

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

PRESENT Cllr Thompson, Cllr G Smith, Cllr Mrs J McAllan, Cllr Miss J Weston, Cllr G Wheatley and Cllr Mrs M Slatter

OBSERVING Cllr R Preston

OFFICER PRESENT Mrs J Webster – Town Clerk & RFO

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| R.154/22-23 | <p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and noted from Cllr S Smith</p> |
| R.155/22-23 | <p>Declarations of Interest None</p> |
| R.156/22-23 | <p>To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated: 1st February 2023 Cllr G Smith PROPOSED to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Mrs J McAllan Vote 4 for, 2 abstain So resolved</p> |
| R.157/22-23 | <p>Correspondence Email from GAPTC regarding council responsibility for maintaining trees during adverse weather. Cllr Thompson provided Cllr Preston with a brief overview of inspections taken place by R&A members.</p> |
| R.158/22-23 | <p>Community Events Easter Egg Hunt: Normal procedures in place. Cllr Thompson PROPOSED to adopt the Risk Assessment. Seconded: Cllr Smith Vote Unanimous So resolved</p> <p>Dog Show: Change of date to 4th June 2023 noted. Cllr Mrs McAllan provided a brief overview of current progress. Mrs Webster confirmed that an additional sign has been ordered by the office.</p> <p>Firework Display: Members expressed sensitivity concerns regarding the Firework Display date clashing with Armistice Day. Following much discussion, it was agreed that the event should continue however ensuring a dedication is made at the end of the display for Armistice Day. Action: Office to contact Firework Company to arrange</p> <p>Christmas Event: Nothing to discuss at this present time. Everyone agreed that the previous format was successful.</p> |
| R.159/22-23 | <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. No safety reports conducted. Cllr Wheatley offered to conduct all Cemetery/Memorial Garden and Nature Reserve checks. It was agreed that the rota should continue as normal for the time being, to ensure that all councillors retain up to date skills in conducting the checks. Cllr Wheatley confirmed he has received RoSPA training in conducting playpark checks.</p> <p>(b) Further discussion took place regarding the refurbishment of Druids Oak Playpark. Mrs Webster confirmed that grants had been looked into with no success, however is currently looking into The Lottery Fund. Mrs Webster confirmed that the PWLB would be an option, however councillors agreed there was no appetite to follow this route. Concerns were raised about vandalism of Druids Oak and the presence of older children. Cllr Smith confirmed that this would be raised at his next quarterly meeting with the local secondary school. Cllr Thompson asked</p> |

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| | members to consider the option of Councillors taking on the role of Park Ranger. Mrs Webster advised that Park Rangers would have no powers and this would need to be deferred to Full Council. |
| R.160/22-23 | <p>Quedgeley Nature Reserve</p> <p>(a) No safety report conducted since January 2023</p> <p>(b) Report on progress Cllr Wheatley expressed concerns regarding the pond and the absence of a fence. Mrs Webster confirmed that this matter has been referred to the Council's Health & Safety advisor, Ellis Whittam and the advise was not to erect a fence, but to erect clear signage warning of the dangers of there being a pond present. Mrs Webster advised this has been done. Nothing further to report</p> |
| R.161/22-23 | <p>Allotments</p> <p>(a) Report on progress Nothing to report at this stage.</p> |
| R.162/22-23 | <p>Quedgeley Cemetery & Quedgeley Memorial Garden</p> <p>(a) Report on progress</p> <p>(b) Safety Reports</p> <p>Memorial Garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nothing to report <p>Quedgeley Cemetery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ St James' – unstable headstone laid down for H&S reasons. Cllr Smith advised he would be attempting to find out the grave owner so that they can be contacted. |
| R.163/22-23 | <p>Memorial Bench</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> |
| R.164/22-23 | <p>Fishers Meadow</p> <p>(a) Report on progress. Cllr Mrs McAllan advised that the new bench would be positioned at the far end of Fishers Meadow. Nothing further to report</p> |
| R.165/22-23 | <p>Quedgeley Ponds</p> <p>Report on progress Cllr Thompson advised that following a walkaround, the area continues to remain in good condition.</p> |
| R.166/22-23 | <p>Wreath</p> <p>To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £26.00 to purchase wreath for Ypres. Cllr Mrs Slatter PROPOSED the above expenditure Seconded: Cllr Wheatley Vote unanimous So resolved</p> |
| R.167/22-23 | <p>Quedgeley Town Council Trees</p> <p>To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £570.00 to address a number of Town Council owned trees as recommended in the tree survey report. Cllr Thompson PROPOSED to agree the above expenditure Seconded: Cllr Mrs Slatter Vote unanimous So resolved</p> |
| R.168/22-23 | <p>Budget 2022-2023</p> <p>Mrs Webster provided a brief overview of the overall budget. The budget sheet was noted and signed by the chair.</p> |
| R.169/22-23 | <p>Business for referral</p> <p>Park Rangers – Full Council</p> |

Date of Next Meeting – 5th April 2023 – Quedgeley Community Centre, Committee Room 7.30pm
Noted
Meeting closed 8.20pm