

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Wednesday 7th June 2023 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr Thompson, Cllr G Smith, Cllr S Smith, Cllr R Preston, Cllr Mrs J McAllan, Cllr Mrs D Webb and Cllr Mrs M Slatter

OFFICER PRESENT Mrs D Hughes

R.033/23-24	<p>Elect a chairman. Cllr S Smith PROPOSED Cllr Thompson be Chairman. Seconded Cllr Mrs M Slatter Vote unanimous So resolved</p>
R.034/23-24	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and noted from Cllr G Wheatley & Cllr Mrs V Ranford</p>
R.035/23-24	<p>Declarations of Interest None</p>
R.036/23-24	<p>To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated: 3rd May 2023 The following items were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr S Smith explained the dog show setting up and clearing away times, should have been discussed at the previous meeting. Cllr Mrs M Slatter PROPOSED to accept the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Mrs J McAllan Vote unanimous So resolved</p>
R.037/23-24	<p>Correspondence (a) Local resident – looking for a volunteering group to join. The committee are not aware of any local groups. (b) Spring Centre – Open Day Invitation 6th July 10am – 2pm Cllr Thompson suggested if anyone is interested in attending the open day to let the office know.</p>
R.038/23-24	<p>Community Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dog Show – 4th June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cllr J McAllan to report on the event. <p>Cllr Mrs J McAllan thanked all that helped with setting up & clearing away and to the office staff who helped run the event. The event went well however she was disappointed with how many dog owners attended, however, the feedback received has been very positive.</p> <p>Cllr G Smith advised QTC's PA system was playing up and he therefore provided his own for the event.</p> <p>Cllr Thompson also thanked all those who helped on the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Firework Display – 11th November 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £345.60 for Lest we Forget firework. Cllr Mrs M Slatter PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr G Smith Vote unanimous So resolved ➤ To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £276.00 for 6ft high poppy firework. Cllr Mrs M Slatter PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr G Smith Vote unanimous So resolved

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £753.00 to hire security guards Cllr Mrs D Webb PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Mrs J McAllan Vote unanimous So resolved ➤ To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £330.00 to hire crowd control barriers. Cllr Mrs M Slatter PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Mrs J McAllan Vote unanimous So resolved ➤ Xmas Event – 10th December 2023 Nothing to report at this stage. <p>Cllr G Smith asked if toilets are being provided this year. It was agreed by the committee not to hire toilet facilities.</p>
R.039/23-24	<p>Playground Safety Reports</p> <p>(a) Druids Oak, Woolstrop Play Area and Bristol Road Recreation Ground – to consider any necessary actions arising from the reports.</p> <p>Druids Oak : 16.05.23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Brook – overgrown but free flowing – Committee requested the office obtain the cost to clean banks and stream. ➤ Overall, the site is looking tired. <p>Bristol Road Rec : 16.05.23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stream – very full and clogged up – Mrs Hughes - order raised. ➤ Paintwork looking very tired. ➤ Rocking Rocker – very noisy when in use requires greasing, office to raise order. ➤ Swing shackles showing signs of wear needs replacing, office to raise order. <p>Woolstrop Play Area : 16.05.23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tunnel surround – works order has been raised. ➤ Litter bin – outer skin damaged <p>(b) To discuss current state of Druids Oak and consider next steps. – Update Mrs Hughes advised the office is still awaiting to hear from the lottery funding on whether the application has been successful.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs J McAllan suggested the committee consider a working party to paint the play equipment.</p> <p>Cllr Preston volunteered to investigate alternative surface and paint for existing play equipment.</p>
R.040.23.24	<p>Annual Safety Reports</p> <p>(a) To note, highlight and agree all expenditure necessary as a result of the annual safety reports undertaken by ROSPA 5th May 2023</p> <p>(b) To delegate authority to the council office not exceeding £1,000.00 to address all medium risk items identified. Item a was noted and the expenditure on item b was PROPOSED by Cllr G Smith Seconded Cllr Preston vote unanimous So resolved</p> <p>(c) To delegate authority to the office to address all high-risk items identified There were no high-risk items in the annual safety reports.</p>
R.041.23-24	<p>Street Market</p> <p>To consider – Cllr S Smith to report Following discussions Cllr S Smith PROPOSED to include this item on September’s agenda for further discussion.</p>

R.042/23-24	<p>Quedgeley Nature Reserve (a) Safety Report – 17.5.23 The above safety report was noted.</p> <p>(b) Report on progress Nothing further to discuss at this time.</p> <p>Fieldcourt Infant School is seeking permission to undertake litter picking and weeding for a project with their Young Leaders. Following discussions, the committee has no objections.</p>
R.043/23-24	<p>Allotments (a) Report on progress Nothing to report at this stage. (b) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £94.80 to purchase a keep clear sign. Cllr Mrs M Slatter PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Mrs J McAllan Vote unanimous So resolved</p> <p>(c) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £380.00 to hire two skips one for each site. Cllr G Smith PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Thompson Vote unanimous So resolved</p>
R.044/23-24	<p>Quedgeley Cemetery & Quedgeley Memorial Garden (a) Report on progress Mrs Hughes advised the Clerk has written to all plot holders requesting they remove any items that have been placed on the graves and memorial tablets that are not in keeping with the rules and regulations within 14 days. If items are not removed within the time scale the Clerk and M&D will box up the items and inform the plot owners they can collect their items from the council office.</p> <p>(b) Safety Reports – 11.5.23 The following was raised on the safety report: ➤ Rotten bench – needs removing. ➤ Graves – need to be back filled – office to contact Moonbeam.</p> <p>(c) Spaces between cremation tablets. The committee unanimously agreed to allow 1½ meters when starting the next row and to follow suit after every 3 rows.</p>
R.045/23-24	<p>Memorial Bench On-going.</p>
R.046/23-24	<p>Fishers Meadow (a) Report on progress - Mrs Hughes confirmed the bench has been installed.</p>
R.047/23-24	<p>Quedgeley Ponds Cllr S Smith advised the site is clean and tidy. The committee asked the office to contact Wagglers for a safety report.</p>
R.048/23-24	<p>Budget 2023-2024 The budget sheet was noted and signed by the chairman.</p>
R.049/23-24	<p>Business for referral None received.</p>

Date of Next Meeting

5th July 2023 – Quedgeley Community Centre, Committee Room 7.30pm - Noted

Meeting Closed 8.45pm