Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT**Cllr Miss Janet Weston, Cllr Miss Laura Bradford, Cllr Miss Lisa Goodge, Cllr S Potter,<br/>Cllr M Robinson (Cllr Robinson left the meeting at 8.00pm)

## OFFICER PRESENT Mrs J Webster

R.055/24-25	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and noted from Cllr T Wnukowska and Cllr V Ranford Cllrs noted that Robyn Roberts, a member of R&A has resigned from the council.
R.056/24-25	Declarations of Interest None
R.057/24-25	To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated: 7th August 2024Cllr Goodge PROPOSED to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.Seconded Cllr Mrs PotterVote UnanimousSo resolved
R.058/24-25	Apex Fireworks – Presentation         Thomas Grant, Director for Apex Fireworks attended the meeting and provided a full description of how the display would work, covering the following points:         • Importance of size of firework -v- size of field         • Risk Assessment         • Advertising of event         • Length of presentation         • Helpers and job roles
	Members agreed that holding an organised public event mitigates those risks faced when holding smaller unprofessional displays and agreed that a professional statement should be placed on the QTC Facebook page. It was agreed that Apex and the QTC staff should meet prior to the event to discuss the finer details of the display. Possibility of incorporating a possible competition to enable the winner to press the start button for the event. It was further agreed that the office should apply for a road closure order without delay.
R.059/24-25	<ul> <li>Correspondence Request from Huntsgrove FC to use Fishers Meadow for Saturday morning youth football games. Members unanimously agreed not to allow Huntsgrove FC to use Fishers Meadow for this facility, for the following reasons: <ul> <li>Concerns of parking and the impact on local residents</li> <li>Fishers Meadow is the only green space for dog walkers and the council are keen to maintain that ethos. <li>Surface is unsuitable</li> <li>No appetite to have the field white lined.</li> </li></ul></li></ul>
R.060/24-25	<ul> <li>Community Events         <ul> <li>Firework Display – 9<sup>th</sup> November – Apex – discussed as above</li> <li>Armistice Day – 11<sup>th</sup> November – Mrs Webster reiterated that Steve Smith from Help if We Can has agreed to run this event following an instruction from the council earlier in the year. The council will be printing the order of services and the event will take place actually on Armistice Day.</li> <li>Xmas Event – 8<sup>th</sup> December To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £367.00 to hire Father Christmas.</li> <li>Cllr Bradford PROPOSED to agree the above expenditure. Seconded: Cllr Potter: Vote: unanimous: So resolved</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

R.061/24-25	Playground Safety Reports         (a) Play Parks – to consider any necessary actions arising from the reports. Druids Oak – Cllr Miss Ranford - 13.08.2024         The following items were raised         > Multi Play Area – Discoloured paint on frame         > Swings – Junior – Graffiti on A-Frame – Order Raised         > Cradel Swings – Toddlers – Ongoing Issue with chipped paint         > Furniture – Graffitti – Order Raised.         Bristol Road Rec – Cllr Miss Bradford & Cllr Miss Goodge - 26.8.2024         The following items have been addressed as follows:         > Broken Glass on Court – Order Raised         > Camel back climber – surface has a few holes – Order Raised         > Goal posts wobbly – Order Raised         > Rocking Rocker – footplates worn with holes on both sides – Order Raised         > Rocking Rocket – Seat needs replacing – Order raised and awaiting installation.         Woolstrop Play Area – No report supplied         Cllr Robinson was given permission from the committee to commence using Parish Online for the mapping of the playparks.
R.062/24-25	Druids Oak         To consider & agree expenditure not exceeding £102.00 to purchase sign.         Cllr Weston PROPOSED the above expenditure.         Seconded Cllr Goodge       Vote unanimous         So resolved
R.063/24-25	Quedgeley Nature Reserve
	<ul> <li>(a) Safety Report – No reports supplied</li> <li>(b) Report on progress Nothing further to report.</li> </ul>
R.064/24-25	<b>Bird Boxes for Quedgeley Nature Reserve</b> To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £100.00 to purchase bird boxes and agree how many boxes would be required at a cost of £10.00 each. Cllr Weston <b>PROPOSED</b> to agree to purchasing 5 boxes at the amount of £50.00 in total. Seconded: Cllr Potter: Vote: unanimous <i>: So resolved</i>
R.065/24-25	Quedgeley Cemetery & Quedgeley Memorial Garden
	<ul> <li>(a) Report on progress.</li> <li>Cllr Potter provided a verbal report.</li> <li>(b) Safety Reports – no reports supplied</li> </ul>
R.066/24-25	Allotments
	(a) Report on progress No report supplied
R.067/24-25	Fishers Meadow
	(a) Report on progress Nothing to report
	(b) Gate – the gate has been repaired by the local community.
R.068/24-25	Quedgeley Ponds
	<ul> <li>Report on progress</li> <li>No report supplied</li> </ul>
R.069/24-25	The Moat
	To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £1400.00 for grass cutting schedule,
	and to agree how many scheduled cuts would be required. Following a site visit,

	Cllr Potter <b>PROPOSED</b> to agree to 4 cuts per year not exceeding £1400.00.
	Seconded: Cllr Bradford: Vote: unanimous: <b>So resolved</b>
R.070/24-25	Provisions for the Elderly – Cllr Mrs Potter to report
	Cllr Potter asked for this matter to be further deferred.
R.071/24-25	Budget 2024-2025
	The budget sheet was noted and signed by the chairperson
	Unexpected expenditure noted regarding the Druids Oak Tree.
	Mrs Webster provided an overall update on the budget.
	Cllr Weston <b>PROPOSED</b> to agree the budget supplied to the meeting.
	Seconded: Cllr Bradford: Vote: unanimous: So resolved
R,.072/24-25	Budgetary Items 2025-2026
	Druids Oak additional equipment to be looked into further for future costings.
R.073/24-25	Business for referral
	The committee requested the following item be included on the next Full Council agenda – Quedgeley Summer Fayre

**Date of Next Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 -** Quedgeley Community Centre, Committee Room 7.00pm

Meeting closed 8.00pm