

The Minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 27th March 2025 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT

Mr W.S. Griffiths (Clerk)  
Councillor C.Taylor (Shropshire Council)  
Five members of the public

24.25.099 OPEN FORUM

There were no representations from members of the public

24.25.100 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the National Trust.

24.25.101. REGISTER OF DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

24.25.102. MINUTES

Resolved

T h a t the minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

24.25.103 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

24.25.104 POLICE REPORT

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

24.25.105 REPORT FROM LOCAL MEMBER OF SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Colin Taylor reported that Shropshire Council were facing elections on 1<sup>st</sup> May and so there was not much new activity being carried out. The Draft Shropshire Local Plan had been abandoned following issues raised by the Planning Inspector but it was hoped that the new Council would be able to get a new plan underway.

Officers were drawing up priorities for pothole repairs when the money became available. In

the meantime, Councillor Taylor recommended using the Fix my street tool on Shropshire Council website to report such issues.

#### 24.25.106 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

There was no representative of the Trust in attendance at the meeting.

#### 24.25.107 FINANCIAL MATTERS

##### a) Income

There was no income to report.

##### 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>
21.02.25	W.S.Griffiths	196.12	0	net salary
21.02.25	HMRC	48.80	0	PAYE
18.03.25	W.S.Griffiths	196.12	0	net salary
18.03.25	HMRC	48.80	0	PAYE

###### ii) Hire of Quatt Village Hall for Parish Council Meetings

Meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - £25.00 No VAT

###### iii) Website Hosting

February £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) Invoices

i) Purchase of New Council Computer £290.83 + Vat £58.17 = £349.00

###### ii) VE Day Celebrations :

-Purchase of cut out soldier figures £ 97.03 + Vat £19.43 = £116.46  
- Peace Lantern £ 13.44 + Vat 2.69= £ 17.03

iii) Entrance Fee for Best Kept Village Competition £35.00 no VAT

d) Insurance 2025-26

Resolved that the Council insure with Community First for the next 3 years at the sum of £221.58 per annum.

d) Clerk's and Councillors' Expenses

W.S. Griffiths –

Clerks Travel Expenses - Posting of Notices 16 miles @ £0.45 per mile = £7.20 x 3 = £21.60

Telephone / Internet allowance	£ 20.00
	= <u>£ 41.60</u>

Resolved that the payments be approved.

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

24.25.108 GRANTS

There was no further information to report on the grant applications which had been received.

24.25.109 FINANCIAL PROGRESS

The summary of receipts and payments for 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 was received and considered and reconciled with the Bank Statement and with the Bank Reconciliation.

Resolved that the documents be noted.

24.25.110 PLANNING MATTERS

a) New Planning Applications

There were no new applications to consider.

b) Determined Applications

There were no determined applications to report.

c) Community Led Plan

There was no further progress to report.

d) Bridgnorth Plan Steering Group

There was no further progress to report.

#### 24.25.111 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

##### a) The BOAT

It was noted that there had been further instances of 4x4 vehicles using the BOAT and entering on to adjoining private land, causing damage and trespass.

Resolved that a meeting be sought with the Police and with The National Trust who owned the land which had been entered, to discuss options including a further attempt to have the road reclassified.

##### b) Traffic Survey

Resolved that the Traffic Survey Contractor be instructed to carry out the survey, the cost to be split evenly between Alveley and Romsley and Quatt Malvern Parish Councils.

#### 24.25.112 PROPOSED REMOVAL OF TELEPHONE BOX QUATT VILLAGE

Resolved that this matter be tabled for discussion at The Annual Parish Meeting.

#### 24.25.113 POLICY ON COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

Resolved that this matter be tabled for discussion at The Annual Parish Meeting.

#### 24.25.114 PARISH AMENITIES

##### a) Best Kept Village Competition

Resolved that the position be noted.

##### b) Eightieth Anniversary of VE Day

Resolved

i) that the report be noted.

ii) that the Parish Council contribute up to the sum of £500.00 towards the social event planned for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May, subject to evidence of the cost being available.

#### 24.25.115 AMENDMENTS TO REGISTER OF ELECTORS

It was noted that there were 188 electors on the Register.

#### 24.25.116 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

##### a) SALC Area Committee

Councillor Mrs J.Yates reported on the latest news from the SALC Area Committee.

It was noted that Shropshire Council had withdrawn the booking system for use of the Bridgnorth public recycling site, although domestic users still had to prove that they lived in the County. The facility was well used and the green bin recycling charges had produced good revenue for the Council.

She also reported that Shropshire Council would be collecting the election fees in the current financial year, the year of the elections, rather than the following year as had been the practice previously.

Cllr Mrs Yates also reported that the new Chief Constable of West Mercia was anxious to meet with local councils in the area covered by the Force.

b) Quatt Village Hall Committee

The Secretary of the Village Hall Committee reported that the carers days were still well supported and that a women's, safety day event was to be held. The Hall was also hosting a new theatre group and many other events, including dog training classes and wedding receptions. The new heating system was working well and other improvements were being planned, including new tables for the Committee Room.

c) Quatt Cricket Club

Councillor Mrs C.Hulland reported that the Club was still raising funds to upgrade the Clubhouse and this should be completed soon. The Club was supporting 3 local schools with a view to getting youngsters interested in the sport.

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24.25.117 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

24.25.118. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

a) The Quatt Malvern Annual Parish meeting would be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

b) The Annual Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council would be held on Thursday 15th May 2025 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.30 pm .

The meeting concluded at 8.40 pm.

Signed ..... Date .....