

The Minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 30th January 2025 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L.Chitty (Chairman)

Cllr R.M. Law

Cllr Mrs C.Hulland

ALSO PRESENT

Mr W.S. Griffiths (Clerk)

Councillor C.Taylor (Shropshire Council)

Mr. M.Halliwell (National Trust)

Three members of the public

24.25.080.00 OPEN FORUM

There were no new representations from members of the public but the Clerk updated the Council on matters raised at the last meeting. He was awaiting a response from Shropshire Council on whether that authority could take action against landowners who allowed water to run off their land on to the Highway. He would contact other councils about using their staff to do maintenance work on the roads in the Parish now that they had appointed new clerks.

24.25.081. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs J. Yates who was involved with family issues and from Councillor Ms S.Hunter who was indisposed

Resolved that the apologies be approved.

24.25.082. REGISTER OF DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

24.25.083 MINUTES

Resolved

Tha t the minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

24.25.084 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

24.25.085 POLICE REPORT

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

#### 24.25.086 REPORT FROM LOCAL MEMBER OF SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Colin Taylor reported that Shropshire Council were only dealing with emergency issues because of the extreme financial pressures which the unitary authority was facing.

#### 24.25.087 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Mr. Marcus Halliwell reported that Storm Doragh had caused a number of problems on the estate, mainly through trees being blown down. Filming was to take place at Dudmaston hall for a film called "Murder Before Evensong" a murder mystery.

#### 24.25.088 FINANCIAL MATTERS

##### a) Income

It was noted that interest of £83.84 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>
21.12.24	W.S.Griffiths	265.88	0	net salary
21.12.24	HMRC	66.40	0	PAYE
21.01.25	W.S.Griffiths	196.12	0	net salary
21.01.25	HMRC	48.80	0	PAYE

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

Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - £25.00 No VAT

###### iii) Website Hosting

December £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 C.Hulland.

Resolved that the payments be approved.

##### c) Invoices

There were no new invoices to be paid.

d) 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. C.Hulland.

24.25. 089 GRANTS

The Clerk reported that a summary of accounts had been submitted by Quatt Village Hall Committee in support of their grant application for new lighting at the Hall.

Resolved that the Village Hall Committee be informed that Quatt Malvern Parish Council felt unable to consider this matter any further at the meeting because the accounts were received at very short notice. They also would like to see the full accounts instead of the summary and they had asked to see the quotes for the lighting system also. However, the Council were prepared to consider it again at the March meeting if that information can be obtained in good time for that meeting.

24.25 .090 Financial Progress

The summary of receipts and payments for 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 was received and considered and reconciled with the Bank Statement and with the Bank Reconciliation.

Resolved that the documents be noted.

24.25.091 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.

#### 24.25.092 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2025-2026

The report of the Clerk and the attached appendices were received and considered.

##### Resolved

- a) That Quatt Malvern Parish Council request a precept of £6047.00 for 2025-26 which was the same amount as the current year but would result in a slightly lower council tax levy for an average Band D property, a decrease from £59.22 pa to £58.89 per year.
- b) That the budget items and estimates contained in Appendix 2 be approved for 2025-26.

#### 24.25.093 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

##### a) Issues arising

Concern was raised about a gate which had been knocked over in Quatt Village. It was understood that the National Trust were aware of the damage.

##### b) Speeding vehicles on the A442.

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

##### c) Traffic Surveys

The Clerk reported that he had received no confirmation from Alveley Parish Council as to whether they would be able to contribute towards the cost of a survey.

#### 24.25.094 PARISH AMENITIES

##### a) Best Kept Village Competition

##### Resolved

- i) That the Council enter the whole Parish into the competition.
  - ii) That the Council meet the £35.00 entrance fee
  - iii) That the Clerk co-ordinate the entry process.
- b) Eightieth Anniversary of VE Day

Resolved that the Parish Council arrange a public meeting to receive and consider suggestions from residents of the Parish on how to celebrate the Anniversary.

#### 24.25.095 AMENDMENTS TO REGISTER OF ELECTORS

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

#### 24.25.096 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

##### a) SALC Area Committee

Councillor Mrs J.Yates was not present at the meeting to report on SALC..

b) Quatt Village Hall Committee

There was no representative of the Village Hall Committee in attendance to report from that body.

c) Quatt Cricket Club

Councillor Mrs C.Hulland reported that the Club was running 4 adult teams, including 3 professional players plus teams for children. The Womens' team was being well supported and funds from sponsors and other sources were being employed to carry out work on the Clubhouse. Social membership of the Club was available.

Resolved that a report from the Cricket Club be considered regularly at future meetings.

24.25.097 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on the invitation which had been sent to parish councils concerning nomination of long serving chairmen/women to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

Resolved that no action be taken.

24.25.098. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

a) The next meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council was to be held on Thursday 27th March 2025 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.30pm.

b) The Quatt Malvern Annual Parish meeting was to be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.00pm

The meeting concluded at 8.10 pm.

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