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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the extraordinary meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council to be held on **Thursday 1st July 2021** in **Quatt Village Hall at 7.30 pm.**

The Chairman has convened this extraordinary meeting to transact the business set out in the agenda.

Yours sincerely

W.S.Griffiths

William S Griffiths
Clerk to the Council

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

Agenda

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

3. MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on 20th May 2021.

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. STORAGE OF MANURE ON LAND AT WOOTTON LANE QUATT

Following complaints from residents about large quantities of manure being deposited on land adjoining Wootton Lane, the Chairman has asked the Clerk to write to the farmer concerned, which has been done.

The Parish Council are asked to endorse the action of the Chairman and of the Clerk.

6. POTHOLES AT WOOTTON

Residents of Wootton have complained about potholes and the poor road surface, which they have reported to Shropshire Highways to no avail.

7. TENNIS COURTS AT THE DOWER HOUSE QUATT

A local resident has asked if the tennis courts at the Dower House may be used by the public on payment of a fee if required.

The courts are owned by the National Trust and maintained by the tenant of the Dower House. The tenant has said that the Courts are not available for public use and that he does not believe that they are suitable for public use because of the slippery surface caused by falling fir cones from the overhead trees. It would require a major clear up of the courts before any game.

In view of the few public amenities in the Parish, the Council may wish to consider whether they would like to discuss this further with the National Trust and possibly offer financial assistance towards any remedial works needed to make the courts fit for use.

8. PROVISION OF A PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ON THE A442 AT QUATT VILLAGE

Quatt Parish Council would like to see a pedestrian refuge provided in Quatt Village, to make it easier for pedestrians to cross the busy A442 road from one side of the village to another and also to possibly serve as a traffic calming measure. There has been at least one incident of an elderly resident narrowly avoiding collision with a vehicle whilst crossing the road to go to Church.

The Parish Council had a site visit with Shropshire Highways back in 2018 where it was indicated that it would be technically possible to place a refuge in the village at an estimated cost of £30,000.00.

Shropshire Council were unable to provide a refuge at that time and the Parish Council has been exploring how they might be able to fund it from other sources. The Parish Council has a sum of £5,000.00 earmarked in the budget for this purpose.

The Clerk has approached Shropshire Highways again, to request that the Parish Council could have a detailed and up to date costing for the project and also whether there is any way now in which Shropshire Council could now provide the refuge or at least contribute towards part of the cost.

At the Annual Parish Meeting of 27th May, South Staffordshire Water indicated that they might be prepared to contribute towards the cost of a refuge as a gesture to the community for the disruption caused by the impending major works at the Hampton Loade Treatment Works.

The Council might wish to consider how they could progress this matter.

