Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr Thompson, Cllr S Smith, Cllr G Smith, Cllr Wheatley, Cllr Mrs M Slatter, Cllr Miss J Weston and Cllr Ms B Ellis

## OFFICER PRESENT Mrs D Hughes

R.128/23-24	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Mrs D Webb & Cllr Mrs V Ranford
R.129/23-24	Declarations of Interest None received.
R.130/23-24	To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated:1 <sup>st</sup> November 2023Cllr G Smith PROPOSED to accept the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.Seconded Cllr WheatleyVote for 4Abstain 3So resolved.
R.131/23-24	<ul> <li>Correspondence <ul> <li>(a) Moonbeam – Price Increase from January</li> <li>(b) Tender Advert – has been advertised – noted.</li> <li>(c) Star Fireworks – offer of 15% extra fireworks if booked before 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023</li> <li>To be discussed under item 5.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
R.132/23-24	<ul> <li>Community Events <ul> <li>a) Firework Debrief 2023</li> <li>Cllr Thompson wished to thank all staff, volunteers and councillors who attended the event. However, the event has become so successful that consideration should be given to future displays being outside the capabilities of the council.</li> <li>Cllr G Smith advised the event was overwhelming and there were insufficient councillors to help on the evening and many have expressed concerns about arranging and attending this event going forward.</li> <li>Cllr Mrs Slatter raised concerns in relation to the collection of cash on the evening.</li> <li>Cllr S Smith advised he has been attending the firework display for many years but felt issues of the past have not been appropriately addressed and he therefore queried if he would make himself available for future displays.</li> <li>Cllr G Wheatley considered professional help should be sought and appointed to assist the Council. He was also disappointed that despite regular reminders to all members through Full Council few members outside the R&amp;A committee attend.</li> <li>There were reports of verbal abuse to volunteers.</li> </ul> Following further debate Cllr S Smith advised the firework display has outgrown the capabilities of the Council and therefore <b>PROPOSED</b> not to arrange future displays unless professional help is sought. So resolved b) Xmas Event – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Cllr Thompson advised he was very disappointed that the event had been cancelled due to conflicting dates with Help if We Can bucket collection. Cllr G Smith considered there were sufficient volunteers to cover both events and it was cancelled prematurely due to losing the volunteer Santa. Cllr S Smith took the view the committee should have made the decision to cancel however, it was pointed out there were stall holders making perishable items, so sufficient time was needed to advise of the cancellation, to do so at this date would have reflected badly on the Council.</li></ul>
D 422/22 04	The committee sends their sincere apologies to the office staff.
R.133/23-24	<ul> <li>Playground Safety Reports</li> <li>(a) Druids Oak, Woolstrop Play Area and Bristol Road Recreation Ground – to consider any necessary actions arising from the reports.</li> <li>✓ Druids Oak : November</li> </ul>

	✓ Bristol Road Rec : November
	✓ Woolstrop Play Area : November
	No safety reports received.
	Cllr Wheatley apologised for not completing the inspections due to ill health and will
	ensure they will be completed for the next meeting.
R.134/23-24	Bristol Road Recreation Ground
	(a) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £185.71 to purchase flat rubber
	seat, straight link chain & shackle, bolts & pin for the swings.
	Cllr S Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> the above expenditure.
	Seconded Cllr Wheatley Vote unanimous So resolved.
	(b) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £32.44 to remove existing and
	replace with the above.
	Cllr G Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> the above expenditure.
	Seconded Cllr Mrs Slatter Vote unanimous So resolved.
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R.135/23-24	Quedgeley Nature Reserve (a) Safety Report – 24.11.23
	The above safety report was noted.
	(b) Report on progress
	Nothing further to discuss.
R.136/23-24	Allotments
	Report on progress
	The committee unanimously agreed to defer the 'Best Kept Plot' until June 2024 due to misunderstanding of the their location.
R.137/23-24	Quedgeley Cemetery & Quedgeley Memorial Garden
	(a) Report on progress
	Cllr Thompson advised the following:
	<ul> <li>planters have been planted and much improve their appearance.</li> </ul>
	✓ The bridge has moss between the slats, Mrs Hughes advised an order has been reised to address and emphasized billion to the bridge.
	been raised to address and apply weed killer to the bridge.
	Discussion took place regarding the joining of the cemetery and memorial garden
	with a path to aid paul bearers. Mrs Hughes advised there is no room due to a pre-
	purchase burial plot. Mrs Hughes has provided a number of dates for a site meeting
	with members of the R&A, the Clerk and herself to attend, the date agreed was 21 <sup>st</sup>
	December at 10.00am
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	(b) Safety Reports – 14.11.23 The above safety reports were noted.
R.138/23-24	Fishers Meadow
	Report on progress
	Cllr Thompson advised following the firework display the field is in poor condition however
	it will recover given time.
R.139/23-24	Quedgeley Ponds
	Report on progress
	Cllr Wheatley queried if the bridge had been repaired, Cllr Thompson said he would visit
	the site. The committee requested the office contact Wagglers for an update.
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R.140/23-24	Budget 2023-2024
	The budget sheet was noted and signed by the chainman.
R.141/23-24	Budget 2024-2025
	The committee requested the following item be included on the wish list:
	✓ Linking Quedgeley Cemetery & Memorial Garden an alternative safer route – upto
	£10,000.00
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R.142/23-24	Business for referral There was no business for referral.

Date of Next Meeting – 3rd January 2024 TBC – Quedgeley Community Centre, Committee Room 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 8.50pm