

**MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
21ST SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

PRESENT Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Powell, Cllr Weston, Cllr Wilcox, Cllr J Williams, Cllr T Williams, Cllr Fraser Hill, Cllr Lee, Cllr Smith and Cllr Johnson

OFFICER Mrs J Webster

FC.080/26-27	APOLOGIES Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Goodge, Cllr Hancocks and Cllr Wnukowska
FC.081/26-27	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.
FC.082/26-27	APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION FROM KATHRYN JOHNSON Kathryn Johnson introduced herself to the council. Cllr Powell PROPOSED that Kathryn be co-opted onto the council. Seconded: Cllr Smith: Vote: unanimous: So resolved
FC.083/26-27	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.
FC.084/26-27	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Full Council minutes dated 17th August 2026 Cllr Hobbs PROPOSED to agree the above minutes Seconded: Cllr Hill: Vote: unanimous: So resolved
FC.085/26-27	ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING None
FC.086/26-27	CLERK'S REPORT Complaints and Compliments – noted. Complaints resolved or passed to the relevant authority for action. H&S Policy updated and placed on website
FC.087/26-27	CORRESPONDENCE Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2026 Issue 167 The Clerk Magazine – September 2026
FC.088/26-27	CHAIR'S REPORT Cllr Wilcox reported the following: Attended the Men's Shed opening ceremony at their new base. Officially opened by Theresa Fisher. Very interesting. Written to the Police & Community Speed group and awaiting a response. Speed Camera, looking to install individual posts around the area to be able to attach the camera to. The device is currently attached to the Kingsway Sports Pavilion height restrictor and having extracted recent data, it shows that speeding has reduced from 2% to 0.2% so a good deterrent.
FC.089/26-27	LGR Cllr Wilcox advised that this is currently paused. Town Councils cannot be forced to take on anything they do not want to do. Nothing further to report at this stage.

FC.090/26-27	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – Cllr Powell to report Cllr Powell advised that the document is in draft and two thirds complete. In the event of a national emergency, the Town Council are nominated as a local co-ordinator with medical emergencies directed to Quedgeley Community Centre, Kingsway Sports Pavilion and Waterwells Sports Centre. Climate change and national infrastructure are the main drivers for an Emergency Plan and things to consider would be availability of water, emergency locations, food and storage boxes including blankets etc. The subject remains ongoing
FC.091/26-27	FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 3rd August 2026: accepted by F&GP on 07.09.26. Chairman Report: Financial Regulations and Grants Policy to be agreed at the next F&GP meeting Nothing further to report
FC.092/26-27	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 16th July 2026: accepted by P&D on 19.08.2026 Chairman Report Bollards in Church Drive to be investigated financially and the matter to be chased with the local authorities. This is a long term complaint that needs to be resolved Neighbourhood Priority Statement ongoing Canary Girls, establishing land remains ongoing
FC.093/26-27	RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 5th August 2026: accepted by R&A on 02.09.2026 Chairman Report Firework tickets have been increased in price to offset the rise in charges in putting this event on. A meeting has taken place between the Town Council, DanTERS and Chase Lane Firework Displays & Events to agree key points for the event. The following was agreed: • Gates will open at 4.30pm • DanTERS will cease rides between 7pm – 7.15pm to avoid disturbance to the firework display. • Town Council staff and councillors will manage the Ticket Gate and roads. • Access points in Fishers Meadow will be fenced off and protected by Security Guards. Security guards will also be present on roadside for the road closure. Cllr Pearce emphasised the need for enough people to be on the gates on the night to avoid unnecessary queues. Cllr Hobbs advised that this had been confirmed at the joint meeting.

	The office has been given delegated authority to spend up to £1850.00 earmarked funds for general repairs to the balancing pond. Xmas lights – remains ongoing with the main delay being the MPAN. Nothing further to report.
FC.094/26-27	COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE Noting of the Minutes dated 10th August 2026: accepted by CB on 14.09.2026 Chairman Report received: 5 year hire agreement renewed for the Cricket Club. Ceiling repairs at Quedgeley Community Centre remain ongoing, It has been agreed that a joint visit be set up between QTC and Ukes to discuss exactly what falls within the snagging process. Date to be agreed. Nothing further to report
FC.095/26-27	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES a) Allotment Association – inspection has taken place with renewals for next year being arranged and plot holders being contacted for those plots that require additional work. b) Saturday surgery – Councillors discussed the possibility of holding future surgeries in the Town Council Office, one Saturday each month with a member of staff present. Further discussions required. c) Futures Group – Cllr Pearce advised that whilst the reorganisation is currently on hold, the council should still be thinking about which responsibilities it wants to take on. The council needs to be looking at assets and land it might require. It was agreed to chase Robert Hitchins regarding an offer put to them to purchase Fisher’s Meadow which there has been no response to. Mrs Webster advised that she will be attending a meeting on Friday 25th September with Gloucester City Council and David Mulrain from Quedgeley Wanderers regarding the lease for Waterwells. d) Community Pantry – nothing to report e) Community Garden – affected by antisocial litter at the moment from a nearby flat. Currently in the hands of Environmental Health who will put pressure on the landlord to address. f) Martyn’s Law – Cllr Wilcox advised he has completed a recent course. The act will have an implication at next year’s Firework Event. This is a subject that continues to be monitored. g) Community Liaison Group – Nothing to report
FC.096/26-27	FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL None
DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19th October 2026 – Quedgeley Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm	

Meeting concluded 9.00pm

Notes of the Public Forum at the Town Council Meeting on the 21st September 2026

The meeting was adjourned to allow County Councillor Chris Mayo and the Reverend Mark Siddall, St James’ Church to report:

Cllr Mayo reported:

LGR paused.

Micro-surfacing, not yet finished and Cllr Mayo intends to be present at the sign off to ensure that all snagging has been addressed. Cllr Hobbs expressed a concern regarding poor workmanship and spillage affecting other roads. Cllr Mayo advised that the work is not yet finished and this will all be addressed at the time of sign off.

Youth Opportunities – very poor provision for young people in the area. Cllr Wilcox advised that Tracy Turner, Neighbourhood Connector, will be attending the November Full Council to discuss youth provision further.

Cllr Wilcox asked about posts for a speed camera to assist the Town Council in progressing with speed awareness. Cllr Mayo agreed to look into.

Cllr Mayo asked the council to canvass the community regarding 20mph and to gather community feedback. It was agreed that a poll should go onto Facebook and results fed back to Cllr Mayo.

Reverend Mark Siddall reported:

The Reverend thanked the council for providing him time to address the council. He advised that members should have been in receipt of his project summary for St James' Church in advance of the meeting. The purpose of the project is to build a modest annex to the south side of the church to accommodate better and more accessible facilities. He is also mindful that change in the church is an emotive subject with plans to remove some of the pews and therefore plans to retain 6 good well kept pews in the process. The main funder for the project will be the National Lottery Heritage. The Reverend confirmed that he will be looking for support from the Town Council at the planning stage and asked that a letter of support be signed by the council.

Cllr Wilcox **PROPOSED** to sign the letter in support of the project.

Seconded: Cllr Powell: Vote: unanimous: **So resolved**