

The Minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.30pm.

21.22.117 PRESENT:

Cllr L.Chitty (Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs C.Hulland  
Cllr Mrs J.Yates

21.22.118. ALSO PRESENT

Mr W.S. Griffiths (Clerk)  
Cllr K. Hurst-Knight (Shropshire Council)  
Two members of the Public  
Mr Gow Gibson, National Trust

21.22.119 OPEN FORUM

It was reported that the Hedge adjoining the Village hall had been cut back but still protruded on to the pavement.

21.22.120. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Shropshire councillor Elliott Lynch and from councillor Ms S.Hunter, who were both indisposed.

21.22.121. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received. Councillors were reminded of the need to complete the new form relating to Other Disclosable Interests.

21.22.122. MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 27th January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 21.22.123. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes

### 21.22.124. POLICE REPORT

There were no representatives from the Police present at the meeting. However, it was Resolved that the police community contract priorities remain as those stated in the agenda.

### 21.22.125. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Resolved;

#### a) Income

There was no income to report.

#### b) Payments made under Delegated Powers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
24.02.22	W.S.Griffiths	156.86	0	Salary
24.02.22	HMRC	39.0	0	PAYE
21.03.22	W.S.Griffiths	156.86	0	Salary
21.03.22	HMRC	39.00	0	PAYE

The payslips and bank statements were examined and approved by Cllrs Mrs J.Yates and Mrs C.Hulland.

Resolved that the payments be approved.

#### c) Invoices

i) Quatt Village Hall – meeting 27.01.2022 £30.00 (no VAT)

NOTE The invoice for the September and November meetings of last year was included in error and had already been paid.

ii) Community First – Parish Council Insurance for 2023 £174.62 (No VAT)

The invoices were confirmed by Councillors Mrs J.Yates and Mrs C.Hulland.

Resolved that the payments be approved for electronic payment.

d) Clerk's and Councillors' 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 for electronic payment.

e) Grants and Donations

There were no applications to consider.

f) Financial Progress

The summary of receipts and payments for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was received and noted and the Bank Reconciliation approved.

21.22.126 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD

Resolved

That the national salary award for local council employees be approved with effect from 01.04.2021 and that the new rate of remuneration for the Clerk from that date be £11.50 per hour.

21.22.127. PLANNING MATTERS

a) New Planning Applications

There were no new applications to be considered.

b) Determined Applications

There were no determined applications to report.

c) Community Led Plan

There were no members of the CLP steering group present at the meeting.

d) Draft Local Plan

It was noted that the Draft Plan was still being examined by the Planning Inspectorate.

## 21.22.128. LOCAL ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Resolved

a) That the Clerk send Shropshire councillor Kirstie-Hurst Knight a list of all the Highways issues which were of concern in the Parish and she would discuss them with the relevant officers and the port folio holder.

b) That the Clerk arrange a meeting between all interested parties to discuss the problems at the BOAT and other rights of way issues in the Parish.

c) Survey of Rights of Way

That the information be noted.

## 21.22.129 REPORT OF THE SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Councillor Elliott Lynch was indisposed and Councillor Kirstie Hurst - Knight had kindly agreed to act in his absence for the time being.

Councillor Hurst-Knight reported that £59.7 billion had been designated for highways improvement and maintenance in the County. The Unitary Council was hoping to obtain extra funding from central government to deal with the problem of floods.

Help was to be provided for Ukrainian refugees arriving in the County.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Hurst-Knight for her report.

#### 21.22.130. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Gow Gibson reported that there had been much new work done at Comer Woods, including the provision of "tramper" vehicles which members of the public could hire to explore the area and which would be of great benefit to mobility impaired visitors.

Various events and extended opening hours were planned to celebrate the forthcoming Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

#### 21.22.131. PARISH AMENITIES

##### a) Tennis Courts at the Dower House

Resolved that the position be noted.

##### b) Church Clock

It was Resolved that the legal position be noted. Councillor Mrs C. Hulland reported that it was hoped that the Church could divert funds from another project to modify the Clock.

#### 21.22.132. REGISTER OF ELECTORS

There were currently 196 electors on the Register.

#### 21.22.133. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

##### a) Local Joint Committee.

##### b) Cider House/Wootton Group

##### c) Quatt Village Hall Committee

There was nothing to report from these bodies.

##### d) SALC Area Committee

Councillor Mrs. J.Yates reported on a recent meeting of the Area Committee which she had attended.

Speakers had outlined the action which was being undertaken to prevent future flooding and help those affected by the floods.

There had also been a presentation about the Good Food Partnership which was to encourage the production and consumption of healthy food which was good for the Planet. The Partnership hoped to encourage good land stewardship and identify outlets where good food could be obtained.

The Committee also heard about food poverty in Shropshire. The demand from food banks was at an all time high but contributions had fallen off. Nearly 1 in 8 working families were facing food poverty.

The SALC was also working closely with the NHS on various issues.

#### 21.22.134. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the Lord Lieutenant was inviting parishes to nominate any persons who had given exceptional service during the Pandemic to be invited to her Garden Party on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

#### 21.22.135. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

a) The next meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council would be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30 pm in Quatt Village Hall

b) That the Quatt Malvern Annual Parish meeting be held in the week commencing 16th May 2022.

The meeting terminated at 8.50 pm.

Signed .....

Date .....