

MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MOMDAY 17TH MARCH 2025 7.30PM

PRESENT Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Lee, Cllr Weston, Cllr Goodge, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Ranford, Cllr Wnukowska, Cllr Bradford

Cllr Victoria Miller – Gloucester City Council
Reverend Mark Siddal – St James’ Church

FC.180/24-25	APOLOGIES Cllr McAllan, Cllr Powell, Cllr Smith
FC.181/24-25	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.
FC.182/24-25	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING The meeting adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.
FC.183/24-25	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 17 th February 2025 Cllr Robinson PROPOSED to adopt the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Bradford Vote Unanimous So resolved.
FC.184/24-25	CLERK’S REPORT The clerk advised there were 30 complaints received for February and offered a brief breakdown, to note was the vandalism at Kingsway Sport Pavilion and animal welfare the remaining were parking, grass cutting dog & litter bins etc.
FC.185/24-25	CORRESPONDENCE a) The Clerk b) The Clerks & Councils Direct c) Robert Hitchins, renewed the licence for Fishers Meadow.
FC.186/24-25	CHAIR’S REPORT Cllr Wilcox advised he has reported the continual issues with parking in Elmore Lane West during fishing competitions to the Police. He also brought up the vandalism at the Pavilion and the disappointing response from the Police. He has received a query if lighting can be provided at the skate park adjacent to the Pavilion.
FC.187/24-25	LIBRARIES OF THINGS – Cllr Ranford to report. Cllr Ranford offered an outline of the scheme explaining Quedgeley Town Council would only be required to arrange the set-up of the project, the day to day business would be managed by the library. Money has been set aside by Gloucestershire County Council to extend the library services by storing equipment eg gardening and DIY tools etc that can be loaned on the same basis as library books. At this point, Cllr Ranford is seeking authority to investigate if this would work for Quedgeley and will report back. Members raised some queries in relation to safety of the equipment and who would be responsible for maintenance etc. Cllr Ranford advised she would clarify the details. Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED to delegate authority to Cllr Ranford to investigate and report back to the meeting in May Seconded Cllr Lee Vote Unanimous So resolved.

FC.188/24-25	GAPTC – DEVOLUTION Cllr Wilcox volunteered to join the meeting and report at the next Full Council meeting.
FC.189/24-25	FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 23 rd February 2025: accepted by F&GP on 03.03.2025 Nothing to report at this time.
FC.190/24-25	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 15 th January 2025: accepted by P&D on 19.02.2024 Forming a working party with other parish and town councils to discuss infrastructure traffic and highways.
FC.191/24-25	RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 5 th February 2025: accepted by R&A on 05.03.2025 In the absence of the Chairperson Cllr Bradford advised, a) The Moat must be maintained but the cost to hire a bridge annually to provide access is very expensive, to reduce costs it was considered a permanent bridge would be beneficial, and quotes are being obtained. b) Additional equipment is being considered for Druids Oak Play Park.
FC.192/24-25	COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 10 th February 2025 : accepted by CB on 10.03.2025 Cllr Wilcox reported expenditure is under target, unfortunately due to the absence of the RFO there were no income figures. Stage 2 of the decorating at Quedgeley Community Centre has been completed and costs are being obtained for new blinds for the committee room and office.
FC.193/24-25	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES a) Allotment Association – Facebook and whatsapp group created for the allotments. b) Saturday Surgery – awaiting dates. c) Futures Group – nothing to report currently. d) Community Pantry – • 70 HAFS boxes delivered, • Closed Easter Sunday. • Organising as small Easter Egg competition. • Collections arranged at two local schools which were extremely successful, and they are collecting at ASDA on Saturday. e) Community Garden • Space has been created. • Equipment purchased f) Martyn’s Law Working Party – nothing further at this time.
FC.194/24-25	FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL None received.
Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item 16 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.	
Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED the above and it was unanimously agreed. So resolved.	

FC.195/24-25	TO DISCUSS COVER OF MEETINGS/BUDGET ETC IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CLERK This item has been resolved as the Clerk & RFO has returned to work.
FC.196/24-25	TO DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR MEN SHED Cllr Robinson advised the Med Shed is currently positioned on land owned by the Police, but there are plans to sell the land and therefore a new location is being sought. The Police has indicated they will pick up the cost to relocate the mobile units. Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED to assist where possible however, sites must consider the noise and will need to be located away from residential properties. He further asked for clarification on how confidential this should remain as it will be difficult to discuss with landowners if full details cannot be disclosed.
FC.197/24-25	UPDATE SOCIAL CLUB PREMISES. Quotes are being sought from builders to provide the necessary facilities to the new tenant within the former Social Club.
DATE OF NEXT MEETING 22nd April 2025 Noted.	

Meeting concluded: 21.15 hrs.

Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Town Council Meeting on the 17th March 2025

Karen James – City Councillor Kingsway Ward – advised the new equipment for removing weeds was operational last year unfortunately, it did not reach Quedgeley at that time, but she was pleased to report it had been operating in Kingsway recently.

Cllr Bradford advised the street sign for Odiham Close has still not been provided.

Cllr Weston, advised two work vans park on the corner of Hadow Way, and it has been impossible for her to pass on her mobility scooter. Photographs and number plates make a good case when reporting to the authorities. It was accepted this is a national problem and noted there are ongoing discussions to make all parking on pavements illegal.

Reverend Siddal introduced himself explaining he has been in Quedgeley for 3 years. He is seeking a vision for Quedgeley, the population size has doubled since 2007, and he is seeking views for a grant to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Opinions were recorded and will be used to form part of the grant application.

There being no further questions the meeting then reconvened.