

The Minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 27th July 2023 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr R.Law, (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
Cllr Ms. S.Hunter
Cllr Mrs J.Yates

ALSO PRESENT

Mr W.S. Griffiths (Clerk)
Councillor Ms. Lezley Picton Shropshire
Council

Mr. James Lawrence, National Trust
Two members of the Public

23.24.026.00 OPEN FORUM

Members of the public pointed out that there seemed to be no regular schedule of grass cutting in Quatt Village. They also commented that whilst Shropshire Highways had repaired many of the potholes in the Parish there was an outstanding one near to the north lodge at Dudmaston.

It was also noted that the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on entry to Quatt Village from the Bridgnorth direction worked sometimes but was often ignored by the vehicles to which it reacted.

23.24.027 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr L.Chitty (Chairman) who was on holiday and by Catherine Hosie from the National Trust.

23.24.028.00 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 25th May 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23.24.029.00 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

23.24.030.00 POLICE REPORT

It was noted that the Police had asked the Parish Council to review the policing priorities which they had previously identified.

Resolved that the 3 top priorities be identified as follows, with the most important priority numbered 1.

1. Speeding Vehicles
2. Anti-social behaviour
3. Thefts from farms and rural properties.

23.24.31.00 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT

Councillor Lezley Picton reported that motorists often ignored fixed position speed warning vehicle activated signs. However, mobile signs were available which can be moved from one location to another and these tended to be more effective. She confirmed that the road from Saddler's Cottage to the new barn dwellings at Wootton had been repaired.

Councillor Picton also reported that she would support the actions of the Parish Council in trying to secure a pedestrian refuge on the A442 in Quatt Village and she suggested that support be sought from the National Trust also.

The final decision on revised electoral divisions in Shropshire was expected from the Boundary Commission in October 2023. A governance review of town and parish councils was expected to commence after that time.

It was hoped that the Shropshire Local Plan would be adopted next year. The Plan included significant new development for Shropshire.

The Vice- Chairman thanked Councillor Picton for her report.

23.24.32.00 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

James Lawrence reported on various activities which had taken place at Dudmaston, including an open air theatre and an exhibition of sculptures by a well known local artist.

Art students were using Dudmaston Hall and its grounds as inspiration.

James also reported on the Sandscape project, to preserve heathland habitats and encourage the creation of new ones. He explained that 80% of heath lands had been lost in this country over the last century. Much of the new heath being created was on land of poor agricultural quality and it would take about 5-10 years for the land to totally revert to heath.

It was intended that all the heathland sites could be linked up eventually to enable access to the public.

Resolved that Mr Lawrence be invited to be the guest speaker at the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting where he could further update the community on the progress with the Sandscape project.

23.24.33.00 MEMORIAL GARDEN TO QUEEN ELIZABETH 2ND

It was noted that the Trust were unable to provide further information at the present time.

Resolved;

It was noted that bank interest of £61.82 had been received.

i) Clerk's salary and PAYE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
26.06.23	W.S.Griffiths	173.47	0	net salary
26.06.23	HMRC	43.20	0	PAYE
21.07.23	W.S.Griffiths	173.47	0	net salary
21.07.23	HMRC	43.20	0	PAYE

£202.00 plus VAT of 40.40 = £242.40

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

Resolved that the payments be approved.

Resolved that the following invoice be approved for electronic payment:

Purchase of padded envelopes for distribution of commemorative coins for Coronation of King Charles 3rd.

£17.60 (no VAT)

W.S. Griffiths –

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

Telephone / Internet allowance	£ 20.00
	= £ 27.20

Resolved that the payments be approved.

The invoices and claims were examined and signed by Cllrs R.Law and Mrs J.Yates.

e) Grants and Donations

Resolved

i) that a grant of £100.00 be made to Quatt Village Hall Committee towards the event to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 3rd.

ii) That the Council review its policy on making grants to other organizations at the next meeting.

f) Financial Progress

The summary of receipts and expenditure and the bank reconciliation for 27th July 2023 was received and approved.

23.24.035.00 PLANNING MATTERS

a) New Planning Applications

There were no new applications to consider.

b) Determined Applications

Reference: 23/01931/FUL (validated: 16/05/2023)

Address: The Wain House, Wooton, Six Ashes, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 6EB

Proposal: Erection of a free standing timber garden room

Decision: Grant Permission

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RU5BI6TDGQD00>

The Parish Council raised no objection to this application.

Resolved that the decision be noted.

c) Community Led Plan

Councillor Ms S.Hunter reported that some of the original members of the Steering Group had left for various reasons but it was hoped to get the group up and running again soon.

23.24.036.00 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

a) Matters of Concern

No new concerns were raised at the meeting.

b) The BOAT, pedestrian refuge and danger to pedestrians at Wootton Lane

Subject to the comments made at the Shropshire Councillor's report, there was nothing else to report on these matters. The Clerk was still awaiting a response from the supplier of CCTV cameras.

c) VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign)

Resolved

i) That the report be noted

ii) That in view of the comments made by the Shropshire Councillor and by members of the public, no further action be taken at the present time.

d) Wootton Lane to the New Barns

Resolved that the report be noted and that the road surface had recently been repaired by Shropshire Highways.

c) Wootton Ford

It was noted that the condition of the road at the ford had been reported to Shropshire Highways.

23.24.037.00 PARISH AMENITIES

It was noted that the possibility of having electric vehicle charging points installed at Quatt Farm Shop was being investigated.

23.24.038.00 REGISTER OF ELECTORS

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

23.24.039.00 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a) SALC Area Committee

Cllr Mrs J.Yates reported that some local councils had experienced difficulties with updating the place plans. Road diversions in the County were causing problems in some areas. New planning laws were being introduced.

b) Local Joint Committee and Cider House/Wootton Group.

There was nothing to report from these bodies.

c) Bridgnorth Town Plan Steering Group

Resolved that Cllr R.Law represent Quatt Malvern Parish Council if this body was reconstituted.

e) Quatt Village Hall Committee

Cllr Ms. S.Hunter reported that the Village Hall committee were exploring the replacement of the windows in the building and were hoping to replace the heaters with more efficient units.

Many of the regular bookings which had paused during the Covid Pandemic were now returning.

23.24.040.00 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

23.24.041.00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council would be held on Thursday 28th September 2023 at 7.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm

Signed Date