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The Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 26th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

140. PRESENT:

Cllr L.E. Chitty (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs C.Hulland
Cllr R.M. Law
Cllr Mrs. J. Yates

141. ALSO PRESENT

Mr W.S. Griffiths (Clerk)
Shropshire Councillor Mrs T. Woodward
Mr M. Annis, National Trust
A member of the Public

142. OPEN FORUM

A member of the public stated that the drains along the A442 through Quatt had still not been cleaned out and the problem of mud and flooding of the road was likely to reoccur when the next period of heavy rain was experienced.

Councillor Tina Woodward said that she was still following up this action with Shropshire Highways Department.

143. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from Councillor R.H. Brown who was engaged with a family event and from Mr M. Halliwell from the National Trust

144. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

145. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the virtual meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 24th September 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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146. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Mrs J. Yates pointed out that in respect of minute 132d) Highways Matters, there were other problems at the Ford apart from the need to repair the footbridge. The watercourse needed to be cleaned out and large stones obstructing the stream needed to be removed.

147. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Resolved;

a) Income

It was noted that a VAT refund of £49.38 had been received.

b) Payments made under Delegated Powers

That the electronic payments set out in the schedule attached to the agenda be approved.

c) Invoices

There were no invoices to be paid.

d) Clerk's and Councillors' Expenses

W.S. Griffiths – Clerks Travel Expenses

-Posting Notices- £7.20

-Telephone/Internet Allowance = £20.00

TOTAL £27.20

e) Grants and Donations

There were no applications to consider.

148. Financial Progress

The summary of receipts and payments for 26th November 2020 was received and noted and the Bank Reconciliation checked against the Bank Statement.

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149. PLANNING MATTERS

a) New Planning Applications

Reference: 20/04339/FUL (validated: 10/11/2020)

Address: South Staffordshire Water PLC, Hampton Loade Water Treatment Works, Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 6HD

Proposal: Erection of sludge thickener, sludge holding tank and thickened sludge kiosk together with associated works

Applicant: South Staffordshire Water Plc

View online at:

<http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QIKCRUTDI4H00>.

Resolved that the Council raise no objection to this application.

b) Determined Applications

There were no determined applications to report.

c) Community Led Plan

Resolved that the continuing lack of progress, which had resulted from the Coronavirus Pandemic, be noted.

e) Bridgnorth Plan

Resolved that the Draft Plan be noted. The Council reiterated its objection to the proposal to widen Holt Lane to link the A442 with the A458.

150. LOCAL ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

a) Pedestrian Refuge at Quatt

The Clerk reported that the application for funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner had been unsuccessful. The conversation between the Clerk and the Commissioner about traffic danger concerns was yet to take place.

Resolved that the report be noted.

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b) Traffic Calming Measures (including Village Gateways)

The report of the Clerk was received and considered.

Resolved :

i) That no further action be taken on Village Gateways at the present time

ii) That the Clerk arrange a demonstration of the Vehicle Activated Signs.

c) The BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic)

There was nothing further to report on this matter.

d) Any Other Highways Matters – Ford at Wootton

Cllr Woodward reported on her continuing efforts to have permanent repairs carried out at the Wootton Ford. Shropshire Council were considering installing a temporary footbridge but she would press for a permanent restoration of the existing historic bridge to be carried out and a new water gauge installed as soon as possible.

Resolved that the Chairman, the Clerk and Cllr Tina Woodward meet with a representative of Shropshire Highways to discuss the various issues affecting the ford and the footbridge.

151. REPORT OF THE SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Councillor Woodward reported on the various grant opportunities which were available to businesses and organizations which were experiencing financial hardship during the Coronavirus Pandemic. The Clerk undertook to place details on the Parish Council website.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Woodward for her report.

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152. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Mike Annis reported on the continuing disruption being caused to the Trust both at local and national level by the Coronavirus Pandemic. Redundancies were taking place and members of staff were being deployed to different jobs within the organization.

The Chairman thanked Mr Annis for his report.

153. PARISH AMENITIES

a) Noticeboards

Resolved that the Clerk continue to investigate the purchase of replacement aluminium noticeboards but that the contractor who had restored the original boards be paid for the work which he had carried out.

b) Storage of Manure on Farm Land

A member of the Council referred to nuisance caused by manure being stored on farm land for an excessive period of time.

Cllr Woodward advised the complainant to contact the Environmental Public Protection Team at Shropshire Council.

154. REGISTER OF ELECTORS

The Clerk reported that there were currently 191 electors on the Register.

155. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a) SALC Area Committee

b) Local Joint Committee.

c) Cider House/Wootton Group

d) Bridgnorth Town Plan Steering Group

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There was nothing to report from these bodies, which in most cases had not met because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

e) Quatt Village Hall Committee

Councillor Mrs C. Hulland reported on the virtual AGM of the village Hall Committee which had been held recently.

Despite the challenges of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Committee had adequate funds.

156. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to consider.

157. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR 2021

It was resolved that the following timetable of meetings be approved for 2021:

Thursday:

28th January

25th March

20th May (Annual Meeting, date may be altered depending on whether local council elections are held)

29th July

30th September

25th November

At 7.30pm in Quatt Village Hall (alternatively, the Council may continue to hold virtual meetings until the Coronavirus Pandemic has subsided).

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was still to be determined, depending on the progress of the Pandemic.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

Signed Date

