## Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm

**PRESENT**Cllr Thompson, Cllr G Smith, Cllr Wheatley, Cllr S Smith, Cllr Preston,<br/>Cllr Mrs V Ranford, Cllr Mrs M Slatter and Cllr Mrs B Ellis

## OFFICER PRESENT Mrs D Hughes

R.172/23-24	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Miss Weston.
R.173/23-24	Declarations of Interest
	None received.
R.174/23-24	To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated:
	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
	Cllr Wheatley <b>PROPOSED</b> to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
	Seconded Cllr G Smith Vote 5 for Abstain 3 So resolved
R.175/23-24	Correspondence
	(a) ROSPA – Annual inspection
	(b) The Moat – Transfer documents received.
	(c) Tom Hitchens Environmental Officer Flood Management – The committee had no objections.
	(d) Robert Hitchins - License Agreement for Fishers Meadow has been signed and
	returned. (e) Sustainable Furniture
	(f) Ware Memorial Bulletin
	(g) ICCM – CIIr Steve Smith volunteered to read and report at the next meeting.
	Items a, b, c, e & f were noted.
R.176/23-24	Community Events
	Dog Show 9 <sup>th</sup> June
	Cllr S Smith advised the dog show starts at 10.00am and the Charity Parade commences at 1.30pm therefore the events will not collide and both events can
	easily be accommodated.
	Easter Egg Hunt – 1 <sup>st</sup> April
	The risk assessment was noted by the committee and signed by the chairman. Mrs Hughes advised help is required to set up on the day from 8.30am, the
	following councillors volunteered Cllr S Smith, Cllr G Smith, Cllr Thompson,
	Cllr Mrs V Ranford & Cllr Mrs M Slatter. Cllr Wheatley advised he is unable to attend the event.
	<ul> <li>Firework Display – 9<sup>th</sup> November</li> </ul>
	Cllr S Smith raised his concerns with Apex, Mrs Hughes advised he is attending
	<ul> <li>the next Full Council meeting, and any concerns can be raised at that time.</li> <li>➤ Xmas Event – 8<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>
	Cllr Thompson advised that some councillors are members of a local
	charity and would not be able to attend the Xmas event due to a clash of dates.
	Cllr Mrs Ranford suggested the possibility of changing the date, office to investigate.
R.177/23-24	<b>Playground Safety Reports</b> Druids Oak, Woolstrop Play Area and Bristol Road Recreation Ground – to consider any
	necessary actions arising from the reports.
	No safety reports have been received; Cllr Wheatley advised he will be completing the
	inspections week commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.

R.178/23-24	<ul> <li>Quedgeley Nature Reserve <ul> <li>(a) Safety Report – 18<sup>th</sup> February - Cllr Thompson advised there are small gaps in the fencing around the pond. The committee suggested whilst the Easter Egg Hunt is in progress orange netting is put in place. Mrs Hughes advised the council took advice from the council's Health &amp; Safety officer who recommended that disclaimer signs are put in place, this has been completed.</li> <li>(b) Report on progress Nothing further to report.</li> </ul></li></ul>
R.179/23-24	(a) Report on progress.
	<ul> <li>Mrs Hughes advised all the allotments have been allocated with the exception of two which are reserved for the possibility of a Community Garden.</li> <li>(b) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £500.00 to purchase two rainwater collection tanks one for each site.</li> <li>Cllr Mrs V Ranford <b>PROPOSED</b> the above expenditure.</li> <li>Seconded Cllr Mrs M Slatter Vote unanimous <b>So resolved.</b></li> </ul>
D 400/00 04	Action – Office
R.180/23-24	<ul> <li>Quedgeley Cemetery &amp; Quedgeley Memorial Garden         <ul> <li>(a) Report on progress.</li> <li>Cllr S Smith requested an update on the proposed footpath extension. Mrs Hughes advised, due to staff shortages no quotations have been obtained.</li> <li>(b) Safety Reports – 18<sup>th</sup> February - Cllr Thompson There were no issues raised.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
R.181/23-24	To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £105.00 to cut back two borders located on the gable end of Quedgeley Community Centre
	Cllr Wheatley <b>PROPOSED</b> the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr S Smith Vote unanimous <b>So resolved.</b>
<b>D</b> 400/00 04	Action – Office
R.182/23-24	To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £408.00 to replace tyres & fit to multi-pondo see-saw at Bristol Road Recreation Ground Cllr Wheatley PROPOSED the above expenditure.
	Seconded Cllr S Smith     Vote unanimous     So resolved.       Action – Office
R.183/23-24	To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £386.04 to replace seat and fit to the rocking rocket at Bristol Road Recreation Ground Cllr Wheatley PROPOSED the above expenditure.
	Seconded Cllr S Smith Vote unanimous So resolved.
R.184/23-24	To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £270.00 to purchase litter bin to replace damaged bin at Woolstrop Play Area
	Cllr Wheatley <b>PROPOSED</b> the above expenditure.
	Seconded Cllr S SmithVote unanimousSo resolved.Action - Office
R.185/23-24	To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £95.00 To install litter bin at Woolstrop Play Area
	Cllr Wheatley PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr S Smith Vote unanimous So resolved. Action – Office
R.186/23-24	Fishers Meadow Report on progress. Nothing to report at this stage.
R.187/23-24	Quedgeley Ponds Report on progress. Cllr Thompson reported the ponds are in good order and the bridges are in the process of being repaired.
	The committee requested the office arrange a site meeting will all councillors and staff to all sites and venues.
R.188/23-24	Presentation from V Ranford regarding consideration towards a Community Garden.

	Cllr Mrs V Ranford provided a presentation on the possible benefits of providing a community garden and requested a volunteer to research and take ownership of this project. Unfortunately, there were no volunteers at this time, and it was felt it might prove more effective to concentrate on the pantry and revisit the community garden in due course. It was suggested Cllr Steve Wilcox be contacted for advice as Chairman of the allotment committee.
R.189/23-24	<b>Budget 2023-2024</b> The committee acknowledged £6,000 has been included in the budget for pathway improvements in St. James' Church.
R.190/23-24	Business for referral There was no business for referral.

Date of Next Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 – Quedgeley Community Centre, Committee Room 7.30pm Noted

Meeting Closed 8.30pm