Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Wednesday 7th August 2024 at 7.30pm

PRESENTCllr Miss Janet Weston, Cllr Miss Laura Bradford, Cllr Miss Lisa Goodge.
Cllr Mrs Tina Wnukowska, Cllr Miss Vicky Ranford

OFFICER PRESENT Mrs D Hughes

R.037/24-25	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Mrs Roberts
R.038/24-25	Declarations of Interest None
R.039/24-25	To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated: 3rd July 2024Cllr Miss Ranford PROPOSED to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate recordof the meeting.Seconded Cllr Mrs PotterVote UnanimousSo resolved
R.040/24-25	Correspondence None received
R.041/24-25	 Community Events Firework Display – 9th November – Apex Mrs Hughes advised, a representative from Apex will be attending the next meeting. Armistice Day – 11th November To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £27.00 to purchase wreath Cllr Miss Weston PROPOSED the above expenditure. Vote unanimous Xmas Event – 8th December The committee requested the office to investigate hiring a professional Father Christmas. Mrs Hughes advised help is required setting up, clearing away and during the event.
R.042/24-25	 Playground Safety Reports (a) Play Parks – to consider any necessary actions arising from the reports. Druids Oak – Cllr Miss Ranford - 19.07.2024 The following items were raised Paint chipped on top bar of swings, Greenfields have been notified. Bristol Road Rec – Cllr Miss Bradford & Cllr Miss Goodge - 24.6.2024 The following items have been addressed as follows: Glass – removed Camel back climber – pot holes to the side- order to be raised Goal post surface – order raised Equipment paintwork – order raised Rocking Rocker – footplates worn with holes on both sides – order to be raised Swing Bolt – missing – order to be raised Swing surface – lifting up – order to be raised Swing seat – cracked – order to be raised Slide – graffiti – order to be raised Stream – order raised Woolstrop Play Area – Cllr Mrs Wnukowska – 30.6.24 Nothing to report.

R.043/24-25	 Druids Oak To consider & agree expenditure not exceeding £25.00 for initial weed kill of the safety surface and around the perimeter and thereafter £20.00 per visit (3 visits required)
	Cllr Miss Ranford PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Miss Goodge Vote unanimous So resolved
R.044/24-25	 Quedgeley Nature Reserve (a) Safety Report – Cllr Mrs Potter – 3.8.24 Nothing to be raised Mrs Hughes advised complaints has been received with regards to the pathway and Hillcot entrance being overgrown with brambles. Cllr Mrs Potter stated the pathway narrows in parts however there are no brambles obstructing the footpath. (b) Report on progress Nothing further to report.
R.045/24-25	Quedgeley Cemetery & Quedgeley Memorial Garden (a) Report on progress. Nothing to report. (b) Safety Reports – dated 3.8.24 – Cllr Potter Nothing to report
R.046/24-25	 Quedgeley Cemetery To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £265.00 to fill potholes behind back two rows of graves in St James' churchyard and backfill both ends of the wooden bridge. Cllr Miss Weston PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Miss Bradford Vote unanimous So resolved To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £25.00 to spray bridge with weedkiller and thereafter £25.00 per monthly visit (August to October) Cllr Miss Bradford queried why the subsequent price remained at £25.00 per monthly visit which appeared to be contrary to the same work at Druids Oak Play area. Mrs Hughes advised she would clarify and report back at the next meeting. Cllr Miss Weston PROPOSED the above expenditure Seconded Cllr Miss Bradford Vote unanimous So resolved To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £78.00 to purchase the rules for Quedgeley Cemetery sign. Cllr Miss Ranford PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Mrs Wnukowska Vote unanimous So resolved To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £600.00 to clear bank between Quedgeley Cemetery and St James' Churchyard. Cllr Potter PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Miss Weston Vote unanimous So resolved
R.047/24-25	 Annual Tree Inspection – Treework Environmental Practice. ➤ To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £1,428.00 to complete an inspection of all QTC owned trees. Cllr Miss Bradford requested the possibility of the office investigating further quotes for comparison. Cllr Mrs Wnukowska PROPOSED the above expenditure however, the office to obtain further quotation next year. Seconded Cllr Bradford Vote unanimous So resolved
R.048/24-25	Allotments (a) Report on progress Cllr Wnukowska advised there is a BBQ on the 31st August where the vouchers will be awarded for the best kept plot.

	 (b) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £400.00 for the hire of two 3yard skips one for each site Cllr Wnukowska queried why skips were being hired, Cllr Weston advised it is for all plot holders to cultivate their plots ready for the next set of crops, Cllr Miss Ranford PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Miss Goodge Vote unanimous So resolved
R.049/24-25	 Fishers Meadow (a) Report on progress Nothing to report (b) Gate – to consider councils obligation. The chairperson circulated an email from a local resident requesting the council consider repairing the gate. Following an in-depth discussion the committee agreed not to commit to the repairs at this stage but requested the office obtain the cost for the repairs for consideration. The committee also suggested the following options:
R.050/24-25	 Quedgeley Ponds Report on progress Mrs Hughes queried if members were aware of the location of the ponds, if not, she offered to make arrangement for members to view the site.
R.051/24-25	 Provisions for the Elderly – Cllr Mrs Potter to report Cllr Mrs Potter advised she has not had the time to investigate, Mrs Hughes provided a list of elderly groups that operate in Quedgeley Community Centre. Mrs Bradford asked if the office could investigate advertising our user groups on Facebook and website.
R.052/24-25	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. This item was deferred until next meeting. It was unanimously agreed to meet at 6.30pm at The Moat prior to the next R&A.
R.053/24-25	Budget 2024-2025 The budget sheet was noted and signed by the chairperson
R.054/24-25	Business for referral The committee requested the following item be included on the next Full Council agenda – Quarterly Newsletter

Date of Next Meeting to be agreed for September 2024 – Quedgeley Community Centre, Committee Room 7.00pm

Mrs Hughes advised she is unable to minute the next meeting and requested an alternative date. Cllr Mrs Wnukowska volunteered to take the minutes on the 4th September rather than re-arranging the meeting.

Meeting closed 8.50pm