

Minutes of the Meeting of Quedgeley Town Council held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Monday 19th February 2024 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr S Smith, Cllr G Smith, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Lee, Cllr Powell, Cllr Barwood, Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Wheatley, Cllr Preston, Cllr Mrs Ranford, Cllr Mrs Ellis.

FC.164/23-24	APOLOGIES Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Mrs Slatter and Cllr Ms Weston.
FC.165/23-24	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.
FC.166/23-24	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING None present
FC.167/23-24	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 15 th January 2024 Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED to adopt the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the Meeting. Seconded Cllr Wheatley Vote For 10 Abstain 1 So resolved
FC.168/23-24	LONG SERVICE AWARD – LIAM HARRIES In the absence of Cllr Harries, this item was noted.
FC.169/23-24	(a) TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE NOT EXCEEDING £25.00 FOR GENERIC BUSINESS CARDS AS RECOMMENDED BY FUTURES GROUP. Cllr Mrs Ranford PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Powell Vote Unanimous So resolved (b) TO CONSIDER AND AGREE EXPENDITURE NOT EXCEEDING £70.00 FOR UP-TO-DATE QTC BANNER. Cllr Thompson PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Ranford Vote Unanimous So resolved
FC.170/23-24	CLERK'S REPORT The Clerk offered an overview of the complaints received for the month of January. Cllr G Smith advised he met with Cllr Hawthorne and residents in Guise Close in discuss the ongoing issues with parking during the school drop off and pick up times. Some tickets issued incorrectly to residents have been cancelled. The PROW officer has confirmed the barriers to the footpath passed the vicarage to the rear of Tesco have been removed on disability and discrimination grounds. This caused some concerns as they were initially put in place to deter motorbikes from using it as a cut through. Agreed to monitor for a period of 6 months. The lighting is poor, and consideration should be given to upgrading and the subject has been passed to street lighting at Gloucestershire County Council. Cllr Wilcox suggested this be reported on the 'have your say' link to Gloucester City Council website.

FC.171/23-24	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Elections – The clerk forwarded an e-mail advising there is a meeting to explain the election process. She further advised it would be beneficial if any members wishing to stand for re election attend the meeting which will set out the process and what is expected from members. She further offered to discuss individually with any member if they had any specific concerns. All election papers must be delivered personally the clerk is unable to do this, as has happened in previous years, on members behalf. Cllr Ranford advised she is considering standing for Gloucester City Council also.</p>
FC.172/23-24	<p>CHAIR'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiet month but several big events happening in Quedgeley in the near future but not Council related. • Improvement work to Druids Oak Play Park completed. • Elections in May, the Clerk is available to guide members through the process. • Chair will stand down in May, he has chaired the council for the past 4 years and prior to that, 3 years as vice chair. A new Chairman will be elected and he encouraged members to consider the opportunity. • Meeting the vicar of St James shortly, one item on the agenda is to extend the footpath through the churchyard to Quedgeley Cemetery.
FC.173/23-24	<p>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE 2024/25 PRECEPT OF £284,812.67 AS RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.</p> <p>The proposed budget was discussed in great detail at F&GP. It was agreed to increase the budget by 4.9%, which is an annual increase for a band D property of £2.07.</p> <p>Cllr Powell PROPOSED to the accept the budget as above.</p> <p>Seconded Cllr Wilcox Vote Unanimous So resolved</p>
FC.174/23-24	<p>TO AGREE TRANSFER DOCUMENT FOR THE MOAT AS RECOMMENDED BY PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>Cllr Powell PROPOSED the above.</p> <p>Seconded Cllr Mrs Ranford Vote Unanimous So resolved</p>
FC.175/23-24	<p>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE EXPENDITURE NOT EXCEEDING £27.00 FOR QTC WREATH</p> <p>The wreath will be laid at the Menin Gate by Cllr Thompson in May.</p> <p>Cllr Lee PROPOSED the above expenditure.</p> <p>Seconded Cllr Mrs Ranford Vote Unanimous So resolved</p>
FC.176/23-24	<p>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PANTRY – CLLR V RANFORD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through successful grants the current amount in the account is £4,083.57 further grants have been submitted and others are in the process of being prepared. • Fridge / freezer and shelving has been purchased and delivered. • Shelving needs securing to the wall, agreed to raise an order for M&D Property Services Ltd. • Seeking containers for donation drop off points. • Logo confirmed • Completed food hygiene certificate. • Plan to open on 11th march 2024 • 30 volunteers attend the drop-in session held at Kingsway Sport Pavilion yesterday.

	<p>Cllr G Smith thanked Cllr Mrs Ranford for her work and thought is was an excellent project for the Council and the community.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Ranford suggested members considered a community garden could be established to support the pantry. Cllr Wilcox advised he would approached allotment holders to donate any spare fruit and vegetables.</p>
FC.177/23-24	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 2nd January 2024: accepted by F&GP on 05.02.2024 Chairman Report Nothing further to report.</p>
FC.178/23-24	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 20th December 2023: accepted by P&D on 17.01.2024 Chairman Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Powell explained an application for 54 apartments has been received for land off Thatcham Avenue, due to the loss of some sports space a large contribution for improvements at Kingsway Sport pavilion has been sought. • The drainage submitted as part of the above application highlighted pollution from Kingsway into Daniels Brook. • 2,500 dwellings are planned by Stroud District Council for Whaddon, this will have a traffic impact on Quedgeley.
FC.179/23-24	<p>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 3rd January 2024: accepted by R&A on 07.02.2024 Chairman Report Cllr Thompson reported dates for your diary as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Egg Hunt – Local Nature Reserve, Easter Monday 10-noon. • Dog Show – Kingsway Sport Pavilion – 9th June 2024 10-noon • Firework Event – Fishers Meadow 9th November 2024, in discussion with an events company to take this forward. • Xmas Event – Kingsway Sport pavilion 8th December 2024.
FC.180/23-24	<p>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 8th January 2024: accepted by CB on 12.02.2024 Chairman Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure agreed to fit a new condenser coil in the air conditioning unit at the Council office. • The start of the agreed decorating schedule for all the buildings has been put in place to start at Quedgeley Community Centre painting the woodwork and halls 1 & 2 and the preferred supplier has been selected. • Two-year maintenance programme was agreed for the astro floodlights @ Waterwells Sports Centre with Christie Floodlighting. • Hire charges will increase by 3.2%, figures will be rounded up or down to ease calculation. • Income and expenditure is performing as predicted or better.
FC.181/23-24	<p>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES None</p>
FC.182/23-24	<p>FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL None</p>

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 18TH March 2024 – noted.

Meeting concluded 20.30hrs