

The Minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 26th September 2024 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L.Chitty  
Cllr R.M. Law  
Cllr Ms.S.Hunter  
Cllr Mrs J.Yates

ALSO PRESENT

Mr W.S. Griffiths (Clerk)  
Mr. M. Halliwell, National Trust

24.25.041 OPEN FORUM

A member of the public was unable to attend the meeting in person but sent the following message via the Clerk:

"I can't attend tonight so I wonder if you could bring up about the accident and fatality on the stretch by comer wood and The Bowmills turning.

Could the council discuss the provision of solid double white lines along that stretch, as it is a hot spot for overtaking and with the turning to the woods there are risk factors to take into account. Also could the council discuss additional signage with the National trust, so drivers are alerted sooner to the entrance of the woodland visitor attraction."

Councillor Colin Taylor, the Shropshire Council representative, said that he would support any measures to reduce speed and enhance road safety on the A442 but the Unitary Authority had very little money to spend on these measures.

Marcus Halliwell confirmed that the National Trust would support double white lines at the location in question.

24.25.042 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs C.Hulland who had to attend a business event.

Resolved that the reason for absence be accepted.

24.25.043. REGISTER OF DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

24.25.044 MINUTES

Resolved

a) T h a t the minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) That the minutes of the adjourned meeting of Quart Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were received and noted.

#### 24.25.045 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### 24.25.046 POLICE REPORT

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

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

Councillor Taylor reported on the state of the finances of the Unitary Council which continued to be extremely challenged. The Leading Group had invited the Opposition parties to join with them in jointly working towards a solution and the opposition parties were considering this offer.

#### 24.25.048 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Marcus Halliwell reported that the Trust had enjoyed a successful season at Dudmaston Hall and its grounds and at Comer Woods. Upcoming events included an orchard day in October and a "made in Shropshire" day on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

#### 24.25.049 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Schedule of Payments made under delegated powers reported at the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> July.  
Resolved;

That the schedule of delegated payments be approved

##### Income

It was noted that bank interest of £85.00 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>
27.08.24	W.S.Griffiths	187.20	0	net salary
27.08.24	HMRC	46.80	0	PAYE
20.09.24	W.S.Griffiths	187.20	0	net salary
20.09.24	HMRC	46.80	0	PAYE

ii) Hire of Quatt Village Hall for Parish Council Meetings

Meting of 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - £25.00 No VAT

iii) Website Hosting £9.99 + VAT £2.00=£11.99

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

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. J.Yates.

e) Grants and Donations

There were no applications to consider.

f) Financial Progress

The summary of receipts and payments for 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 was received and considered and reconciled with the Bank Statement and with the Bank Reconciliation.

Resolved that the documents be noted.

24.25.050 PLANNING MATTERS

a) New Planning Applications

Reference: 24/03539/FUL (validated: 16/09/2024)

Address: 3 Waterworks Cottage, Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 6HD

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension (re-submission)

Applicant: Mr O Aguayo (3 Waterworks Cottage, Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, WV15 6HD

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SJTE36TDKCY00>

Resolved that Quatt Malvern Parish Council make no objection to this application.

b) Determined Applications

Reference: 24/02643/FUL (validated: 11/07/2024)

Address: Little Holt Barn, Quatt, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 6QW

Proposal: Erection of detached double garage

Decision: Grant Permission

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SGF61YTDIYR00>

Resolved that the decision be noted, despite the reservations expressed by the Parish Council that the structure might be converted to use as a dwelling.

c) Community Led Plan

There was no progress to report but it was hoped that further advice and funding might be obtained from other sources.

d) Bridgnorth Plan Steering Group

It was noted that this body had met again and it be requested to include Cllr R. Law as the representative of Quatt Malvern Parish Council.

24.25.051 NEW MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The new model regulations and the version prepared for this Council by the Clerk were received and considered.

Resolved that the version prepared by the Clerk be adopted but that the Clerk consider whether the wording at Para 2.6 could be amended to avoid the need to use a person other than a signatory to verify the accounts.

24.25.052 GOV.UK DOMAINS

The report of the Clerk was received and considered and it was Resolved:

a) That the Clerk pursue the offer of the existing website provider to provide a free gov.uk domain for the Council website.

b) That the Clerk obtain costs from regulated providers for providing council e mail addresses with a Gov.Uk domain.

24.25.053 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

a) Issues arising

There were no matters raised at the meeting which were not already on the agenda.

b) Speeding vehicles on the A442.

It was noted that Councillor Colin Taylor had undertaken extensive discussions with the Highway Authority about reducing the speed limits on the A442 and introducing other safety measures.

It was resolved that Quatt Malvern Parish Council seek to participate in a joint meeting between the Highway Authority, Alveley and Romsley Parish Council and any other interested parties.

c) Traffic Surveys

Resolved that the Clerk seek costings from any private operators who could carry out traffic surveys to provide evidence of speeding vehicles and other traffic dangers which could be used to provide evidence in support of the Parish Council requests for further traffic control and speed prevention.

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24.25.054 PARISH AMENITIES

There were no issues to consider.

24.25.055 ANNUAL REVIEW- REGISTER OF ASSETS AND RISK ASSESSMENT

Resolved that the documents be approved without amendment, subject to it being noted that the Quatt Farm Shop could also be used to hold Parish Council meetings if the Village Hall was unavailable.

24.25.056 AMENDMENTS TO REGISTER OF ELECTORS

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

24.25.057 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a) SALC Area Committee

Councillor Mrs J.Yates reported on the most recent meeting of this body.

The meeting received a presentation from the rural housing enablement officer, whose task was to enable the provision of housing in rural areas and affordable housing in particular.

They also received a presentation on the National Nature Recovery Strategy, which aimed to identify and preserve sites of bio diversity in the country and to reinstate them elsewhere if it was not possible to preserve them in the current location.

b) Local Joint Committee.

c) Cider House/Wootton Group

d) Bridgnorth Town Plan Steering Group

There was nothing to report from these bodies

e) Quatt Village Hall Committee

Councillor Ms S.Hunter reported that the Hall was now a popular venue for weddings which produced good revenue for the Hall. Various music events were held at the Hall and regular meetings of the Carers Connect group and the Death Café were being held.

The National Trust also used the Hall for meetings. A new heating system was being installed.

24.25.058 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

24.25.059. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council would be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30pm in Quatt Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

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