

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL QUATT MALVERN PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29TH  
APRIL 2026 AT QUATT VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

Present:

Quatt Malvern Parish Council

Cllr Mrs Jenny Yates and Cllr Ms Siobhan Hunter.

W.S.Griffiths, Clerk to Quatt Malvern Parish Council

Guest Speaker

Ewan Chapman, National Trust.

Shropshire Council

Cllr. Colin Taylor.

Local Organizations

Caroline Hulland and Nathan Hakeman, Quatt Cricket Club

Members of The Public

Five members of the public attended the meeting

1.ACTING CHAIRMAN

Councillor Jenny Yates chaired the meeting in absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Quatt Malvern Parish Council.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L.Chitty, the Chairman of Quatt Malvern Parish Council who was undergoing an operation in hospital and from parish councillor Robert Law who had to attend a business commitment.

Stephanie Hinton from the Quatt Village Hall Committee and James Lawrence from the National Trust submitted apologies also.

3.MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 24th APRIL 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the acting chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

5. POLICE REPORT AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON REORGANIZATION OF POLICE FORCES IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

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

However it was noted that the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner was conducting a public consultation on government proposals to reduce the number of police forces in England and Wales.The consultation was open until 15th June 2026 and could be accessed at <https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/consultations-and-surveys/public-consultation---police-force-mergers>

## 6. GUEST SPEAKER

The Acting Chairman welcomed the guest speaker, Mr Ewan Chapman from the National Trust. He apologized that his colleague James Lawrence was unable to attend due to illness. Mr Chapman updated the meeting on the nature conservation work being carried out by the Trust in Quatt Malvern Parish.

A number of farmers in the Parish were working with the Trust to restore the native heathland from former arable land. The farms would continue as viable agricultural businesses rearing livestock instead of arable crops.

## 7. REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Colin Taylor, the local member for Shropshire Council, explained that the finances of the Unitary Council were no longer in a crisis since emergency funding from the central government had been obtained. A new Chief Executive Officer and a new Chief Finance Officer were to be appointed shortly.

The Council was promoting nature conservation and planning for the demands of an ageing population in the County.

A new Draft Local Plan was being prepared, which would cover the period up to 2036.

Cllr Taylor reported that he was due to meet with the Highways Officers again shortly and that matters under consideration included safe pedestrian crossing places across the A442 in Quatt and Alveley. Consideration was also being given to the problem of noisy motorcycles and biker safety.

The footbridge at the BOAT ( Byeway open to all traffic) had been repaired and the repair of potholes was continuing throughout the County.

## 8. PROPOSED COMMUNITY GARDEN ON LAND ADJOINING ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH AT QUATT

Cllr Siobhan Hunter confirmed that meetings between interested parties were still taking place.

## 9. ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF QUATT MALVERN PARISH COUNCIL

In the absence of the Chairman, the Clerk reported as follows:

The Parish Council elections in May 2025 had resulted in the loss of a long serving member of the Council and a vacancy existed which could be filled by co-option.

The council tax precept for 2026-27 had been set at £6259 per annum which was slightly more than the year before but would result in the same charge to an average household as the year before.

The grants scheme for local individuals and organizations would be in effect in 2026-27 as in the previous year.

The Council had engaged independent consultants to carry out a survey of vehicle speeds on the A442 through Quatt village which had illustrated a high level of compliance with the speed limit.

The Parish Council was continuing to work with the Unitary Council on other highway matters.

The Council was seeking to improve communication with residents of the Parish by inviting them to be added to an email list to be kept informed of matters in the Parish.

The Parish Council had adopted a new email address and website domain name in accordance with national government advice to ensure online safety and reduce online fraud.

#### 10. REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

##### a) Quatt Cricket Club

Caroline Hlland and Nathan Hakeman reported that the Cricket Club was now the second largest club in the County and offered a wide range of playing opportunities for people of all ages and abilities, including teams for ladies and children.

The clubhouse was open to local residents and not just for players and their families and a defibrillator had been installed which was also available for use by the whole community.

##### b) Quatt Village Hall

The Secretary of the Village Hall Committee was unable to attend the meeting but had provided a written report which was appended to these minutes.

#### 11. OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING

There were no other matters raised.

The Acting Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.

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