

The Minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 29th January 2026 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L.Chitty  
Cllr R.Law  
Cllr Mrs J.Yates

ALSO PRESENT

Mr W.S. Griffiths (Clerk)  
Cllr C.Taylor, Shropshire Council  
Messrs Ewan Chapman and James Lawrence,  
National Trust

25.26.092 OPEN FORUM

There were no matters raised by the members of the public.

25.26.093 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Ms S.Hunter, who was unwell.

Resolved that the absence be approved.

Mrs Isabel Faithful, local resident, gave her apologies also.

25.26.094 REGISTER OF DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of pecuniary or other registerable interests were received in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

25.26.095 MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25.26.096 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the meeting which were not already listed on the agenda.

25.26.097 POLICE REPORT AND POLICING PRIORITIES

There were no representatives from the Police available to attend

the meeting. However, the Police had asked the Council to review its stated policing priorities in the categories set out in the document attached to the agenda.

Resolved that the following priorities be identified, in order of descending priority:

1. Priority One – Antisocial behaviour
2. Priority Two – Speeding
3. Priority Three – Theft from farms

The Council also resolved to ask the Police to include fly tipping in its priorities, under the highest priority of anti-social behaviour and to provide some up to date contact cards for people to be able to report such matters easily.

#### 25.26.098 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT

Councillor Colin Taylor, the member of Shropshire Council representing the Bridgnorth South and Alveley Division, updated the Council on matters affecting the Unitary Council.

He reported on a meeting which he had with the new highways engineer for the Quatt area.

The engineer was shocked at the poor surfaces of some of the roads in the Parish. He suggested more uniform speed limits along the A442 and a reduction in the speed limit through Quatt Village to 30 mph, a suggestion which was welcomed by the Parish Council. He also explained that signs warning motorists of the number of accidents and injuries on main roads had proved very effective in other areas, both in reducing the speed of vehicles and the number of accidents.

The engineer also said that there was no practicable solution to improve pedestrian safety in the road past the Church and The Dower House and that a pedestrian crossing or similar in Quatt Village would cost about £80,000.00.

Councillor Taylor also referred to the ongoing financial emergency at Shropshire Council which received much less central government funding per head than many other similar authorities.

#### 25.26.099 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Ewan Chapman and James Lawrence from the National Trust gave a presentation on the work which the Trust was undertaking to restore historic heathland and conservation, as part of the Vision for the Estate which it was hoped would be completed by 2043.

The Trust was working in conjunction with their farm tenants to get

more land away from arable use to wood, pasture and heathland and to plant gorse and heather.

There was a delicate balance between this work and maintaining a viable farm business producing food. However, the farmers involved so far were very co-operative and enthusiastic about the scheme.

The Trust was also felling some of the trees on Kinver Edge to allow the heathland to grow back in those places.

#### 25.26.100 FINANCIAL MATTERS

##### Resolved;

##### a) Income

Income of £68.96 had been received as interest on the investment account.

##### 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>
30.11.25	W.S.Griffiths	247.08	0	net salary *
30.11.25	HMRC	61.60	0	PAYE *
21.12.25	W.S.Griffiths	202.49	0	net salary
21.12.25	HMRC	50.40	0	PAYE
23.01.26	W.S.Griffiths	202.49	0	net salary
23.01.26	HMRC	50.40	0	PAYE

\* Includes backpay from 01.04.25 following national salary award.

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

27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 - £22.50 No VAT

##### iii) Website Hosting

November £9.99 + VAT £2.00 = £11.99

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c) Invoices

Local Council Elections May 2025

There was an invoice for £125.00 (no VAT) payable to Shropshire Council for expenses incurred in the Local Council Elections in May 2025.

Resolved that the payments be approved.

d) Clerk's and Councillors' Expenses

i) W.S. Griffiths –

Clerks Travel Expenses

Posting of Notices January - 16 miles @ £0.45 per mile =£7.20

Telephone and Internet £20.00

TOTAL = £27.20

Resolved that the payments be approved..

The invoices and claims were examined and signed by Cllrs Mrs J.Yates and R.Law.

e) Financial Progress

The summary of receipts and payments for 29th January 2026 was received and considered and reconciled with the Bank Statement and with the Bank Reconciliation.

Resolved that the documents be approved.

25.26.101 GRANTS AND DONATIONS

There were no matters to consider.

25.26.102 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2026-2027

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

Resolved

a) That Quatt Malvern Parish Council request a precept of £6259.00 for 2026-27 which was slightly more than the current year but would result in the same council tax levy for an average Band D property, of £58.89 per year.

b) That the budget items and estimates contained in Appendix 2 be approved for 2026-27.

#### 25.26.103 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 information to consider.

#### 25.26.104 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

a) Councillors asked Councillor Colin Taylor, the Shropshire Unitary Authority member, to raise the matter of the very poor condition of the lane from Wootton Lane to the junction near to Cobblers Cottage .

b) Councillor Taylor reported that the footbridge at the BOAT was to be repaired and that the maintenance staff from Shropshire Council were going to inspect the road..

#### 25.26.105 PARISH MATTERS

##### i) Former Allotment Land Adjoining the Church and Proposed Community Garden

Councillor Ms S.Hunter was not able to attend the meeting and therefore no further information was available.

##### ii) Communication with the Public

The Clerk confirmed that the letter to residents would be despatched shortly.

#### 25.26.106 REGISTER OF ELECTORS

It was noted that there were 191 electors on the register.

#### 25.26.107 CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL

It was noted that there was still a vacancy on the Council to be filled by co-option.

#### 25.26.108 BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

Resolved that the Council would not nominate anyone to attend the Garden Party on this occasion.

#### 25.26. 109 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

##### a) SALC Area Committee

Cllr Mrs J. Yates reported on the proposed new local plan for Shropshire which would cover the period 2025-2045 and which would stipulate a new target of a further 2000 homes for Shropshire. There was also supplementary planning policies governing extensions to domestic dwellings.

A review of area committees in the County was being undertaken.

b) Quatt Village Hall Committee

Councillor Ms S.Hunter was unable to attend the meeting to report on the Village Hall.

c) Bridgnorth Local Plan Committee

There was nothing to report from this body.

25.26.110 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

25.26.111. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council would be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in Quatt Village Hall meeting room at 7.30 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

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