

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL QUATT MALVERN PARISH MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 27TH MAY 2021 AT QUATT VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM

Present: Cllr Lawrence Chitty Chairman of Quatt Malvern Parish Council
W.S.Griffiths, Clerk to Quatt Malvern Parish Council

Quatt Malvern Parish Council

Cllrs, Caroline Hlland, Siobhan Hunter, Robert Law and Jenny Yates

Shropshire Council

Cllr Elliott Lynch

Local Organizations

Ian Hodgkiss and Robert (Boz) Boswell -South Staffordshire Water

Gow Gibson - National Trust

Stephanie Hinton - Quatt Village Hall Committee

Reverend Neil Dunlop - St. Andrew's Church Quatt

Paul Shrimpton, - Quatt Cricket Club

1.WELCOME

Councillor Lawrence Chitty welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

3.MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 19TH APRIL 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (There had been no meeting in 2020 because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.)

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

5. POLICE REPORT

There were no representatives from the Police present at the meeting.

6. ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF QUATT MALVERN PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman informed the meeting that following the elections earlier in the month, Councillor Roger Brown had left the Council and Siobhan Hunter was the new member.

The Chairman reported that in addition to the usual activities of the Parish Council, such as commenting on planning applications and reporting potholes and other highway problems, the Parish Council were working on a project to install a further vehicle activated speed sign in Quatt Village which would have a data capture facility.

The Council was also exploring options to secure the provision of a pedestrian refuge to assist residents crossing the busy main road in the village.

7. REPORT FROM THE LOCAL MEMBER OF SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

The Chairman welcomed Elliott Lynch who had been elected as the member of Shropshire Council for the Alveley and Claverley Division.

Cllr Lynch explained that he had lived in the Division for 10 years and worked in Bridgnorth.

He reported that the works to repair the footbridge at Wootton were progressing and that significant extra funding had been made available for repairing potholes.

Residents were welcome to report potholes to himself or via the Shropshire Council website and facebook page.

8. REPORT FROM SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE WATER CONCERNING THE MAJOR INVESTMENT AT HAMPTON LOADE WATER TREATMENT WORKS

The representatives of the Water Company explained that Hampton Loade was the largest of their water treatment plants and was to be subject to a major investment over the next few years, to create the largest ceramic filtration plant in the World, using sand or stone chips as a filtering medium.

The Company was anxious to keep local residents informed about progress with the scheme and were happy to attend meetings in the local area.

In particular, it was recognized that there would be an increase in traffic on local roads during the construction period and improvements to the access road to the site and at the junction with the A442 would be carried out.

The Company representatives indicated that they might be prepared to contribute towards the cost of providing a pedestrian refuge at Quatt village, as a mitigation to the increased traffic levels.

9.REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

a) St. Andrew's Church

The Reverend Neil Dunlop spoke of the difficulties which the Coronavirus had caused over the last year or so.

However, there was one positive outcome in that it had brought the churches at Quatt and Alveley closer together, through virtual services some of which had been attended by worshippers as far away as Canada.

There was a problem with the deteriorating retaining wall at St.Andrew,s Church in Quatt.

Reverend Dunlop expressed his thanks to everyone who had supported the Church, including the Church Wardens and the congregation.

b) National Trust

Gow Gibson reported that the Coronavirus epidemic had caused many problems for the Trust. Volunteers had been unable to work although the Trust had kept in touch with the volunteers through online meetings and other online means.

The Trust had experienced reduced revenues during the Pandemic on account of the reduced number of visitors.

Councillor Caroline Hlland pointed out that instances of dog fouling on Trust land had increased and asked if more bins for dog waste could be provided.

Mr Gibson responded that this was an increasing problem being faced by the Trust on a national basis. Providing bins was a solution but there was a shortage of staff and volunteers to empty them.

c) Village Hall Committee

Steph Hinton reported that like many other organizations, the Village Hall had been much affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic. Many events had been cancelled but various activities were beginning to take place again as lockdown measures were being eased.

Members of the Village Hall Committee had assisted vulnerable people in the Parish during the lockdown, in conjunction with Quatt Farm Shop, to ensure that they received shopping and prescriptions, could attend medical appointments etc.

Mike and Sarah butchers had prepared Christmas dinners for residents who were on their own over the festive period and the Committee had delivered the meals. The 12th Burns night celebration had taken place with takeaway meals delivered to the participants.

Steph expressed the gratitude of the Committee to Shropshire Council for the grants which they had received during the Pandemic, which had enabled the Hall to survive financially.

d) Quatt Cricket Club

Paul Shrimpton reported that the Club members were trying to keep the Club and its environs looking attractive to make the most of its spectacular setting.

There was a great deal of interest in playing for the Club, particularly from the juniors and there was much that young people could gain from participating in the Sport and attending the Club.

The Chairman asked that the Clubhouse could again be made available to residents of the Parish who would like to drink and socialize at the venue.

8. OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters raised for discussion at the meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 8.00 pm.