QUATT MALVERN PARISH COUNCIL

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22nd September 2023

Dear Councillor,

You are invited to attend the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council to be held on Thursday 28th September 2023 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 Annual Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on 27th July 2023.

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

Three members of Shropshire Council have been invited to attend the meeting and report on the work of the Unitary Council.

The Council will be aware that an election is to be held on Thursday 19th October 2023 to appoint a successor to Councillor Elliott Lynch, who has resigned.

7. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

8. MEMORIAL GARDEN TO QUEEN ELIZABETH 2ND

A meeting was held on Friday 22^{nd} September with the National Trust. A further report will be made at the meeting.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a<u>) Income</u>

There is no income to report.

b) Payments made under delegated powers since the Last Meeting

To approve the following electronic payments.

i) Clerk's salary and PAYE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Paye</u> e	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
21.08.23	W.S.Griffiths	173.47	0	net salary
21.08.23	HMRC	43.20	0	PAYE
21.09.23	W.S.Griffiths	173.47	0	net salary
21.09.23	HMRC	43.20	0	PAYE

ii) Quatt Village Hall, hire for July Council meeting £25.00 no VAT

iii) Grass cutting

To approve the payment of \pounds 29.21 + 5.85 VAT To Mr Chris Douglas for cutting grass in the churchyard.

£35.06 TOTAL

c) Clerk's and Councillors' Expenses

i) W.S. Griffiths -

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

Telephone / Internet allowance

 $\pounds 20.00 = \pounds 27.20$

d) Grants and Donations

No applications have been made but the Clerk was asked to investigate having a policy for considering and awarding grants and donations to local organizations.

The following policy is suggested:

i) That all local organizations are contacted in early April each year and advised that they must apply for any grant aid by November of the same year, sending all details of estimates, quotes etc., their financial position, purpose of the grant and other resources available to them.

ii) That the organizations be advised that normally any grant awarded will be of a maximum specified sum.

iii) That any applications received will be considered at the November meeting of the Parish Council and grants awarded accordingly.

iv) That the Council determine the normal maximum grant sum and determine a budget allocation for the following year at the January budget meeting.

It is appreciated that there might be exceptional or urgent circumstances when an application for financial assistance may need to be considered outside of the policy but it should be adhered to as closely as possible.

f) Financial Progress

To consider the summary of receipts and payments for 28th September 2023 and to approve the bank reconciliation.

10. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Council is required by law to maintain a website containing certain statutory information.

The website currently used is provided by Hugo Fox and is recommended by the Association of Local Councils (ALC). It is provided free to local councils and other community groups and is designed for that use.

However, Hugo Fox have advised all users that because of rising costs, they have had to introduce charging for their websites commencing 2nd November 2023.

To avoid the possibility of the Council finding itself without a website, the Clerk has subscribed the Council to the cheapest "Bronze" website package which Hugo Fox offer, at a cost of £9.99 +VAT per month. Details of this package and the others which the supplier offers are attached.

This arrangement could be terminated if a less costly but satisfactory package could be sourced from another supplier.

The Clerk will contact the ALC and ask if any other local councils affected by the change have found a cheaper alternative which has proved to be satisfactory.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

a) New Planning Applications

There are no new applications to consider.

b) Determined Applications

Reference: 23/01254/FUL (validated: 25/04/2023) Address: Hampton Loade Water Treatment Works, Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 6HD Proposal: Erection of a filter building a single pac silo and eductor unit, 2No. chemical delivery kiosks with 1No. chemical storage tank, 1No. distribution kiosk and associated works (Revision to 21/01751/FUL) Decision: Grant Permission

View online at: <u>http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-</u> applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RRVWVJTDFMZ00

The Parish Council raised no objection to this application..

c) C<u>ommunity Led Plan</u>

12. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

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

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

The Clerk is continuing to explore the possibility of providing CCTV cameras at the BOAT.

Shropshire Council has advised that they are willing to meet to discuss the provision of a pedestrian refuge but have not provided any dates yet. The Clerk has chased progress.

There is nothing further to report on the danger to pedestrians at Wootton Lane

c) VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign)

The Clerk is awaiting a cost from the supplier to provide speed monitoring software on the new VAS sign.

d) Wootton Lane to the New Barns

Shropshire Highways have carried out repairs to this stretch of road but the problem of water running off adjoining farmland is still occurring. The Clerk has written to the landowner but received no response.

It is suggested that the Clerk write again to the landowner.

13. PARISH MATTERS

a) Parish Amenities

To consider any matters of concern arising in the Parish.

14. AMENDMENTS TO REGISTER OF ELECTORS

There are 192 electors on the Register.

15. REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

a) SALC

- b) Local Joint Committee
- c) Cider House /Wootton
- d) Village Hall Committee.
- e) Bridgnorth Local Plan Review Steering Committee
- 16. CORRESPONDENCE
- 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council will be held on Thursday 30^{th} November 2023 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.30 pm.