, Buxton.

Application Number: NP/DDD/0825/0813 Planning Inspectorate reference: 6004686

The clerk had contacted Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) with a request for a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) to be considered on the historic yew tree at Yew Tree Cottage.

26.3.14 Items of account, administration, salaries and HMRC, mowing contract, tree surgery,

Cq 1604 S Hampson	March internet provision	£17.00
Cq 1605 S Hampson	Reimbursement of expenses	£12.65
Cq 1606 VOID		
Cq 1607 Defib Store Ltd	New pads for Heathcote defibrillator	£81.60 (VAT £13.60)
Cq 1608 S Lovatt	Reimbursement for No Smoking signs	£5.40

Burial income received: £551.50 and £1351.50

26.3.15 Highways, street lighting, flytipping, grit bin monitoring

The clerk had reported flytipping at Heathcote at the site referred to in the February minutes. Mr Fletcher reported that the advisory sign regarding flytipping had been reinstated and the site was clear.

Mrs Currington reported a faulty street light in the vicinity of the affordable houses. The number is not visible but it was identified from the list of street lights held by the clerk as 124463.

Resolved: the clerk to report the faulty light on Drury Lane, as referred to above.

Mr Fletcher raised the number of shocking potholes between Heathcote Mere and Dale End.

Resolved: The clerk to report the potholes; however, one may be the responsibility of Open Reach as it is adjacent to ironwork.

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26.3.16 Articles for News and Views

See agenda item 26.3.11

26.3.17 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 items included: DALC circulars and DALC subscription invoice to be paid by May 2026, parish and town council liaison forums.

The clerk had contacted Peak District National Park Authority regarding a possible tree preservation order on the yew tree at Yew Tree Cottage.

The gentleman who very kindly winds the church clock had reported that the church clock is in need of a service. The parish council will pay for this service; however, access will be required as the church is presently closed.

Resolved: The clerk to contact the vicar regarding access.

26.3.18 Items for the next agenda

Casual vacancy, bank signatories, affordable houses, Heathcote Mere perimeter, tree surgery, grit bin monitoring and possible relocation of the Greenhead Crescent grit bin, parish council email and domain, village hall broadband donation, News and Views donation, tree preservation order. Additional items to be compiled by the clerk.

26.3.19 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, 13th April 2026

Part 2 Confidential information

26.3.20 Tree surgery tenders (if received)

There had been no tenders received in time for the meeting regarding village tree surgery work. The clerk had contacted a contractor who had expressed interest but had unfortunately, not attended a meeting arranged by Mrs Lovatt. Another contractor had also been contacted but he had not made contact either. Mrs Andrews reported some issues with a tree at the bottom of Parwich Lane (Porridge Lane). It is hoped that the tree surgeons will provide some advice on this

Resolved: Further liaisons to take place with Mrs Lovatt and possibly Mrs Andrews with tree surgeons.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.40 pm

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