

Minutes of the **Recreation and Amenities Committee** held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Wednesday 5 August 2026, 7.00pm

PRESENT Cllr L Goodge, Cllr T Williams, Cllr J Williams, Cllr J Weston, Cllr M Robinson

OBSERVER Cllr F Hill

OFFICER PRESENT Mrs Sarah Carr

R.045/26-27	Nominate Chair for this meeting Cllr M Robinson nominated Cllr T William to Chair meeting Seconded Cllr Goodge Vote: Unanimous
R.046/26-27	Apologies for Absence Cllr D Hobbs, Cllr V Ranford, Cllr L Hancocks, Cllr T Wnukowska Noted
R.047/26-27	Declarations of Interest None
R.048/26-27	To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated 1 July 2026 Cllr Goodge PROPOSED to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded: Cllr Robinson Vote: Unanimous So resolved
R.049/26-27	Correspondence Confirmation of 2 new bus stops in Quedgeley Mrs Carr reported that an email has been received from Gloucestershire County Council identifying two suitable locations for new bus shelters. One shelter would be installed at Fishers Meadow, and the second would replace the existing Quedgeley Town Council owned bus shelter at Severnvale Drive/Deehurst Place. Gloucestershire County Council would be responsible for the installation and ongoing maintenance of both shelters. Councillors unanimously agreed that the new bus stops and transferring responsibility for the existing bus shelter to Gloucestershire County Council would be beneficial. The Orchard – Kingsway Mrs Carr confirmed this is not owned by QTC Fishing Pond – Mrs Carr advised that a quote has been received to carry out essential works and bridge repairs. Action: Mrs Carr to investigate future management arrangements for the fishing pond
R.050/26-27	Local Government Reorganisation • including devolution and potential asset acquisition No new assets identified
R.051/26-27	Community Events ❖ Quedgeley “Fiesta” – Saturday 3rd July 2027 2027 date confirmed following success of 2026 ❖ Fireworks – Saturday 7th November 2026 Cllr Robinson suggested we review ticket prices and try to encourage more pre purchased tickets to reduce congestion on the evening - DEFER

	❖ Armistice Day – Wednesday 11 November 2026 Cllr Robinson will attend the service at St James ❖ Christmas Event – Sunday 13th December 2026 ❖ Christmas Lights Switch on – Date to be confirmed Action: All councillors and office staff requested to save the above dates as attendance required to ensure the smooth running of the events.
R.052/26-27	Playground Safety Reports (a) Druids Oak – Cllr Ranford completed (b) Woolstrop Play Area (c) Bristol Road Recreation Ground – Cllr Hancocks & Cllr Goodge completed Rubbish reported along hedgerow – Cllr Weston to litter pick
R.053/26-27	Quedgeley Nature Reserve • Safety Report – Cllr J Williams & Cllr T Williams completed and points noted Mrs Carr has actioned request for tree cutting and gate repairs To discuss Extreme Heat Mitigation Measures Cllr J Williams reported on guidelines regarding Nature Reserve Management, including measures to be taken during extreme heat conditions and adapting for long-term climate change. Future projects to consider: Re lining both ponds to enable water retention
R.054/26-27	Quedgeley Cemetery & Quedgeley Memorial Gardens • Safety Reports / Topple Testing Remainder of Topple Testing to be completed during August. Cllr Goodge PROPOSED to agree expenditure for ICCM annual membership not exceeding £110.00 Seconded: Cllr Robinson Vote: Unanimous So resolved Update regarding availability of Quedgeley Cemetery plots Mrs Carr advised that plots are now only available for parishioners of Quedgeley and Kingsway. Future Topple Testing Training Course – Mrs Carr advised that ICCM have offered Friday 16th April 2027 as possible training date for Quedgeley Town Council. Action: Mrs Carr to confirm QTC acceptance to host course and attend

R.055/26-27	Allotments / Community Garden Mrs Carr advised that the proposed increase in fees reflects rising utility charges and will contribute towards funding essential equipment repairs, where budget permits. Cllr Robinson PROPOSED to agree the increase in annual allotment rent from £29.00 to £40.00 per annum for a raised bed, £60.00 per annum to £66.00 per annum for a standard plot and from £120.00 per annum to £126.00 per annum for a large plot. Seconded: Cllr Weston Vote: Unanimous <i>So resolved</i> To consider a voluntary £5.00 contribution per annum to the allotment association to contribute towards events and their expenses. This was discussed by the Council, which noted that the Allotment Association is a separate organisation and is not financially linked to the Council.
R.056/26-27	Budget 2026-2027 Cllr Robinson Proposed to agree the budget spreadsheets Seconded: Cllr J Williams Vote: Unanimous <i>So Resolved</i> The budget sheet was noted and signed by the chairperson.
R.057/26-27	Business for referral None

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Quedgeley Community Centre, Committee Room 7.00pm **Noted**

Meeting Closed 8.05pm