PRESENT

Cllr G Smith, Cllr S Smith, Cllr G Wheatley, Cllr R Preston, Cllr Mrs J McAllan and Cllr Mrs V Ranford

OFFICER PRESENT

Mrs D Hughes

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr S Smith **PROPOSED** Cllr Mrs J McAllan take the chair this was unanimously agreed.

R.001/23-24	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Mrs M Slatter, Cllr Thompson and Cllr Miss J Weston
R.002/23-24	Declarations of Interest None
R.003/23-24	To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated: 1st March 2023 Cllr S Smith queried if the cost from the firework company for the additional display to recognise Armistice Day had been received. Mrs Hughes advised she is awaiting a price. Cllr G Wheatley PROPOSED to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Mrs V Ranford Vote Unanimous So resolved
R.004/23-24	Correspondence ➤ Use of Kingsway Sports Pavilion by the Fun Fair Major concerns have been raised by Councillors, staff and regular users following the recent visit of the fair. The issues of encroachment onto the football pitches and the condition of the site when the fair vacated has all raised questions if it should be used for this purpose going forward. It seems clear the fair has outgrown the space originally reserved for their use and as a result it was agreed to recommend to Community Buildings Committee in the view of the R&A Committee future use should be denied. It was accepted this was unfortunate however, the facilities were provided for the use of sports in the first instance, and this should be safeguarded. ➤ The Journal – ICCM – Cllr S Smith volunteered to read and report his findings at the next meeting. ➤ Glasdon – brochure - noted
R.005/23-24	Community Events

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	 Xmas Event – 10th December 2023 Nothing to discuss at this stage.
R.006/23-24	Playground Safety Reports (a) Druids Oak, Woolstrop Play Area and Bristol Road Recreation Ground – to consider any necessary actions arising from the reports.
	Cllr S Smith advised he met with Head of Severnvale School Richard Johnson who agreed to visit Druids Oak daily until 4.30pm and deal with any Severnvale School pupils.
	Druids Oak : 27.03.23 ➤ Brook – has been cleared. ➤ Hedgerow – cut back. ➤ Overall, the site is looking tired. Bristol Road Rec : 27.03.23 ➤ Stream – very full and clogged up. Woolstrop Play Area : 27.03.23 ➤ Tunnel surround – works order has been raised.
	(b) To discuss current state of Druids Oak and consider next steps. – Update Mrs Hughes advised an application for lottery funding has been submitted and could take up to 12 weeks to be notified whether the application has been successful.
R.007/23-24	Brook – Bristol Road Rec To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £610.00 to hire equipment & clear brook.
	Cllr S Smith PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr G Smith Vote unanimous So resolved Action – Town Office
R.008/23-24	Quedgeley Nature Reserve (a) Safety Report – none received. (b) Report on progress Cllr S Smith advised he visited the site today and had no concerns.
R.009/23-24	Allotments (a) Report on progress Nothing to report at this stage.
R.010/23-24	Quedgeley Cemetery & Quedgeley Memorial Garden (a) Report on progress (b) Safety Reports – none received. (c) Letter from local resident relating to spaces between cremation tablets. The committee unanimously agreed that the spacing between each row meets with the legal requirements therefore no further action.
R.011/23-24	Memorial Bench Latest position – Mrs Hughes advised this is on-going.
R.012/23-24	Fishers Meadow Report on progress. Mrs Hughes advised a complaint has been received in relation to the condition of the grassed area by the exit at the rear of the field. Mrs Hughes also advised a quotation to improve the area has been received however, it was too late for agreement at this meeting and will be include on the next agenda. Cllr Wheatley advised the anti-slip boards stored at the rear of the community centre may be useful for this purpose.
	centre may be useful for this purpose. The committee agreed to discuss both options at the next meeting.

R.013/23-24	Quedgeley Ponds Report on progress
	Cllr S Smith advised he reported to the office a damaged bridge.
R.014/23-24	Quedgeley Town Council Trees
	To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £120.00 to address Druids Oak tree as recommended in the tree survey report
	Cllr Wheatley PROPOSED the above expenditure.
	Seconded Cllr G Smith Vote unanimous So resolved Action – Town Office
R.015/23-24	Budget 2022-2023
	The budget sheet was noted and signed by the chair.
R.016/23-24	Business for referral
	The committee requested the following item be included on the next agenda:
	 Quedgeley Cemetery – paving slabs

Date of Next Meeting – 3rd May 2023 – Quedgeley Community Centre, Committee Room 7.30pm - Noted

Meeting Closed 8.30pm