

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Wednesday 1ST February at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr Thompson, Cllr G Smith, Cllr S Smith, Cllr Mrs J McAllan and Cllr Miss J Weston

OFFICER PRESENT Mrs Hughes

R.139/22-23	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Wheatley and Cllr Mrs M Slatter</p>
R.140/22-23	<p>Declarations of Interest None</p>
R.141/22-23	<p>To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated: 7th December 2022 Cllr S Smith PROPOSED to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Mrs J McAllan Vote unanimous So resolved</p>
R.142/22-23	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Plantlife's No Mow Project – email request The committee agreed to investigate possible areas. (b) CTIH Ltd – offering security guard service. (c) Nemesis Pyrotechnics Ltd – Firework Display (d) Star Fireworks – response to residents' concerns following firework display Cllr Thompson read out the response. The committee was happy with his reply and no further action required. <p>Items b and c were noted.</p>
R.143/22-23	<p>Community Events To consider and agree events and dates for 2023 The committee unanimously agreed the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Egg Hunt – 10th April • Dog Show – 25th June • Firework Display – 11th November • Xmas Event – 10th December
R.144/22-23	<p>Playground Safety Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Druids Oak, Woolstrop Play Area and Bristol Road Recreation Ground – to consider any necessary actions arising from the reports. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Druids Oak Play area 9th January 2023 Safety report noted. • Bristol Road Rec 9th January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Swings – top rings showing signs of rust to be monitored. ➢ Stream – needs clearing. • Woolstrop Play area 9th January 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ All play equipment is showing signs of rust, to be monitored. ➢ Litter bin – outer casing is damaged. <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Council office</p> (b) To discuss current condition of Druids Oak and consider next steps. – Update Mrs Hughes advised there are two options, source funding or consider a loan from the Public Works Loan Board. Following an in-depth discussion, the committee dismissed the loan option and unanimously agree to source funding through grants/sponsorships to replace Druids Oak play area. Action – Council office
R.145/22-23	<p>Quedgeley Nature Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Safety Report - 13th January 2023 The following was raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrance Gate – nails rotting to adjacent fence. • Branches made into a den near pond. • Lack of bird nesting box <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Council office</p>

	<p>(b) Report on progress Nothing further to report</p> <p>(c) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £1,942.96 to purchase and install 3 advisory signs. Cllr G Smith PROPOSED expenditure of £1,303.96 to purchase the signs and to use the Council contractor to install which was the cheaper option. Seconded Cllr Miss J Weston Vote unanimous So resolved</p>
R.146/22-23	<p>Allotments</p> <p>(a) Report on progress Nothing to report at this stage.</p>
R.147/22-23	<p>Quedgeley Cemetery & Quedgeley Memorial Garden</p> <p>(a) Report on progress</p> <p>(b) Safety Reports – 13th January 2023</p> <p>Memorial Garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Main entrance gate needs adjusting. <p>Quedgeley Cemetery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bridge – requires cleaning. ➤ St James' Gate entrance – adjusting. <p style="text-align: right; color: red;">Action - Council office</p>
R.148/22-23	<p>Memorial Bench</p> <p>(a) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £185.00 to install memorial bench provided by the council. Cllr Thompson PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Mrs J McAllan Vote unanimous So resolved</p> <p>Mrs Hughes advised she has contacted Gloucester City Council for preplanning advice.</p> <p>(b) To agree wording for memorial bench plaque The committee unanimously agreed the following wording: In Memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 21.04.1926 – 08.09.2022</p> <p style="text-align: right; color: red;">Action – Council office</p>
R.149/22-23	<p>Fishers Meadow</p> <p>(a) Report on progress. Cllr G Smith advised the grassed area in front of the entrance should be addressed and asked the committee to consider placing the yellow boards, acquired by him, in place. Mrs Hughes advised, this area is not owned by the Town Council subsequently, the committee requested the office report the condition of the grass verge to the relevant authority.</p> <p style="text-align: right; color: red;">Action – Council office</p> <p>(b) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £200.00 to purchase steel bench Cllr Mrs J McAllan PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr S Smith Vote unanimous So resolved</p> <p>(c) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £85.00 to install bench Cllr G Smith PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Miss Weston Vote unanimous So resolved</p> <p style="text-align: right; color: red;">Action – Council office</p>
R.150/22-23	<p>Quedgeley Ponds</p> <p>Report on progress Cllr Thompson advised the area is looking excellent and is well kept by the fishing club.</p>
R.151/22-23	<p>Budget 2022-2023</p> <p>The budget sheet was noted and signed by the chairman.</p>
R.152/22-23	<p>The Moat</p> <p>To consider and agree the commuted sum of £32,000.00 from Bloor Homes to QTC for the adoption of the Moat Cllr S Smith PROPOSED the above. Seconded Cllr G Smith Vote unanimous So resolved</p>

R.153/22-23

Business for referral

None

Date of Next Meeting – 1st March 2023 – Quedgeley Community Centre, Committee Room 7.30pm
Noted

Meeting closed 8.30pm