

Minutes of the **Recreation and Amenities Committee** held at Quedgeley Community Centre on
Wednesday 2 September, 7.00pm

PRESENT Cllr D Hobbs, Cllr L Goodge, Cllr T Williams, Cllr J Williams, Cllr J Weston

OFFICER PRESENT Mrs Sarah Carr

R.058/26-27	Apologies for Absence Cllr V Ranford, Cllr L Hancocks Noted
R.059/26-27	Declarations of Interest None
R.060/26-27	To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated 5 August 2026 Cllr Goodge PROPOSED to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded: Cllr T Williams Vote: Unanimous <i>So resolved</i>
R.061/26-27	Correspondence CLG A reminder was given that CLG have offered volunteers to assist with projects within the local community. Ideas suggested included litter picking and clearance of waste and overgrown vegetation at the pond and allotments. Action: Mrs Carr to coordinate with CLG GPFA – Playground Inspection Training Seminar Mrs Carr advised that a training course is taking place on Tuesday 6 th October in Hucclecote and councillors encouraged to attend. Action: Mrs Carr to send out full details to Cllrs and book places
R.062/26-27	Local Government Reorganisation including devolution and potential asset acquisition Locations of interest: The Orchard, Skate Park, Ponds, Nature Reserves.
R.063/26-27	Community Events ❖ Fireworks – Saturday 7th November 2026 To consider and agree an increase in ticket pricing for the firework event. Cllr J Williams PROPOSED to agree an increase in ticket pricing for the 2026 firework event. Seconded: Cllr Weston Vote: Unanimous <i>So resolved</i> Ticket Sales It was agreed that pre-ticket sales should be encouraged in the run-up to the fireworks event. To facilitate this, the office will open 3 evenings in the period leading up to the event to allow residents to purchase tickets in advance. Action: Mrs Carr to set up a rota for ticket sales

	❖ Armistice Day – Wednesday 11th November 2026 – noted ❖ Christmas Event – Sunday 13th December 2026 - noted ❖ Christmas Lights Switch on – Date to be confirmed ❖ Easter Event – Monday 29th March 2027 ❖ Fiesta – Saturday 3rd July 2027 - Mrs Carr to reach out to attendees from this year and advise date for 2027
R.064/26-27	Playground Safety Reports (a) Druids Oak – Cllr Ranford completed (b) Woolstrop Play Area – Cllr Hobbs completed (c) Bristol Road Recreation Ground – Cllr Goodge & Cllr Hancocks completed
R.065/26-27	Waterwells Balancing Pond Cllr Hobbs led a discussion regarding the pond area, and a list of priorities was drawn up. The immediate priorities identified were: • Making the area safe and accessible • Provision of new buoyancy aids • Installation of new signage • Clearing and maintaining pathways / decking • Removal of rubbish and litter. • Clearance of overgrown vegetation. Future works to include: • Bridge maintenance and bench repairs. • Securing the site to improve safety and prevent unauthorised access where appropriate. Monthly Inspection report to be carried out Action: Mrs Carr to send out template To consider and agree delegated authority for the Office to spend an amount not exceeding £1,850.00 from earmarked reserves on improvements to Waterwells Balancing Pond (Fishing Pond). Cllr Goodge PROPOSED to agree delegated authority for the Office to spend an amount not exceeding £1,850.00 from earmarked reserves on improvements to Waterwells Balancing Pond (Fishing Pond). Seconded: Cllr T Willaims Vote: Unanimous So resolved
R.066/26-27	Quedgeley Nature Reserve • Safety Report – Cllr J Williams & Cllr T Williams completed Cllr J Williams advised that the new bird boxes are prepared and ready to install.
R.067/26-27	Quedgeley Cemetery & Quedgeley Memorial Gardens • Safety Reports – Mrs Carr advised inspection to include a general tidy and litter pick • Topple Testing – completed August 2026

	Topple Testing Training Day Friday 16th April 2027, Quedgeley Cllrs to e-mail Mrs Carr if they can attend. • Pre-Purchased Plot Availability Mrs Carr advised that our cemetery rules allow a maximum of 25% of burial plots to be pre-purchased by parishioners. This limit has now been met based on the current allocation of plots and therefore no further pre-purchased burial plots will be made available at this time.
R.068/26-27	Allotments / Community Garden Cllr Hobbs and Mrs Carr carried out the second inspection of the allotments for 2026. Several plots were identified as not meeting the required criteria, and the relevant plot holders will be advised in writing. The communal areas were in reasonably good condition. To consider and agree expenditure of £30.00 to carry out assessment on non-working Battery Rotary Mower. Cllr Weston PROPOSED to agree expenditure of £30.00 to carry out assessment on non-working Battery Rotary Mower. Seconded: Cllr J Williams Vote: Unanimous <i>So resolved</i> Action: Mrs Carr to obtain a quotation for grass cutting and strimming of the communal areas twice per year, with a view to including these works within the ground maintenance contract.
R.069/26-27	Budget 2026-2027 Cllr T Williams Proposed to agree the budget spreadsheets Seconded: Cllr Goodge Vote: Unanimous <i>So Resolved</i> The budget sheet was noted and signed by the chairperson.
R.070/26-27	Business for referral Allotments: consider guttering, water butts and pipe lagging

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 7 October 2026

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

Meeting Closed 8.30pm