

MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH MARCH 2026 AT 7.30PM AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE.

PRESENT Cllr Bradford, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Powell, Cllr Wilcox, Cllr J Williams, Cllr T Williams and Cllr R Massey

OFFICER Mrs J Webster – Town Clerk & RFO

FC.179/25-26	APOLOGIES Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Goodge, Cllr Lee, Cllr McAllan, Cllr Ranford, Cllr Smith, Cllr Weston and Cllr Wnukowska
FC.180/25-26	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.
FC.181/25-26	APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION FROM MRS TRACY ANN WILLIAMS APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION FROM MR JOHN FRANK WILLIAMS APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION FROM MR ROBERT MASSEY Applicants were invited to address the council. Cllr Hobbs PROPOSED to co-opt all three applicants onto the council. Seconded: Cllr Bradford: Vote: unanimous: So resolved
FC.182/25-26	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.
FC.183/25-26	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 16th February 2026 Cllr Bradford PROPOSED to adopt the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meetings. Seconded Cllr Powell Vote: unanimous: So resolved
FC.184/25-26	CLERK'S REPORT There were 16 reports raised in February all have been resolved or passed to the relevant authority for action.
FC.185/25-26	CORRESPONDENCE Poppy Awards Evening – invite from Royal British Legion for Friday 27th March 2026. Clerks & Council Direct Magazine – March 2026, Issue 164 The Clerk Magazine – SLCC – March 2026 Training opportunities from GAPTC – all councillors encouraged to attend training.
FC.186/25-26	CHAIR'S REPORT Nothing to report
FC.187/25-26	TO CONSIDER AND AGREE EXPENDITURE NOT EXCEEDING £10592.52 FOR ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL INSURANCE Mrs Webster confirmed that the insurance requirements have been reviewed with the current provider, ensuring that all aspects are adequately covered. Cllr Powell PROPOSED to agree to the above expenditure. Seconded: Cllr Hobbs: Vote: unanimous: So resolved
FC.188/25-26	TO CONSIDER AND AGREE UP TO DATE DATA RETENTION POLICY Members received the policy in advance of the meeting.

	<p>Cllr Wilcox PROPOSED to agree the policy Seconded: Cllr Bradford: Vote: unanimous: So resolved</p>
FC.189/25-26	<p>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE INTERNAL CONTROLS FOR QUARTERS 3 & 4, 2025/26 AND NOTE RECOMMENDATIONS Mrs Webster confirmed that internal controls have been completed by Cllr B Smith. It was noted that not all invoices have been signed in a timely manner by two councillors due to lack of signatories available. Cllr Smith has agreed to attend the Town Council Office every Tuesday following F&GP meetings to sign the invoices, alongside Cllr Wilcox who are both signatories for the business account. Cllr Bradford PROPOSED to confirm the completion of the Internal Controls and note the recommendations. Seconded: Cllr Hobbs: Vote: unanimous: So resolved</p>
FC.190/25-26	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 2nd February 2026: accepted by F&GP on 02.03.2026. Cllr Pearce advised that the Annual Risk Management Document has now been adopted. Nothing further to report</p>
FC.191/25-26	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 21st January 2026: accepted by P&D on 19.02.26 Cllr Wilcox reported the following: Glos Fringe ongoing. Working with MP's & Cllrs. Next meeting due 2nd April 2026 at Quedgeley Community Centre. Nothing further to report</p>
FC.192/25-26	<p>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 4th February 2026: accepted by R&A on 04.03.26 Footpath at Kingsway declined Application made to Robert Hitchens to purchase Fisher's Meadow for a nominal amount. Easter Egg Hunt – Easter Monday Quedgeley Fiesta – 4th July 2026 Fireworks Display – 7th November 2026 - event providers under consideration. Christmas Event – 13th December 2026 Park safety reports good. Men's shed to be approached regarding hedgehog boxes. Flower beds in memorial garden being addressed, memorial bench being considered. Metal detection at Fishers Meadow deferred for further consideration Allotments – good and in order Nothing further to report</p>
FC.193/25-26	<p>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 9th February 2026: accepted by CB on 09.03.2026. Cllr Wilcox reported the following:</p>

	<p>Kitchen plans at Waterwells agreed with Quedgeley Wanderers. Catering van declined Budget approved Lightning detector costs deferred for further investigation Replacement doors approved at Waterwells with funds earmarked for the new financial year. Cricket club charges investigated, in particular water usage. Cllr Ben Smith looking at energy bills and clarification required regarding standardisation of invoices. Nothing further to report</p>
FC.194/25-26	<p>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Allotment Association – nothing to report b) Saturday surgery – nothing to report c) Futures Group – deferred d) Community Pantry – nothing to report e) Community Garden – brief update provided f) Martyn’s Law – nothing to report g) Community Liaison Group – meetings held every 4 months
FC.195/25-26	<p>FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL</p> <p>None</p>
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20th April 2026 – Quedgeley Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm</p>	

Meeting concluded 9.20 pm

Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Town Council Meeting on the 16th March 2026

City Councillor Victoria Miller present and invited questions;
Bins - members raised the issue of City Council now charging for bins and expressed concerns. Cllr Miller advised that any damage caused at collection times should be recorded and sent to the City Council as evidence. Concerns were raised that bins could start to be stolen. Charges will commence from April 2026. Members asked for their concerns to be noted.
HMO – consultation not presumed – referred to planning for further discussion

County Councillor Chris Mayo present and reported the following;
Roadworks – Bristol Road will be affected by road closures from the 17th April 2026 for 17 nights from 7pm – 7am. Cllr Powell advised that any resurfacing can only be done in dry conditions.
Grant for community garden – Cllr Preece will assist.
20mph speed limits being considered. Any comments to be sent to Cllr Mayo and concerns were raised about how this would be enforced.
Chippings due to be laid over 4 days at the local nature reserve.
TRO’s outstanding. Due to be deferred until after determination of 20 mph initiative, Cllr Hobbs enquired on how many signs would be provided warning of 20mph zones.

Presentation from Tracey Turner and fellow colleagues on their role as Neighbourhood Connectors;
Following the presentation, Cllr Pearce advised on the council’s Futures Group that endorses much of the neighbourhood connector’s role. A long discussion took place regarding how

Quedgeley and Kingsway will benefit from joined up working and the council thanked those representatives for a very informative presentation.