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The Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 24th September 2020 at 7.30pm.

123. PRESENT:

Cllr L.E. Chitty (Chairman)
Cllr R.H.Brown (by telephone)
Cllr R.M. Law
Cllr Mrs. J. Yates

124. ALSO PRESENT

Mr W.S. Griffiths (Clerk)
Shropshire Councillor Mrs T. Woodward
Mr M. Halliwell, National Trust
Two members of the Public

125. OPEN FORUM

The following comments were received from a member of the public:

1) There was concern at the increased speed of traffic through Quatt village since the easing of lockdown. This was made even worse by the accompanying noise due to the very uneven road surfaces through the village.

It was suggested that the camera safety partnership be asked to make an occasional visit as no one appeared to be complying with the 40mph speed limit.

2) Following the last period of heavy rain ,mud and stones flowed through the village like a river. Shropshire highways did eventually, (after at least 2 weeks) manage to remove most of the mud and stones from the pavement, gateways, and the road however, although the gully sucker lorry was seen in the village the drains all the way from Quatt farm turn down through the village had not been cleaned out and were still full of mud and gravel which would cause a severe problem in the next storm.

3) It was suggested that the Parish Council apply again to the Police and Crime Commissioner for a grant towards funding the proposed pedestrian refuge in Quatt Village.

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Councillor Tina Woodward undertook to follow up point 1) and the Clerk points 2) and 3)

126. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from Councillor Mrs C. Hulland.

108. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

127. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the virtual meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council held on Thursday 30th July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

128. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

129. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Resolved;

a) Income

It was noted that income of £5.36 bank interest had been received.

b) Payments made under Delegated Powers

That the electronic payments set out in the schedule attached to the agenda be approved.

c) Invoices

There were no invoices to be paid.

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d) Clerk's and Councillors' Expenses

W.S. Griffiths – Clerks Travel Expenses

-Agendas and Notices- £10.73 + Vat £0.32= £11.05

-Telephone/Internet Allowance = £20.00

TOTAL £31.05

e) Grants and Donations

It was noted that an application for funding had been received from Hope House, a hospice provider for children and young people which was based in Shropshire. Like many charities, it was experiencing a fall in income during the Coronavirus Pandemic. A donation of £250.00 could pay for a day of care from a specialist nurse.

Resolved that a donation of £250.00 be made to Hope House accordingly

f) National Pay Award

Resolved that the National Pay Award be approved and the salary of the Clerk adjusted accordingly, with effect from 01.04.2020.

130. Financial Progress

The summary of receipts and payments for 24th September 2020 was received and noted and the Bank Reconciliation checked against the Bank Statement.

131. PLANNING MATTERS

a) New Planning Applications

There were no new applications to consider.

b) Determined Applications

There were no determined applications to report.

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c) Community Led Plan

Resolved that a parish meeting to discuss the Plan be arranged as soon as it was practicable in the Coronavirus Pandemic.

d) Shropshire Local Plan Review

Resolved that the Council make no representations on the Draft Local Plan.

e) Bridgnorth Plan

i) Future Bridgnorth

It was noted that there was no one available to serve on this body.

132. LOCAL ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

a) The BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic)

It was noted that the blocks which had been placed in the BOAT to deter trespassers from entering neighbouring land had not yet been replaced after they had become dislodged in the heavy floods earlier in the year. There had been further instances of trespass and damage along the BOAT. Councillors felt that insufficient space had been left between the blocks to allow the free flow of water. Marcus Halliwell from the National Trust said that he would investigate.

Councillor Tina Woodward confirmed that she had not received any further information from the Rights of Way Officer about downgrading the BOAT or imposing a Traffic Regulation Order.

Resolved that the situation be noted.

b) Village Gateways and VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs)

Resolved:

i) That the Clerk obtain images of the proposed village gates.

ii) That the Clerk obtain costings for the additional signing and installation of the proposed gates.

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c) Pedestrian Refuge at Quatt

Resolved:

i) That the report be noted.

ii) That the Clerk apply for funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

iii) That the possibility of crowd funding be explored at the Annual Parish Meeting, when it was able to take place.

d) Any Other Highways Matters

Cllr Woodward confirmed that she would follow up the outstanding repairs to the footbridge at Wootton.

133. REPORT OF THE SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Councillor Tina Woodward reported that the road sweeper had cleaned away the mud and debris from the A442 following the recent bad weather.

Councillor Woodward also referred to the Broadband Voucher Scheme reported at minute 135c) below.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Woodward for her report.

134. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Marcus Halliwell confirmed that the Coronavirus Pandemic had resulted in a significant loss of income for the Trust with the result that job losses and organizational changes were to take place at national, regional and local level. He confirmed that he was aware of inappropriate activity by 4x4 vehicles in the woods on the estate and he felt that some sort of physical barrier, such as that used on the BOAT, would be necessary to prevent it from reoccurring.

Mr Halliwell also confirmed that work to replace or repair the estate fencing was planned to take place when finances allowed.

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135. PARISH AMENITIES

a) Noticeboards

It was Resolved that the Clerk should investigate the cost and appearance of aluminium noticeboards to replace the wooden items which required periodic maintenance.

b) Poppy Appeal

Resolved that the Parish Council donate the sum of £150.00 to the Poppy Appeal, either by purchasing 2 wreaths online for £100.00 and making a donation of £50.00 or making a donation of the whole amount if the wreathes were not required.

c) Broadband

The Connecting Shropshire Progress Report from Shropshire Council was received and considered.

It was confirmed that most of Quatt Malvern Parish, except Hampton Loade, would be eligible for the Broadband Voucher Scheme, as described at:

<http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/gigabit-broadband-voucher-scheme/>

which enabled residents and businesses to obtain financial assistance towards obtaining high speed broadband.

Resolved that the scheme be published in the Parish.

136. REGISTER OF ELECTORS

The Clerk reported that there were currently 191 electors on the Register.

137. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a) SALC Area Committee

b) Local Joint Committee.

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c) Cider House/Wootton Group

d) Bridgnorth Town Plan Steering Group

There was nothing to report from these bodies, which in most cases had not met because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

e) Quatt Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee had referred to minute 120e) of the meeting of 30th July 2020 and wished to make it clear that the Village Hall Car Park had always been used by the whole community and not just by users of the Hall.

138. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to consider.

139. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting of Quatt Malvern Parish Council would be held on Thursday 26th November 2020 at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed Date

