Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr Thompson, Cllr G Smith, Cllr Wheatley, Cllr S Smith & Cllr Preston

OFFICER PRESENT Mrs D Hughes

R.155/23-24	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Mrs Ranford, Cllr Mrs Ellis, Cllr Miss Weston and Cllr M Slatter.		
R.156/23-24	Declarations of Interest None received.		
R.157/23-24	To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated:3rd January 2024Cllr Wheatley PROPOSED to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.Seconded Cllr G SmithVote 4 for Abstain 1So resolved		
R.158/23-24	Correspondence (a) Wildflower Meadow Creations (b) GeViews – self watering planters The above correspondence was noted.		
R.159/23-24	 Community Events - To Consider and Agree Dates for 2024 Dog Show 9th June – 10.00am – Noon Cllr Thompson advised, some councillors are also members of a local charity who have an event planned for the same day and as such will be unavailable to help at the dog show. Cllr Wheatley advised he is available and will be there to assist. Cllr G Smith offered his PA system if required. Mrs Hughes advised, a volunteer member of public with knowledge of dog shows will be helping to operate the event on the day. Easter Egg Hunt – 1st April 10am Cllr S Smith advised this event is a well-attended often with long queues prior to the start. Firework Display – 9th November – To be agreed and to consider expenditure not exceeding £9,125.16 inclusive of VAT for Apex Event Team to manage the firework display. Mrs Webster advised in line with the council's regulations three companies have been approached, of which one never replied, one could not provide the requirement QTC are seeking however, Apex Events provided a proposal which met everything the council requested, and they also have an existing relationship with Danter's Fun Fair. Cllr G Smith asked if they would be arranging the road closure and crowd control. Mrs Webster advised she believed that they do have the staff to cover crowd control. The office will investigate the road closure, Cllr S Smith suggested the road be closed from start to end of the display. Mrs Webster also advised members the council should still show their presence at the event. Cllr Wheatley advised this is a very good proposal and is the only way forward. Cllr S Smith PROPOSED the above expenditure and requested Apex Events be invited to a full council meeting to meet the councillors and answer any concerns. Seconded Cllr Wheatley Vote unanimous 		

	Xmas Event – 8 th December 2024 Cllr Thompson advised that some councillors are members of a local charity and would not be able to attend the Xmas event due again to a clash of events.	
R.160/23-24	 Playground Safety Reports (a) Druids Oak, Woolstrop Play Area and Bristol Road Recreation Ground – to consider any necessary actions arising from the reports. Druids Oak : 11.01.24 No inspection carried out due to pending remedial work. 	
	 Bristol Road Rec : 11.01.24 Stream – very full and obstructed – order placed and office to chase. Paintwork looking very worn – in process Rocking Rocket – plywood seat beginning to deteriorate – replacement required. – office to obtain the cost. Slide – paintwork in poor condition – in progress. 	
	 Woolstrop Play Area : 11.01.24 Slide – paintwork very poor needs attention – in progress. Rocker Horse – paintwork very poor needs attention – office to investigate the cost. Tunnel surround – works order has been raised - office to chase for date. 	
	Litter bin – damaged – investigate the cost to replace. Action - Office	
R.161/23-24	Druids Oak Play Area - Signs The committee requested the office obtain the cost for two signs due to the signs	
	currently in place providing out of date information or damaged. Action - Office	
R.162/23-24	Quedgeley Nature Reserve	
	 (a) Safety Report – January 2024 Damaged fence on boundary with parking area in Deerhurst Place is creating a footpath across private land. The barrier around the pond has been removed- office to investigate replacement. The fallen tree by the top pond needs addressing – office to investigate. (b) Report on progress Nothing further to report. 	
R.163/23-24	Allotments (a) Report on progress.	
	Nothing to report at this stage.	
R.164/23-24	Quedgeley Cemetery & Quedgeley Memorial Garden (a) Report on progress. Nothing to report.	
	 (b) To discuss a new footpath through St James' Churchyard to Quedgeley Cemetery. SS to report. Cllr S Smith advised he met with Revd Dr Mark Siddall and office staff at the Churchyard to investigate extending the footpath to Quedgeley Cemetery to provide a shorter access for paul bearers. The church raised no objections and therefore the committee requested the office investigate the cost but be mindful the path should be in keeping with the existing footpath. 	
	 (c) Safety Reports Quedgeley Cemetery – 12th January 2024 Wooden cross left on the ground – office to contact funeral service to arrange for its removal. Some of the soil on graves has not settled and in its current state mowing is not possible. The committee requested the office contact Moonbeam to discuss levelling the graves. Action – Office 	

R.165/23-24	To Consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £385.00 to address the two corner beds St James' Cllr S Smith PROPOSED the above expenditure.		
	Seconded Cllr Thomspons Vote unanimous	So resolved. Action – Office	
R.166/23-24	To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £195.00 to remove Ivy from QCC high level windows and reduce in height. Cllr G Smith PROPOSED the above expenditure.		
	Seconded Cllr G Smith Vote unanimous	So resolved. Action - Office	
•	Fishers Meadow Report on progress. Nothing to report at this stage.		
R.168/23-24	Quedgeley Ponds (a) Report on progress. (b) To report additional expenditure totalling £22.98 for solar water pump kit. The above expenditure was noted. Mrs Hughes explained this is financed from grants held by the Council and is not deducted from the QTC account.		
R.169/23-24	Budget 2023-2024 The budget sheet was noted and signed by the chainman.		
R.170/23-24	Ground Maintenance Tender Opening of Tenders Mrs Hughes left the meeting at this stage as she has an interest in one of the tenders submitted. Following discussion, Cllr G Wheatley PROPOSED M&D Property for QTC Grounds Maintenance contract. Seconded Cllr S Smith Vote Unanimous		
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R.171/23-24	Business for referral The committee requested the following item be include on the n	•	
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Date of Next Meeting - 6th March 2024 - Quedgeley Community Centre, Committee Room 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 9.00pm