



26TH MAY 2022 ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY

**Quedgeley Town
Assembly**

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Your Councillors

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THE ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY OF QUEDGELEY

2022

Will be held on Thursday 26th May 2021 at 7.00pm

At Quedgeley Community Centre, School Lane, Quedgeley, Gloucester.

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AGENDA

1. Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Copies may be viewed at the Town Council Office and will be taken as read unless there are objections to their accuracy. A draft copy will be available on the website.

2. Opening address by the Chairman.
3. To address concerns/complaints from local residents – to be submitted in advance.

Cllr Steve Smith - Chair

Quedgeley Town Council

Annual Town Report 2021-22

Things seem to have settled down since coming out of Lockdown, with all our centers now open again and working well for the community. Of course, the energy crisis has had a huge effect, just like everyone else and we continue to work in the most cost-effective way we can.

Focusing more on the positive side of things, the new Town Council office is working well and being in such an advantageous position now is drawing in far more local residents. Whether it is for advice, local knowledge, dog bags, bookings or just to say hello, we welcome all of you into our office.



One of the highlights of the year was the Memorial Day for Flight Lieutenant Robert George Coventry, organised by Quedgeley Town Council. Chair, Steve Smith worked tirelessly with his fellow councillors and staff to put on a parade and memorial service on the 25th September 2022 to remember how selflessly Robert George Coventry acted back in 1940 when he steered his plane over the former site of Fieldcourt Junior School and hence crashing into nearby farmland where he lost his life, but saved many children's lives in the process. Hundreds of local residents lined the streets to see the Parade which was

followed by a service in the Town Council's memorial garden where a memorial stone was unveiled. It was a real example of the community coming together and we remember that day fondly.



Another big achievement for the council is the refurbishment of the noticeboards around the area. The council tries to look at things as a local resident would and it was becoming increasingly clear that the noticeboards were in desperate need of a revamp. With finance pressures in mind, the councillors decided to take this task on themselves and have been actively updating and uplifting the noticeboards. A big thank you to Cllr Steve Wilcox who has headed up this project and also to those councillors, particularly Cllr Chris Thompson

and Cllr Graham Wheatley who have braved the weather to help.

The final large project is the celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee which the Town Council has embraced with a parade running down School Lane, into Fisher's Meadow, followed by a fun filled family day with events such as The Dog Show, Face Painting, Fancy Dress, Stalls, Music, Refreshments and much more. This event will take place on Sunday 5th June 2022, with the parade starting off proceedings at 11.00am from Quedgeley Community Centre. Again, a big thank you to all those councillors who have played an active part in putting this together and to members of Help if we can who have also given up their time to assist.

With all this in mind, behind the scenes, the council continues with its day-to-day priorities, ensuring that good service is provided to the community -v- effective finance control. It is and will be for some time a financially challenging year, however your council is committed to keeping you the community at the forefront of its mind throughout. We are here for you. Our office is a safe place, if you are struggling or just need a friendly face please come in and we will be able to help you or at least direct you to the right people.

Some of the things the council is looking to achieve:

A new website – deferred from last year but due to be done in the next few months.

Saturday Surgeries – an enormous success last time we held them and due to be restarted very soon.

Futures Committee – a working party set up by the Town Council to aspire to future achievements.

There are 16 seats on the Town Council. We currently have 5 vacancies. The annual meeting took place on the 16th May 2022, where Cllr Steve Smith was once again voted in as Chair and Cllr Graham Smith as Vice Chair. All the councillors have their own areas of expertise and are members of committees, such as Finance & General Purposes, Planning, Community Buildings and Recreation & Amenities. This enables the council to perform its duties efficiently with tasks distributed according to skill sets and interests.









Behind the scenes are the Council Staff, The Town Clerk is both CiLCA qualified and has a Distinction in Certificate of Higher Education in Local Council Management and has achieved 1 year of her Foundation Degree level. The Deputy Clerk is CiLCA qualified. There are 2 Administrative Staff who manage day to day customer service and numerous staff who conduct litter picking daily, update noticeboards and ensure our community buildings are clean and fit for daily use.




Provided within this report are the spending plan figures for year ending 2021/22, including spending plans for this financial year and details of your current councillors.

Spending Plans 2022-2023

Service Provided	2021-22	2022-23	Income	2021-22	2022-23
Recreation, amenities & the environment	£86811	£93916	Hiring of facilities etc	£221,602	£227,534
Planning & Development & Strategic Development	£9042	£10108	Contribution by Gloucester City Council	£0	£0
Two Community Centres	£136,469	£156,068	Contribution by Gloucester County Council	£0	£0
Waterwells Sports Centre & Sports Pavilion	£126,152	£133,906	Miscellaneous	£500	£500
Town Council office & administration of the council	£135,620	£134,852	Transfer from Reserves	£0	£0
Repayment of Long Term Loans	£13670	£0	Balances brought forward	£45000	£50000
Grant Allocation from Glos City Council				£0	£0
Grants to Local organisations	£7100	£7100	Total Income	£267,102	£278,034
Contingency Sum	£0	£0	Leaving council taxpayers to fund	£247,762	£257,916
Budget Required	£514,864	£535,950			

YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS

	Cllr Steve Smith – Chair Quedgeley Severn Vale Ward
	Cllr Liam Harries Quedgeley Severn Vale Ward
	Cllr Julian Powell Quedgeley Severn Vale Ward
	Cllr Graham Smith – Vice Chair Quedgeley Central Ward
	Cllr Nick Lee Quedgeley Central Ward
	Cllr Steve Wilcox Quedgeley Central Ward
	Cllr Margaret Slatter Quedgeley Central Ward
	Cllr Janet Weston Quedgeley Fieldcourt Ward

	<p align="center">Cllr George Barwood Quedgeley Kingsway Ward</p>
	<p align="center">Cllr Chris Thompson Quedgeley Kingsway Ward</p>
	<p align="center">Cllr Graham Wheatley Quedgeley Kingsway Ward</p>
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