

The Minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 25th January 2024 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L.E.Chitty (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs C.Hulland
Cllr Ms. S.Hunter
Cllr R.Law

ALSO PRESENT

Mr W.S. Griffiths (Clerk)
Mr. C.Taylor, member of Shropshire Council
3 members of the Public

23.24.070.00 OPEN FORUM

Members of the public commented on the metal road sign stand which was situated near the bus shelter in Quatt and which needed to be removed because it was potentially dangerous.

23.24.071 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor Mrs J. Yates who was visiting relatives in Australia and from the National Trust and from the Police who were unable to provide representatives to attend the meeting.

Resolved that Councillor Yates absence be approved.

23.24.072 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr R.Law declared a pecuniary interest in planning application Reference: 23/04415/FUL (validated: 16/11/2023)
Address: Wootton Lodge, Duken Lane, Wooton, Six Ashes, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 6EA
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension and annex for dependant relative
Applicant: Mr And Mrs Rob And Sue Law

23.24.073.00 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 30th November 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23.24.074.00 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

23.24.075.00 POLICE REPORT

There was no representative from the Police present at the meeting.

23.24.76.00 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT

Councillor Colin Taylor reported that works to repair potholes and resurface the A442 from Comer Woods to the County Boundary were scheduled to take place in the Spring. He had received many complaints about speeding vehicles and noisy motorbikes in his ward.

A new Chief Constable had been appointed and Shropshire Council were hoping to recruit more foster parents.

23.24.77.00 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

There was no representative from the Trust available to report to the meeting.

23.24.78.00 MEMORIAL GARDEN TO QUEEN ELIZABETH 2ND

A member of the public reported that local residents hoped to establish a community allotments scheme on the land adjoining the Church and a "secret garden" area for rest and repose. It was hoped that a grant from the National Lottery could be obtained to fund the establishment of the facility which would be maintained by members of the community.

A plan and draft lease were awaited from the National Trust.

Resolved that the information be noted.

23.24.079 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Resolved:

a) Income

it was noted that income of £82.06 had been received from bank interest.

b) Payments made under delegated powers since the Last Meeting

i) Clerk's salary and PAYE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
19.01.24	W.S.Griffiths	187.20	0	net salary
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ii) Hire of Quatt Village Hall for meeting of 25.11.2023 £25.00 (no VAT)

iii) Website hosting £9.99 + VAT £2.00 = £11.99

The payslips, invoices and bank statements were examined and approved by Cllrs R.Law and Mrs C. Hulland

Resolved that the payments be approved.

c) Payments made under delegated powers following the adjournment of the meeting of 30th November 2023.

Resolved that the payments set out in the schedule attached to the agenda be approved

d) Clerk's and Councillors' Expenses

W.S. Griffiths –

Clerks Travel Expenses - Posting of Notices 16 miles@0.45 per mile = £7.20

Telephone / Internet allowance	£ 20.00
	= <u>£ 27.20</u>

Resolved that the payments be approved.

The invoices and claims were examined and signed by Cllrs R.Law and Mrs C.Hulland.

f) Financial Progress

The summary of receipts and expenditure and the bank reconciliation for 25th January 2024 were received and approved.

e) Grants and Donations

Resolved

i) That the revised grant application form be approved subject to a maximum of £500.00 grant being added for the guidance of applicants.

ii) That a grant of £800.00 be made to the Parochial Church Council towards the purchase of a new lawnmower and a further grant of £1,000 be made to that body towards the cost of new signage for the Church.

NOTE these applications were considered in advance of the new grants policy being implemented.

23.24.080.00 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2024-2025

The report of the Clerk and the attached appendices were received and considered.

Resolved

a) That Quatt Malvern Parish Council request a precept of £6047.00 for 2024-25 which was the same amount as the current year but would result in a slightly higher council tax levy for an average Band D property, an increase from £59.13 pa to £59.22 per year.

b) That the budget items and estimates contained in Appendix 2 be approved for 2024-25.

23.24.081.00 PLANNING MATTERS

a) New Planning Applications

Reference: 23/05258/FUL (validated: 15/01/2024)

Address: Gable End Barn, Brook House Farm Barns, Wootton, Six Ashes, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 6EB

Proposal: Installation of a roof light window in the south west elevation and alteration to side walls of an existing partially open sided store/car port

Applicant: Mr William Silcock (Gable End Barn, Brook House Farm Barns, Wootton, WV156EB)

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S57JGZTDLZ800>

Resolved that no objection be made to this application

b) Determined Applications

Reference: 23/04415/FUL (validated: 16/11/2023)

Address: Wootton Lodge, Duken Lane, Wootton, Six Ashes, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 6EA

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension and annex for dependant relative

Applicant: Mr And Mrs Rob and Sue Law.

Decision: Refuse.

Resolved that the decision be noted.

c) Community Led Plan

There was nothing further to report.

23.24.082.00 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

a) The BOAT (Byeway open to all traffic)

Councillor R.Law reported that he hoped to be able to provide costings for installing suitable CCTV cameras at this location.

b) VAS (vehicle activated sign) Northbound

There was no further information available concerning the possibility of fitting extra software.

c) VAS Southbound

It was understood that Shropshire Council had not replaced the defective sign but were intending to do so.

d) Proposed Pedestrian Refuge / Crossing in Quatt

The Clerk confirmed that he had approached the relevant officer at Shropshire Council again and a reply was awaited.

23.24.083.00 TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS BOUNDARY REVIEW

Resolved that the report be noted.

23.24.084.00 PARISH AMENITIES

There were no matters of concern to report.

23.24.085.00 REGISTER OF ELECTORS

It was noted that there were 192 electors on the Register of Electors.

23.24.086.00 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a) SALC Area Committee

There was no report to this meeting because Cllr Mrs J. Yates was away.

b) Local Joint Committee

There was nothing further to report concerning this body.

c) Bridgnorth Town Plan Steering Group

There was nothing further to report concerning this body.

d) Quatt Village Hall Committee

It was noted that various events were being held at the Hall, including a course on CPR and an event for carers.

23.24.87.00 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

23.24.088.00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council was to be held on Thursday 28th March 2024 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.35 pm

Signed Date