

The Minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 28th November 2024 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L.Chitty (Chairman)
Cllr R.M. Law
Cllr Ms.S.Hunter
Cllr Mrs J.Yates

ALSO PRESENT

Mr W.S. Griffiths (Clerk)
Three members of the public

24.25.060 OPEN FORUM

Members of the public complained about the flooding of local roads, particularly the A442, during the recent wet weather. It was felt that much of the problem was caused by water running off adjoining private land. It was noted that the Parish Council had written to one of the landowners in the past about this problem.

Resolved

a) that the Clerk ask Shropshire Council if the Unitary Authority had powers to take action against the landowners concerned.

b) that the Clerk ask Bridgnorth Town Council or other local councils if some of their outdoor workforce could carry out work to clear ditches and drains in Quatt Malvern Parish, at the expense of this Parish Council.

24.25.061 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs C.Hulland who was on holiday, Mr. M. Halliwell from the National Trust and from the Police.

Resolved that the apologies be approved.

24.25.062. REGISTER OF DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

24.25.063 MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 26th September 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

24.25.064 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

24.25.065 POLICE REPORT

There were no representatives from the Police available to attend the meeting.

24.25.066 REPORT FROM LOCAL MEMBER OF SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Colin Taylor reported that Shropshire Children's services had been nationally commended but the Council was looking to recruit more social workers and foster carers.

Central Government funding for the Shrewsbury North West Relief Road was now unlikely to be forthcoming.

Some members of the Unitary Council had formed a new party called "Shropshire First"

Councillor Taylor undertook to continue his efforts to persuade the appropriate officer from Shropshire Council to attend a meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council to discuss the proposed pedestrian crossing in Quatt.

24.25.067 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

A message from the National Trust confirmed that as Dudmaston Hall, garden and galleries closed, Christmas in Comer Woods would start, with Christmas Trees decorated by local community groups. There would also be a number of other events in the run up to Christmas.

24.25.068 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Income

It was noted that a VAT refund of £159.18 had been received.

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>
31.10.24	W.S.Griffiths	187.20	0	net salary
31.10.24	HMRC	46.80	0	PAYE
21.11.24	W.S.Griffiths	187.20	0	net salary
21.11.24	HMRC	46.80	0	PAYE

ii) Hire of Quatt Village Hall for Parish Council Meetings

Meeting of 26th September 2024 - £25.00 No VAT

iii) Website Hosting

September £9.99 + VAT £2.00=£11.99

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

Resolved that the payments be approved.

c) Invoices

There were no new invoices to be paid.

d) Remembrance Day Wreaths – Donation to British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Resolved that a donation of £150.00 be made to the Poppy Appeal.

e) 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. J.Yates.

f) National Salary Award

Resolved that the National Salary award be implemented to the salary of the Clerk with effect from 1st April 2024, resulting in a new hourly rate of £14.13 per hour at a cost to the Council of £131.04 per annum. There would also be backpay of £87.32.

24.25. 069 GRANTS

The following Grant applications were received and considered;

a) St.Andrew's Church Quatt towards a public address system for the Church.

Resolved that Quatt Malvern Parish Council pledge £500.00 towards the new sound system for the Church, subject to the Parochial Church Council being able to raise the remainder of the money from other sources.

b) Quatt Village Hall Committee for new lighting at the Hall.

Resolved that the Village Hall Committee be informed that Quatt Malvern Parish Council were minded to make a grant towards the new lighting for the Village Hall but the Council wished to consider more information before its meeting of 30th January 2025.

The Council would like to see the quote or quotes for the lighting system and a copy of the QVH accounts. If the present year accounts were not completed, those from the year before would suffice.

The Council would also like the Village Hall Committee to consider providing exterior lighting, such as movement activated lights, to assist with people walking around from the Car Park to the front of the building and to illuminate the entrance to the car park from the road.

24.25 .070 Financial Progress

The summary of receipts and payments for 28th November 2024 was received and considered and reconciled with the Bank Statement and with the Bank Reconciliation.

Resolved that the documents be noted.

24.25.071 PLANNING MATTERS

a) New Planning Applications

There were no new applications to consider.

b) Determined Applications

Reference: 24/03539/FUL (validated: 16/09/2024)

Address: 3 Waterworks Cottage, Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 6HD

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension (re-submission)

Applicant: Mr O Aguayo (3 Waterworks Cottage, Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, WV15 6HD
Permission granted.

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SJTE36TDKCY00>

The Parish Council had made no objection to this application.

c) Community Led Plan

There was no further progress to report.

d) Bridgnorth Plan Steering Group

There was no further progress to report.

24.25.072 NEW MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Resolved that the amendment recommended by the Clerk be adopted.

24.25.073 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

a) Issues arising

There were no matters raised at the meeting which were not already on the agenda.

b) Speeding vehicles on the A442.

It was noted with disappointment that it had not been possible to arrange a meeting with the Highways Authority.

c) Traffic Surveys

Resolved that the Council agree in principle to engaging a private consultant to carry out a traffic survey and that the Clerk seek further information on costs.

24.25.074 PARISH AMENITIES

Resolved that the Council continue to contribute towards the maintenance of the Church Clock.

24.25.075 LORD LIEUTENANT'S GARDEN PARTY 4TH JUNE 2025 AT ORLETON HALL WELLINGTON

Resolved that the Council nominate Mrs Isabel Faithful to attend the Garden Party, in recognition of her long service to the Parish Council and to the Quatt Village Hall Committee.

24.25.076 AMENDMENTS TO REGISTER OF ELECTORS

It was noted that there were 196 electors on the Register.

24.25.077 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a) SALC Area Committee

Councillor Mrs J.Yates reported that she had been unable to attend the SALC AGM but that the business transacted there had mostly been of an administrative nature.

b) Local Joint Committee.

Resolved that this body be removed from future meetings agenda because it was no longer operating.

c) Cider House/Wootton Group

d) Bridgnorth Town Plan Steering Group

There was nothing to report from these bodies

e) Quatt Village Hall Committee

Councillor Ms S.Hunter reported that the new heating system was working very well. The Hall Committee were seeking new volunteers to assist with running the Hall because some of the trustees had moved away. A childrens' Christmas Party was going to be held and the Hall would be open to receive volunteers from the forthcoming Christmas Charity Tractor Run.

24.25.078 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

24.25.079. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2025

Resolved that the following timetable of meetings be approved for 2025:

Thursday:

30th January
27th March
24th April Annual Parish Meeting

1st May LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

15th May (Annual Meeting)
26th June
31st July
25th September
27th November

At 7.30pm in Quatt Village Hall

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm

Signed Date