

Minutes of the **Recreation and Amenities Committee** held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr Thompson, Cllr G Smith, Cllr S Smith, Cllr Wheatley, Cllr Mrs M Slatter and Cllr Hunter (observing)

OFFICER PRESENT Mrs D Hughes

R.050/23-24	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs Mrs J McAllan, Mrs V Ranford and Mrs D Webb
R.051/23-24	Declarations of Interest None.
R.052/23-24	To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated: 7th June 2023 Cllr S Smith PROPOSED to accept the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr G Smith Vote unanimous So resolved
R.053/23-24	Meyrick Brentnall – Severnside Project Meyrick explained the main project is to highlight Gloucester Severnside Nature Park adjacent to the Severn. His aim is to work with stakeholders to deliver biodiversity, landscape, amenity and climate resilience objectives in the area which involves opening the site to the public, tree planting and wetland creation. He advised he is setting up a steering group which will meet 3 times a year to help drive the project forward and hoped that a member of Quedgeley Town Council would be interested in joining.
R.054/23-24	Correspondence None Received
R.055/23-24	Community Events ➤ Firework Display – 11 th November 2023 ➤ To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £5,880.00 for the main firework display. Cllr G Smith PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Mrs M Slatter Vote unanimous So resolved ➤ To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £139.00 excluding VAT to purchase firework tickets. Cllr S Smith PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Mrs M Slatter Vote unanimous So resolved Cllr S Smith requested an update on the road closure, Mrs Hughes reported an email has been received which advised the process will start 6 weeks before the date of the closure. ➤ Xmas Event – 10 th December 2023 Mrs Hughes confirmed preparations for the event is underway.
R.056/23-24	Playground Safety Reports (a) Druids Oak, Woolstrop Play Area and Bristol Road Recreation Ground – to consider any necessary actions arising from the reports. Druids Oak : 26.6.23 ➤ Paintwork is looking very tired. ➤ Stream – overgrown. Bristol Road Rec : 26.6.23 ➤ Goal mouth – needs attention – office to obtain the cost. ➤ Stream – requires attention – Mrs Hughes advised an order has been raised.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Paintwork to some of the play equipment is required – Mrs Hughes advised an order has been raised. <p>Woolstrop Play Area : 26.6.23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tunnel – requires work – Mrs Hughes advised work is underway replacing some of the damaged wooden surrounds. ➤ Paintwork to some of the play equipment is required – order has been raised. <p>(b) To discuss current state of Druids Oak and consider next steps. – Update Cllr Wheatley advised a meeting with Greenfields Ltd representative Will Graulich, Mrs Hughes and the Town Clerk took place at a play area in Longlevens, to view the recently installed safety surface. The surface looked impressive. The matting is made of durable rubber and is installed over the existing surface to keep the cost down. Mr Graulich will supply the cost for Druids Oak.</p> <p>Cllr G Smith suggested the council contact former councillor Reece Preston for his professional advice and to see if he is interested in joining the working party once one has been set up. Cllr S Smith volunteered to contact Reece.</p>
R.057/23-24	<p>Druids Oak Brook</p> <p>To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £340.00 to clear brook & banks. Cllr Wheatley PROPOSED the above expenditure.</p> <p>Seconded Cllr S Smith Vote unanimous</p> <p style="text-align: right;">So resolved.</p>
R.058/23-24	<p>Quedgeley Nature Reserve</p> <p>(a) Safety Report – 22.6.23 The above safety report was noted.</p> <p>(b) Report on progress Nothing further to discuss.</p>
R.059/23-24	<p>Allotments</p> <p>(a) Report on progress Nothing to report at this stage.</p>
R.060/23-24	<p>Quedgeley Cemetery & Quedgeley Memorial Garden</p> <p>(a) Report on progress The committee asked for the latest position with regards to items that have been placed on the graves that are not in keeping with the rules and regulations. Mrs Hughes advised a meeting is to be arranged with the Clerk and M&D to remove and box any items that have not been removed in the time scale that was allocated.</p> <p>(b) Safety Reports – 14.6.23 The safety reports were noted.</p> <p>(c) Quedgeley Memorial Garden – To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £600.00 to address 3 x planters. Cllr G Smith PROPOSED the above expenditure and requested a flowering perennial plants and shrubs be planted in each planter.</p> <p>Seconded Cllr Mrs M Slatter Vote unanimous</p> <p style="text-align: right;">So resolved</p>
R.061/23-24	<p>Armistice Day</p> <p>To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £27.00 to purchase a wreath. Cllr Mrs M Slatter PROPOSED the above expenditure.</p> <p>Seconded Cllr G Smith Vote unanimous</p> <p style="text-align: right;">So resolved</p>

R.062/23-24	Memorial Bench adjacent to the entrance to Miller and Carter Mrs Hughes advised planning permission has been granted. Cllr S Smith suggested a ceremony to officially open the bench. Cllr S Smith to arrange once the bench has been installed.
R.063/23-24	Fishers Meadow (a) Report on progress. Nothing to report at this stage.
R.064/23-24	Quedgeley Ponds Cllr Thompson reported the site is looking very tidy, nothing further to report.
R.065/23-24	Budget 2023-2024 The budget sheet was noted and signed by the chairman.
R.066/23-24	Business for referral Cllr S Smith asked the office to thank Reece for his contribution to the council.

Date of Next Meeting – 2nd August 2023 – Quedgeley Community Centre, Committee Room 7.30pm
Noted

Meeting closed 8.45pm