

The Minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held at Quatt Village Hall on Thursday 26th January 2023 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L.Chitty (Chairman)

Cllr R.Law

Cllr Mrs. J. Yates

ALSO PRESENT

Mr W.S. Griffiths (Clerk)

Five members of the public

Mr. M. Halliwell, National Trust

22.23.078 OPEN FORUM

Members of the public referred to the following matters:

a) Pothole near entrance to Park Farm.

The Clerk undertook to report this matter to Shropshire Council.

b) Coronation of King Charles 3rd.

Resolved that the Council advertise on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboards for suggestions as to how this event could be celebrated.

22.23.079 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Caroline Hulland, who was ill.

22.23.080 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

22.23.081 MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 24th November 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22.23.082 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

22.23.083 POLICE REPORT

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

22.23.084 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Marcus Halliwell reported that there was to be a snowdrop weekend held in February and that the rockery at the Lady's Bath was to be reinstated. Sediment traps were being put in the pools at Comer Woods.

It was hoped that the Dudmaston Estate could eventually be joined up to the National Trust Estate at Kinver.

22.23.085 MEMORIAL TO QUEEN ELIZABETH 2ND

Members of the Parish Council referred to the suggestion of planting a memorial orchard at the old allotment site near the Church. Marcus Halliwell said that officers from the National Trust had taken part in discussions with some local residents about the future of the allotments and he would report further on the situation in due course.

Resolved that the situation be noted.

22.23.086 REPORT OF THE SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

There was no report from the Shropshire councillor who was still on sick leave.

22.23.087 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2023-2024

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

Resolved

- a) That Quatt Malvern Parish Council request a precept of £6047.00 for 2023-24 which was the same amount as the current year but would result in a slightly lower council tax levy for an average Band D property.
- b) That the budget items and estimates contained in Appendix 2 be approved for 2023-24.

22.23.088 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Resolved;

a) Income

There was a receipt of £26.52 in bank interest

b) Payments made under delegated powers since the Last Meeting

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
27.11.22	W.S.Griffiths	270.40	0	net salary *
27.11.22	HMRC	67.60	0	PAYE *
26.12.22	W.S.Griffiths	173.47	0	net salary
26.12.22	HMRC	43.20	0	PAYE
19.01.23	W.S.Griffiths	173.47	0	net salary
19.01.23	HMRC	43.20	0	PAYE

* Includes backpay following national salary award.

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

Resolved that the payments be approved

d) Invoices

Resolved

That the invoice for the provision of a vehicle activated sign and relocation of existing sign be approved for payment when the works were satisfactorily completed. £3034.85 plus VAT £606.97 = £3641.82

The invoice was examined and signed by Cllrs R. Law and Mrs.J.Yates.

e) Clerk's Expenses

W.S. Griffiths – Clerks Travel Expenses

-Posting Notices- £7.20

-Telephone/Internet Allowance = £20.00

TOTAL £27.20

Resolved that the payment be approved.

f) Grants and Donations

Resolved

a) That a donation of £150.00 be made to the Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB) and that the Bureau be asked if they could provide a local telephone number for the public to contact them from the Bridgnorth area.

b) That contact information for the CAB be placed on the Parish Council website.

g) Financial Progress

The summary of receipts and payments for 26th January 2023 was received and noted and the Bank Reconciliation approved.

22.23.089 PLANNING MATTERS

a) New Planning Applications

There were no new applications to consider.

b) Determined Applications

Reference: 22/05370/TCA (validated: 30/11/2022)

Address: 1 The Dower House, Quatt, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 6QW

Proposal: Removal of 1no. Birch within Quatt Conservation Area

Decision: No Objection

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RM2NKETDKRK00>

Quatt Malvern Parish Council had raised no objection to this application

Resolved that the decision be noted.

c) Community Led Plan

Councillor Ms S. Hunter was not present at the meeting and so there was no report on the Community Led Plan.

Draft Local Plan

There was nothing further to report on the Draft Local Plan.

22.23.090 LOCAL ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

a) Matters of concern

It was noted that the road surface from Wootton Lane towards Kingsnordley was in very poor condition.

b) The BOAT

Resolved that the Clerk investigate the provision of CCTV cameras to deter fly-tipping at this location.

c) Pedestrian Refuge and Traffic Calming at Wootton Lane

Resolved that the Clerk investigate whether grants from Highways England might be available to provide the pedestrian refuge in Quatt village.

d) Provision of additional VAS and relocation of existing VAS on A442 through Quatt Village

Resolved that the situation be noted and that details of how to download data from the new sign be provided to Cllr R. Law.

22.23.091 REPRESENTATION OF QUATT MALVERN PARISH ON SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Resolved that the report be noted.

22.23.092 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

a) Electoral Division Boundaries in Shropshire

Resolved that the report be noted and that no representations be made on the proposals.

b) Sustainable Warmth Strategy

Resolved that the report be noted and that no representations be made on the strategy.

c) Unsafe Walking Routes to Schools Policy

Resolved that the report be noted and that no representations be made on the strategy.

22.23.093 PARISH AMENITIES

a) Memorial to Queen Elizabeth 2nd

This matter had been discussed at minute 22.23.085 above.

b) Smartwater

Resolved that the Council await a response from the Parochial Church Council concerning the new arrangements.

22.23.094 REGISTER OF ELECTORS

It was noted that there were 188 electors on the Register of Electors.

22.23.095 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a) SALC Area Committee

Cllr Mrs J.Yates reported that she had been unable to attend the last meeting of the Committee.

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 was not present to report from this body.

22.23.096 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

22.23.097. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council would be held on Thursday 30th March 2023 at 7.30pm.

Resolved

That the Quatt Malvern Annual Parish Meeting would be held at a suitable date in April.

The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm

Signed Date