

QUATT MALVERN PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor,

You are invited to attend the meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council to be held on Thursday 27th March 2025 in the Village Hall, Quatt, at 7.30 pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

W.S.Griffiths

William S. Griffiths, Clerk of the Council.

OPEN FORUM 7.30 PM – 7.45 PM where members of the public are invited to speak on matters affecting the Parish.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RESPECT OF ANY MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING.

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Other Registerable Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the consideration of that item.

3. MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on 30th January 2025.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting and not listed for consideration on this agenda.

5. POLICE REPORT

6. REPORT FROM THE LOCAL MEMBER OF SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Colin Taylor the local member of Shropshire Council has been invited to attend the meeting and to report on the work of the Unitary Authority.

7. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Income

b) Payments made under delegated powers since the Last Meeting

Clerk's salary and PAYE

<u>i) Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
21.02.24	W.S.Griffiths	196.12	0	net salary
21.02.24	HMRC	48.80	0	PAYE
18.03.25	W.S.Griffiths	196.12	0	net salary
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ii) Quatt Village Hall £25.00 (no VAT) Meeting of the Parish Council 30th January 2025 .

iii) Website hosting

February £9.99 + VAT £2.00 = £11.99

c) New Invoices

i) Purchase of Cut out soldiers for VE Day celebrations

ii) Purchase of peace lantern for VE Day celebrations -£13.44 +VAT £2.69 =£17.03

iii) purchase of new council computer following failure of existing.£290.83 +Vat £58.17 =£349.00

iv) Entrance fee to Best kept Village competition - £35.00 (no VAT)

d) Insurance 2025-26

This Council is currently insured with Community First (Zurich) Insurance. To renew the cover from 1st April 2025, they have quoted a premium of £233.24 for one year or £221.58 per annum over 3 years.

The Clerk has procured a quote from the other main supplier of insurance to local councils who have quoted a figure of £715.32 for one year.

The Clerk requested this supplier to provide references from any council who had recently made a claim from them, which they have not done.

The Clerk recommends that the Council remains with the existing supplier on either a 1 year or 3 year basis.

e) Clerk's and Councillors' expenses

W.S. Griffiths –

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

Posting of elections notices - 16 miles@0.45 per mile = £7.20

Delivery of leaflets -16 miles@0.45 per mile = £7.20

TOTAL £ 21.60

Telephone / Internet allowance £ 20.00

TOTAL £41.60

f) Financial Progress

To consider the summary of receipts and payments for 27th March 2025 and to approve the bank reconciliation..

9. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

At the November meeting this council considered grant requests from the Village Hall Committee and from the Church. Any further information on the progress of these schemes will be reported to the meeting.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

a) New Planning Applications

There are no new applications to consider.

b) Determined Applications

There are no determined applications to report.

c) Community Led Plan

12. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

a) To consider any issues arising in the Parish with regards to Roads and Footpaths

b) Speeding vehicles on the A442

Alveley and Romsley Parish Council has agreed to contribute towards the cost of an independent consultant carrying out speed surveys on the A442 through Quatt and Alveley Villages.

13. PROPOSED REMOVAL OF TELEPHONE KIOSK, QUATT VILLAGE.

BT periodically carry out a review of public telephone boxes and consult local councils on the proposed closure of some of the boxes which are not used very much.

In their latest consultation which ends on 30th June, the telephone box in Quatt is among those proposed for closure.

There is an option for local communities to take over redundant telephone boxes and use them for other purposes, such as housing defibrillators.

Matters for decision:

a) Does the Council wish to make any representations to BT concerning the proposed closure of the telephone box?

b) If the box is closed, would the Council want to use it for another purpose?

These matters could be discussed with the local community at the Annual Parish meeting in April.

14. POLICY ON COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC

The Council might wish to consider how it can improve communication with the residents of the Parish, such as by setting up a social media site.

Again, this may be something which could be discussed at the Annual Parish meeting.

15. PARISH MATTERS

a) Best Kept Village Competition

The Clerk is preparing a draft application which will be circulated to all councillors, local organizations and other interested parties prior to submission.

b) Eightieth Anniversary of VE Day

Town and parish councils are being encouraged to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day on Thursday 8th May 2025. Details of suggested activities can be seen at <https://www.veday80.org.uk/>

At the public meeting of 20th February, a committee was established of local people to organize the social event on the bank holiday weekend preceding the date of the anniversary. A church service will also be held on 8th May, the actual date of the anniversary.

The Committee has asked if the Parish Council would make a financial contribution towards the cost of the Social event mentioned above.

c) To consider any other matters of concern arising in the Parish.

16. AMENDMENTS TO REGISTER OF ELECTORS

The Clerk will report at the meeting.

17. REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

- a) SALC
- b) Village Hall Committee.
- c) Quatt Cricket Club

18. CORRESPONDENCE

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) The Quatt Malvern Annual Parish meeting will be held on Thursday 24th April 2025 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.00pm
- b) The Annual Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15th May 2025, following the Council elections on 1st May.