

The Minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 26th March 2026 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L.Chitty
Cllr R.Law
Cllr Ms S.Hunter

ALSO PRESENT

Mr W.S. Griffiths (Clerk)
Cllr C.Taylor, Shropshire Council
3 members of the public

25.26.112 OPEN FORUM

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

25.26.113 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Mrs J.Yates, who was on holiday.

Resolved that the absence be approved.

25.26.114 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.

25.26.115 MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 29th January 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to it being noted that at Minute number 25.26.104 a) "Cobbler's Cottage" should read "Saddler's Cottage".

25.26.116 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

25.26.117 POLICE REPORT

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

However, the Clerk gave details of a public consultation which was being launched on the Government proposals to merge police authorities in England and Wales which could see the present 43 forces reduced to 12.

<https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/consultations-and-surveys/public-consultation---police-force-mergers>

Resolved that this item feature on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting on 29th April.

25.26.118 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.

The Highways Department were catching up on pothole repairs and that several lanes in the area had surface work carried out on them. The lanes around Wootton were scheduled to be repaired later in the year and that works to improve the drainage would also be completed.

Councillor Taylor also confirmed that the Unitary Council had been awarded a Government Loan of £170,000, 000. However with the savings which the Council had achieved, it was unlikely that the Council would need to use the whole amount and it was unlikely now that the Unitary Council would become insolvent.

Shropshire Council and Telford and Wrekin Council were working with the Government on the National Nature Conservation Strategy.

A group had been established by Alveley and Romsley Parish Council to work with Shropshire Council on the Strategy. Any interested persons from Quatt Malvern and other neighbouring parishes were welcome to join the Group.

Resolved that the Parish Council publicize this opportunity within Quatt Malvern Parish.

25.26.119 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

There were no representatives of the National Trust available to attend the meeting. However, the following written report had been submitted:

"The Dudmaston Estate welcomes in the new season in 2026 with a brand new gallery installation exploring the patronage and art collection of Sir George Labouchere. Using a recreation of a gentleman's study we guide visitors through his collecting journey and the connections that he made in the British Modern Art scene in the second half of the Twentieth Century and the legacy that he wanted to leave the nation. This complements the Inspired By Nature gallery where we celebrate the artistic work created and collected by Lady Labouchere.

Over the last 18 months work has been undertaken to replace the lead roof over the gallery entrance which has suffered with water ingress. A completely new roof was fabricated offsite and carefully installed by our heritage contractors to safeguard this part of the Hall for generations to come.

We are looking forward to welcoming visitors across the Estate over the Easter break, we have children's trails available at both the Hall and in Comer Woods so we are hoping that the weather plays its part to ensure that everyone can get outside and enjoy this lovely springtime."

Resolved that the report be noted.

25.26.120 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Resolved;

a) Income

There was no income to report.

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>
26.02.26	W.S.Griffiths	202.49	0	net salary
26.02.26	HMRC	50.40	0	PAYE
24.03.26	W.S.Griffiths	202.49	0	net salary
24.03.26	HMRC	50.40	0	PAYE

ii) Hire of Quatt Village Hall for Parish Council Meetings

29th January 2026 - £6.00 No VAT

iii) Website Hosting

January £9.99 + VAT £2.00 = £11.99

February £9.99 + VAT £2.00 = £11.99

iv) Gov.uk e mails and domain name

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c) Invoices

i) Purchase of stamps for letters to all residents £97.44 (No VAT)

ii) Purchase of envelopes for letters to all residents £7.99 (No VAT)

iii) Insurance 2026-27 second instalment of 3 year plan £225.51 (No VAT)

Resolved that the payments be approved.

d) Clerk's and Councillors' Expenses

i) W.S. Griffiths –

Clerks Travel Expenses

Posting of Notices March - 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 L.Chitty and R.Law.

e) Financial Progress

The summary of receipts and payments for 26th March 2026 was received and considered and reconciled with the Bank Statement and with the Bank Reconciliation.

Resolved that the documents be approved.

f) Electronic Payments

Two councillors had agreed to act as additional signatories to approve electronic payments made by the Clerk.

25.26.121 GRANTS AND DONATIONS

There were no matters to consider.

25.26.122 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.

25.26.123 ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

It was noted that the issues regarding highway matters had been covered by the Shropshire Council report at Minute 25.26.118 above.

25.26.124 PARISH MATTERS

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

Councillor Ms S.Hunter reported that there was a great deal of potential for the land and that a number of people had expressed interest in becoming volunteers to carry out the work needed. The National Trust were being supportive and might be able to provide additional volunteers in the summer months.

Resolved that the report be noted.

ii) Communication with the Public

Resolved that the report be noted.

25.26.125 REGISTER OF ELECTORS

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

25.26.126 CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL

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

25.26. 127 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a) SALC Area Committee

Cllr Mrs J. Yates was not available to report on this body.

b) Quatt Village Hall Committee

Councillor Ms S.Hunter reported that the Burns Night event had gone well and that the usual regular bookings were continuing.

c) Bridgnorth Local Plan Committee

There was nothing to report from this body.

25.26.128 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

25.26.129. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

a) The Quatt Malvern Annual Parish Meeting was to be held on Wednesday 29th April in Quatt Village Hall at 7.30 pm. All are invited to attend.

b) The Annual Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council was to be held on Thursday 28th May 2026 in Quatt Village Hall (Meeting Room) at 7.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.10 pm

Signed Date