

The Minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 27th January 2022 in Quatt Village Hall at 7.30pm.

21.22.097 PRESENT:

Cllr L.Chitty (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs C.Hulland
Cllr Ms S.Hunter
Cllr R.Law

21.22.098. ALSO PRESENT

Mr W.S. Griffiths (Clerk)
Three members of the Public
Mr M. Halliwell, National Trust

21.22.099 OPEN FORUM

A member of the public expressed concern over the delay in the National Trust arranging to cut back the hedges adjoining the A442 through Quatt village, despite reminders from the Parish Council.

The Clerk agreed to contact the National Trust again.

Concern was also expressed over the potholes on the A442 near to the junction with Holt Lane, which had been repaired but had deteriorated again.

The Clerk undertook to contact the local member of Shropshire Council

21.22.100. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Mrs J. Yates who was visiting relatives in Australia.

21.22.101. 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.

21.22.102. MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 25th November 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21.22.103. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes

21.22.104. POLICE REPORT

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

21.22.105. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Resolved;

a) Income

It was noted that bank interest of £0.91 had been received.

b) Payments made under Delegated Powers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
29.12.21	W.S.Griffiths	313.52	0	313.52	Salary*
29.12.21	HMRC	78.20	0	78.20	PAYE*
21.01.22	W.S.Griffiths	156.86	0	156.86	Salary
21.01.22	HMRC	39.00	0	39.00	PAYE

* Two months payment – there was no payment in November 2021

The payslips and bank statements were examined and approved by Cllrs R. Law and Mrs C.Hulland.

Resolved that the payments be approved.

c) Invoices

i) SALC Training for councillors on the new Local Government Code of Conduct. - £50.00 (no VAT)

ii) Smartwater £75.00 plus Vat £15.00 = £90.00 (Invoice received after publication of the agenda.)

The invoices were confirmed by Councillors R. Law 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 27th January 2022 was received and noted and the Bank Reconciliation approved.

21.22.106 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2022/23

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

Resolved

a) That the budget estimates for 2022-23 as set out at Appendix 2 of the report be approved, including the following special items (marked with an asterisk in the report)

- Church Clock (subject to legal advice) £6974 net of VAT*
- Grants to outside bodies £2000*
- Vehicle activated traffic sign and ancillary works £3500*

but excluding the remaining special items.

b) That Quatt Malvern Parish Council request a precept of £6047.00 for the financial year 2022-23, representing an annual tax of £60.17 for an average band D property, which was unchanged from the present year.

21.22.107 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL FINANCE CONSULTATION

The message from Shropshire Council regarding the financial position of the Unitary Council was received and considered.

Resolved

That the situation be noted, with regret.

21.22.108. 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

It was confirmed that a meeting of the Steering Group was scheduled to take place shortly.

d) Bridgnorth Plan

There was nothing to report on the Bridgnorth Plan.

e) Draft Local Plan

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

21.22.109. LOCAL ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

a) Residents' Concerns

Councillor Ms S.Hunter reported that residents in Wootton Lane were concerned at the dangerous practice of some motorists to drive at speed over the hump in the road near the Church, apparently in an attempt to make their vehicles leave the ground.

She also reported a large pothole in the road at Mose.

Resolved

That the Shropshire councillor, Elliott Lynch, be requested to arrange a site visit with himself, the Parish Council and an officer from Shropshire Highways to discuss these matters and the potholes issue raised at minute 21.22.099 above.

b) Proposed Pedestrian Refuge

It was noted that South Staffordshire Water had acknowledged the request for financial assistance made by this Council and were giving it their consideration.

Resolved that the Clerk chase the Company for an update on the request.

c) Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan - Shropshire

The information about the proposed Infrastructure Plan and the consultation was received and considered.

Resolved

That Quatt Malvern Parish Council request that a pedestrian refuge to assist pedestrians to cross the A442 at Quatt be incorporated into the Plan, as part of the footpaths network in the Parish.

d) Survey of Rights of Way

The information from the Shropshire Council Rights of Way Officer was received and noted.

Resolved that the Clerk try and obtain a copy of the Definitive Map which related to Quatt Malvern Parish.

21.22.110 REPORT OF THE SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Councillor Elliott Lynch was not present at the meeting and there was no report from Shropshire Council.

Resolved that the Clerk request Councillor Lynch to provide a written report if he was unable to attend meetings of the Parish Council.

21.22.111. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Marcus Halliwell reported that the snowdrop weekends would commence soon and that the gardens at Dudmaston would be open from early March. The House itself would be open from towards the end of that Month. A new sculpture by locally based artist Anthony Twentyman "The Blade "was to be displayed. The appointment system for visits to the House might be continued, even although the Covid 19 restrictions had been relaxed.

It was hoped that subject to planning consent, a new path would be constructed to link the Sawmills with the Pools. The Hebridean sheep had settled in well at the Dingle.

The problem of trespass and damage to the Estate by 4x4 vehicles seemed to have declined and the Trust were grateful to everyone who had helped to report incidents of this kind.

Marcus confirmed that Helen Ralls had been appointed as the Area Ranger to replace Mike Annis.

21.22.112. PARISH AMENITIES

a) Tennis Courts at the Dower House

It was noted that the condition of the Tennis Courts and the offers of assistance to the Cricket Club from the National Trust and from the Parish Council had been conveyed to the officers of the Club.

b) Church Clock

It was noted that the Parish Council were agreed in principle to fund the works to the Church Clock but subsequent legal advice suggested that such expenditure might be unlawful.

It was not considered practicable to transfer ownership of the Clock to the Parish Council as it was an integral part of the Church building to which the Parish Council had been advised that they could not legally offer financial support.

Resolved that Councillor Hulland discuss the situation with the Hereford Diocese.

c) Website

Resolved That Councillor Ms S. Hunter circulate a list of suggested improvements to the Website.

21.22.113. REGISTER OF ELECTORS

There were currently 196 electors on the Register.

21.22.114. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a) SALC Area Committee

b) Local Joint Committee.

c) Cider House/Wootton Group

There was nothing to report from these bodies.

d) Quatt Village Hall Committee

Councillor Caroline Hulland had attended a recent meeting of the Committee who were anxious to recover the same level of events and attendance as the Hall had enjoyed prior to the Coronavirus pandemic.

21.22.115. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that householders could now order a wheelie bin instead of the boxes presently provided for recycling. The new bins

were available free of charge and could be used to hold plastic, metal and glass items.

21.22.116. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

a) The next meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council would be held on Thursday 31st March 2022 at 7.30 pm in Quatt Village Hall

b) That a date for the Annual Parish meeting be determined when the Community Led Plan was ready to be presented.

The meeting terminated at 8.50 pm.

Signed

Date