



27TH MAY 2021 ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY

**Quedgeley Town
Assembly**

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Your Councillors

**QUEDGELEY TOWN
COUNCIL**

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THE ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY OF QUEDGELEY

2021

Will be held on Thursday 27th May 2021 at 7.00pm

At the Kingsway Sports Pavilion, Newhaven Road, Kingsway, 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.

Due to Covid 19 ongoing restrictions, the council welcomes input from all local residents by means of written representation to the council. All correspondence will be responded to by the council once the meeting has taken place. Please email Jacquie.webster@quedgeley.org

Cllr Steve Smith - Chair

Quedgeley Town Council

Annual Town Report 2020-21

This year has certainly been a challenging year due to Covid 19.

The first lockdown which took place on the 23rd March 2020 changed the way the Town Council worked overnight. Working successfully from its office then in School Lane, the four administrative staff organised themselves to be able to work from home with immediate effect. Microsoft Teams was introduced as the virtual platform recognised by the council and daily staff meetings took place thereafter to ensure that council business continued as seamless as possible. All community buildings owned or managed by QTC closed incurring a huge loss in revenue. Council meetings ceased temporarily until such time as all councillors had the right equipment in place to attend a Teams meeting, however the clerk and the chair of the council continued to liaise on a regular basis.

At the time of the first lockdown, the council had also just completed on its new office in the Quedgeley Olympus Business Centre and frustratingly were unable to move due to the pandemic.

Fast forward to July when things started to ease, steps were put in place to move offices and the staff eagerly returned to work. Councillors and staff alike welcomed you our local residents to our new office and it felt as if everything was returning to a new normal with community centres reopening and local groups returning.

Unfortunately, since then there have been 2 further lockdowns which has resulted in the council meeting virtually and staff once again working from home and further loss of revenue experienced.

With all this in mind, this council is proud of how much the local community has come together throughout this very difficult time. It has been a challenging year for everyone with many people still suffering and the council recognise more than ever the importance of working together as a community.

Let us now focus on moving forward and hopefully a more stable and safer 2021.

Just some of the things the council is looking to achieve:

A new website – providing our local community with easy access to all services provided by and connected to the Town Council.

New signage in line with the Town Council's refreshed look.

Reintroduction of Saturday Surgeries – a chance for local residents to meet their Town Councillors on an informal basis.

Play parks – to conduct an inventory of all playparks with a view to addressing grounds maintenance and equipment.

Noticeboards – to conduct an inventory of all noticeboards with a view to replacing those noticeboards that are no longer fit for purpose and repairing those that can be repaired.

To hold a seminar – a chance for councillors and staff to come together and consider what else can be achieved for the benefit of the community and to provide assurance that the Town Council works at a local level and is working in your best interests.

There are 16 seats on the Town Council. Unfortunately, over the last 12 months the council has had to say goodbye to 5 councillors, one of whom was a long standing and well-respected member and former chair of the council. We wish them all well and thank them for their service whilst on the council. Your town councillors are all successfully elected members of the council. Your Chair is Councillor Steve Smith and Vice Chair is Councillor Graham Smith. 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 carry out 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 is actively working towards the 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 2020/21, including spending plans for this financial year and details of your current councillors.

Spending Plans 2021-2022

Service Provided	2020-21	2021-22	Income	2020-21	2021-22
Recreation, amenities & the environment	£89246	£86811	Hiring of facilities etc	£224765	£221602
Planning & Development & Strategic Development	£8781	£9042	Contribution by Gloucester City Council	£0	£0
Two Community Centres	£139762	£136469	Contribution by Gloucester County Council	£0	£0
Waterwells Sports Centre & Sports Pavilion	£128629	£126152	Miscellaneous	£500	£500
Town Council office & administration of the council	£132870	£135620	Transfer from Reserves	£0	£0
Repayment of Long Term Loans	£13670	£13670	Balances brought forward	£45000	£45000
Grant Allocation from Glos City Council				£0	£0
Grants to Local organisations	£7100	£7100	Total Income	£270265	£267102
Contingency Sum	£0	£0	Leaving council taxpayers to fund	£249793	£247762
Budget Required	£520058	£514864			

YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS

	<p>Cllr Steve Smith – Chair Quedgeley Severn Vale Ward</p>
	<p>Cllr Anna Mozol Quedgeley Severn Vale Ward</p>
	<p>Cllr Julian Powell Quedgeley Severn Vale Ward</p>
	<p>Cllr Graham Smith – Vice Chair Quedgeley Central Ward</p>
	<p>Cllr Nick Lee Quedgeley Central Ward</p>
	<p>Cllr Steve Wilcox Quedgeley Central Ward</p>
	<p>Cllr Margaret Slatter Quedgeley Central Ward</p>
	<p>Cllr Janet Weston Quedgeley Fieldcourt Ward</p>

	<p>Cllr Paul Arnold Quedgeley Kingsway Ward</p>
	<p>Cllr Chris Thompson Quedgeley Kingsway Ward</p>
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