

**MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
20th JULY AT 7.30PM AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

PRESENT Cllr Goodge, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Lee, Cllr Massey, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Powell, Cllr Weston, Cllr Wilcox, Cllr J Williams, Cllr T Williams, Cllr Wnukowska, Cllr Hancocks & Cllr Fraser Hill

OFFICER Mrs S Barnett

FC.048/26-27	APOLOGIES Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Robinson, Cllr Smith and Cllr Ranford
FC.049/26-27	APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION FROM MR FRASER HILL Fraser Hill introduced himself to the Council and advised that he wishes to help the local community, having returned to Gloucester after University. Cllrs were invited to ask Mr Hill questions to obtain more background information and his reasons for wanting to join QTC. Cllr Pearce PROPOSED to accept Co-option from Fraser Hill Seconded: Cllr Lee: Vote: 11 for, 1 against, Cllr J Powell So resolved
FC.050/26-27	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.
FC.051/26-27	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.
FC.052/26-27	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 15 th June 2026 Cllr Hobbs PROPOSED to agree the above minutes Seconded: Cllr Massey: Vote: 11 for, 2 abstain: So resolved
FC.053/26-27	CLERK'S REPORT Resignation from Cllr Jan McAllan noted. Complaints and Compliments – noted. Complaints resolved or passed to the relevant authority for action. Cllr Powell raised concern over a tent located near Asda – office have not received any complaints but will take appropriate action if reported.
FC.054/26-27	CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk Magazine – July 2026 Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2026, Issue 166
FC.055/26-27	CHAIR'S REPORT Local Government Reorganisation Gloucestershire will become a single unitary authority, with shadow elections expected in May 2027 and the new authority taking effect in 2028. Cllr Wilcox advised that Quedgeley Town Council will continue to operate and will not be abolished as part of the reorganisation. Town and Parish councils are expected to play an increasingly important role in representing local communities and may have opportunities to take on additional local services or assets through future devolution.

	Cllr Powell and Cllr Wilcox suggested that the Council should take a proactive approach by identifying and requesting suitable assets that may become available for transfer from Gloucester City Council. Cllr Hobbs proposed the establishment of a working party to consider devolution opportunities and potential asset transfers. Action: Cllr Wilcox requested that Local Government Reorganisation, including devolution and potential asset acquisition, be included as a rolling agenda item on all future council meetings to enable regular updates and discussion. Speed Awareness and Traffic Monitoring Members noted that a trial of the mobile speed awareness equipment was undertaken on 9th and 10th July. The equipment operated successfully. Further testing was carried out over a 6-day period using the speed awareness unit on the B4008. Overall, the results were encouraging, with most vehicles monitored travelling within or close to the speed limit. While a small number of higher speeds were recorded, the information gathered will help the council identify where further monitoring may be useful and continue working with the community to support safer roads. The social media update received a largely positive response. Suitable locations within Quedgeley will now be identified for future speed awareness activity. Please e-mail Cllr Wilcox with any specific locations you would like to be monitored. Volunteers requested to assist with further data collection. County Cllr Mayo and County Cllr Preece requested copies of the speed monitoring data to support the escalation of local speeding concerns and to provide evidence for requests for reduced speed limits and other traffic calming measures.
FC.056/26-27	TO CONSIDER AND AGREE COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCE INCREASE OF 4.04% IN LINE WITH GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL PROPOSAL JANUARY 2026. Cllr Powell PROPOSED to defer to provide further clarity regarding calculations. Seconded: Cllr Massey Vote: unanimous: So resolved
FC.057/26-27	FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 1st June 2026 accepted by F&GP on 06.07.26. a) Chairman Report Cllr Pearce advised that the QTC office renewal has been approved and secured for a further 5 years. Cllr Pearce advised that the Christmas lights expenditure has been approved.

	Nothing further to report. b) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £10.00 plus any relatable legal expenses for the purchase of Fisher's Meadow as recommended by F&GP. Cllr Lee requested an explanation for the £10.00 offer. It was advised that a nominal offer of £10.00 would be made to Robert Hitchins solely to commence discussions regarding the potential acquisition of Fishers Meadow and that QTC would pick up all the associated legal costs as it is considered a valuable asset for the community. Cllr Hill asked what the legal costs would be. The figure is currently unknown and will be obtained. Cllr Powell PROPOSED to agree expenditure not exceeding £10.00 plus any relatable legal expenses for the purchase of Fisher's Meadow as recommended by F&GP. Seconded: Cllr Hobbs Vote: Unanimous <i>So resolved</i>
FC.058/26-27	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 17th June 2026: accepted by P&D on 15.07.2026 Chairman Report Cllr Powell reported the following: Permission is being sought from Gloucester City Council to establish a Neighbourhood Priority Statement. Update on Canary Girls Project from Cllr Wilcox. Developer has utilised the proposed park and an alternative location adjacent to KSP / The Orchard is now being considered. Nothing further to report
FC.059/26-27	RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 3rd June 2026: accepted by R&A on 01.07.2026 Chairman Cllr Hobbs reported the following: Fiesta was a success and positive feedback received. Thank you to all that helped. Safety reports completed – Topple Testing is due to be carried out on Sunday 26th July by R&A committee members. Nothing further to report. Cllr Powell suggested R&A consider harvesting apples from The Orchard and pressing them. To be added to R&A August Agenda.
FC.060/26-27	COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 8th June 2026: accepted by CB on 13.07.2026 Chairman Report received.

	Concerns raised over utility expenditure, in particular the water charges at KSP. Cllr Wilcox looking into the possibility of an internal water meter to breakdown water usage. Overview of approved expenditure given. Summary of decisions made following a review of the risks identified and in light of recent incidents involving user groups.
FC.061/26-27	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES a) Allotment Association – Summer BBQ took place, attendance low but enjoyable. R&A Agenda items: Consider Autumn Fruit and Vegetable competition / BBQ Consider ways to support the AA BBQ going forward b) Saturday surgery – reported no response has been received from Asda regarding hosting surgeries. Cllr Powell agreed to visit the store in person, as this may prove more productive c) Futures Group – Cllr Pearce suggested that we incorporate Futures Group ideas under the new agenda heading Local Government Reorganisation to tie the two together. Farmers Market Cllr Wilcox provided an update. Quedgeley Village Hall car park has been identified as a potential location because of its prominent position and high levels of passing vehicular and pedestrian traffic. d) Community Pantry – Cllr Powell raised concerns that due to high usage, the Pantry is outgrowing the space provided. Mrs Barnett advised that a modular unit is being considered. e) Community Garden – going very well, a growing social space. f) Martyn's Law – ongoing g) Community Liaison Group Cllr T Williams reported on the recent meeting. It was noted that: • The Community Liaison Group offers tours of the Waste Facility, and both staff and councillors expressed an interest in attending. The next tour is August 2027 and bookings can be made online. • The Community Liaison Group has volunteers available to support community initiatives, including litter picking. • The Community Liaison Group is also able to provide grants to local community groups. Action: Mrs Aldridge to contact her contacts and circulate further information on the grants available. Action: R&A add to Agenda – ideas for utilising CLG volunteer groups Cllr T Williams advised the next meeting is 29th October on Teams.
FC.062/26-27	FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL Cllr Powell – Emergency Preparedness
DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17 August 2026 – Quedgeley Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm	

Meeting concluded 9.06 pm

Notes of the Public Forum at the Town Council Meeting on the 20 July 2026

The meeting was adjourned to allow County Councillor Mayo and County Councillor Preece to report.

Cllr Mayo advised that following the announcement of a single unitary authority, a shadow council will be in place until 2028 and he will stand for election next year.

Cllr Mayo continues to work in the community tackling parking and speeding issues.

Cllr Preece invited any questions relating specifically to Kingsway.

County Cllrs requested updates and reports from the traffic monitoring.