

Minutes of Quedgeley Parish Council held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Monday 18th April 2011 at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Miss Mozol, Cllr Smith, Cllr Vick, Cllr Mrs Hanks, Cllr Langston, Cllr Powell, Cllr Southgate, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Kirby, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Miss Barrett, Cllr Holmes (7.40pm.)
PC Lucy Kay & PCSO Anna Wright

FC.001/11-12 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Lee – annual leave

FC.002/11-12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Miss Mozol & Cllrs Thomas, Southgate, Langston & Smith declared an interest in respect of item 7, Quedgeley Social Club.

FC.003/11-12 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum it then reconvened.

FC.004/11-12 ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Cllr Miss Mozol **PROPOSED** to adopt the Minutes dated 21st March 2011 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Seconded Cllr Langston Vote Unanimous **So resolved**

FC.005/11-12 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Post Office - notification of opening on 15th April, members confirmed this to be the case.
- (b) James Hopkins Trust – Newsletter Spring Summer 2011
- (c) Caring Matters Spring 2011
- (d) Came & Company – Parish Council Insurance newsletter Spring 2011
- (e) SLCC – conference.
- (f) CPRE – AGM 29th June 2011

Cllr Miss Mozol **PROPOSED** and it was unanimously agreed to switch items 6 & 8 on the agenda to allow Cllr Langston to offer his report in relation to the Planning and Development committee and leave the meeting early due to ill health.

FC.006/11-12 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- (a) Acceptance of Minutes dated 16th February 2011

Cllr Langston **PROPOSED** to accept the above Minutes

Seconded Cllr Vick Vote Unanimous **So resolved**

- (b) Report of Chairman
Nothing to report.

Cllr Langston advised he did not stand for re-election and therefore this would be his last Council meeting. He thanked everyone for their help and assistance throughout the years and advised he had thoroughly enjoyed his time on the council. Cllr Miss Mozol thanked him for everything he had achieved and wished him good luck for the future.

Cllr Langston left the meeting.

FC.00711-12 RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

- (a) Acceptance of Minutes dated 9th March 2011

Cllr Miss Mozol **PROPOSED** to accept the above Minutes

Seconded Cllr Smith Vote Unanimous **So resolved**

- (b) Report of Chairman

Cllr Miss Mozol reminded members that the Easter Egg Hunt was on the 25th April and requested all volunteers meet at the LNR at 9am. Richard Graham MP will be present to present the prizes.

Cllr Powell queried if the litter picking could be extended to Kingsway particularly the big park. Cllr Kirby advised that a 'big tidy' is planned and he understood the park will be included in this, he further advised that QUVL do undertake some litter collection but not regularly. This was referred to Recreation & Amenities for further discussion.

FC.008/11-12 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

- (a) Acceptance of Minutes dated 7th March 2011
Cllr Holmes **PROPOSED** to accept the above Minutes
Seconded Cllr Mrs Hanks Vote Unanimous **So resolved**
- (b) Report of Chairman
Nothing to report.

FC.009/11-12 COMMUNITY CENTRES COMMITTEE

- (a) Acceptance of Minutes dated 31st January 2011
Cllr Smith **PROPOSED** to accept the above Minutes
Seconded Cllr Hunt Vote Unanimous **So resolved**
- (b) Report of Chairman
Cllr Hunt explained the work undertaken to date. He further advised that the paint was peeling off the window frames to the small office and these require repainting fairly urgently. Cllr Smith queried if a more suitable course of action would be to replace the windows with UPVC as has been the policy previously. Cllr Hunt advised he had briefly inspected the frames and found them to be in good condition and therefore encouraged future committee members to arrange for them to be repainted.
- (c) To consider Quedgeley Social Club Annual Charges
Cllr Hunt advised that the current legal agreement is almost at an end and therefore a meeting was arranged to discuss the way forward and to agree future payments. The meeting was very positive and the Club provided financial information. Following discussion it was established that the Social Club would be in a position to pay £1,150 per month to include all services, this will allow some refurbishing to be undertaken and give opportunities for new equipment e.g. new TV screens etc to be purchased. The relationship with the Social Club is now much improved and he thanked Mrs Gail Kent and Mr K Burden for all their help and assistance. Cllr Powell asked how much they are paying under the current agreement and Cllr Hunt advised £2,000.00 however this amount included the licence to occupy and the arrears.

Cllr Hunt **PROPOSED** to accept £1,150.00 per month to include all services with effect from the end of May.

Seconded Cllr Smith Vote Unanimous **Se resolved**

- (d) Seedlings Playgroup debts – to consider current position
The Clerk explained that there had been some difficulties contacting the current Treasurer but he had managed to contact the Chairman who confirmed the equipment had been sold and the situation had been put in the hands of a liquidator, however on speaking to the company concerned he was advised that they had not been engaged as yet. Cllr Vick queried who signed the Hire Agreement form and encouraged all efforts to be made to recover the debt. Cllr Powell had reservations in relation to the Council taking action against an individual who was a volunteer. Cllr Kirby asked what the actual cost to the council was to include rent and running costs etc. and what the legal cost would be to chase the debt. Cllr Homes suggested it may be better to pay for a hire agreement to be drawn up legally for use in future. The Clerk explained that he had included a clause in the current agreement which advised the premises would be locked if one months rent is outstanding. It was agreed to leave the situation with the Clerk to investigate if the sum could be reclaimed.

Cllr Hunt decided not to stand for re election at the forth coming elections and Cllr Miss Mozol thanked him for all his efforts over the years, she particularly highlighted his outstanding achievements in relation to the Social Club and stated the relationship and the situation was now in a much better position thanks to his hard work, she wished him well for the future.

FC.010/11-12 WATERWELLS SPORTS CENTRE COMMITTEE

- (a) Report of Chairman
In the absence of the chairman there was no report

- (b) Report of Chairman of Management Group
Cllr Powell advised there was nothing further to report, a decision is still awaited from Robin Greaves in relation to the grant for the Sports Hall.

FC.011/11-12 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES

- (a) Environment and Ecology Forum – Cllr Miss Mozol advised she had not attended the meeting.
- (b) QACA – Cllr Miss Mozol advised that no meeting had been arranged.
- (c) Gloucester Partnership – Stronger Communities Group – in the absence of Cllr Lee, Cllr Kirby read out an e-mail received from Cllr Lee advising that much of the funding ended on the 31st March and at this time he is unable to confirm what the future holds. He has received the latest newsletter which he will review and report as necessary.
- (d) Equals Youth Centre – Cllr Thomas advised that much of the recent discussion has been in relation to how Equals will be managed in future. He understood that the proposed partnership between Prospect Training and Quedgeley Community Trust has been agreed in principle. The Clerk was waiting for the funds from the County Council for the outstanding amount on the building.
 - a. Parochial Church Council, St James' Church, Quedgeley – an e-mail received from Cllr Lee was read out by Cllr Kirby advising that he had again been re-elected to the PCC at the recent APM. Preparations for the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day were underway and reported on the funeral of Miss Helen Whitehead who was a most appreciated and popular member of the congregation.
 - (e) Community Voice Forum Meeting – Cllr Smith advised this has mainly focussed on Equals Youth Centre and the planned 50th anniversary celebrations.
 - (f) Kingsway Residents Association – Cllr Kirby advised the results of the recent anti social behaviour survey were very interesting, 62% thought ASB was a problem but only 10% had actually been affected. There is a planned 'big tidy' to include litter picking and the Fun Day will take place at Waterwells on 11th August. The camera is now operational in the sub way, 145 people were caught the first day with an average of 100 vehicles passing through daily, fines will start on 29th April to give an opportunity for drivers to be made aware of the camera. Cllr Powell stated that the design is an error made by the planners at the design stage it should have been a main link through to Quedgeley. Cllr Kirby was pleased to advise that a second entry should be available by the end of the month and an additional one by September so the situation should ease shortly.
 - (g) Street Care Forum – Cllr Vick advised that the forum has now been merged with other areas and therefore should be removed from the agenda.

FC.012/11-12 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

The Clerk advised that the Council now have 11 elected members and 5 vacancies and at the next meeting members would be expected to sign their acceptance of office. All members must return their expenses form even if the amount is nil, the deadline to do this is the 10th June however, if they are submitted earlier it allows an opportunity to check for any errors before the deadline. Cllr Powell stated members should consider calling an election for the 5 vacancies but Cllr Miss Mozol disagreed advising that the current election had been well advertised and if any resident had wished to join the council there had been plenty of opportunity to do so. Cllr Kirby queried the cost and the Clerk responded that it was only a small amount and only significant if a contested election had been required. Cllr Powell stated there is always more interest following an election and to achieve Quality Status two thirds of the total number of Councillors must be elected. Following further discussion Cllr Smith suggested this should be an item for the next meeting.

FC.013/11-12 FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL

To consider calling an election for the 5 vacancies

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16th May 2011

Meeting Closed : 8.45pm

Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Parish Council Meeting on the 18th April 2011

PC Lucy Kay advised there were 57 incidents in March. The SARA plan for speeding on the Bristol Road highlighted that the average speed was 28mph. She also advised that SARA plans were to deal with local issues and speeding on such a busy highway was a national problem. However, there are some reports of speeding more locally within Hardwicke and Quedgeley and these could be addressed. For first offences drivers are given the opportunity to watch a DVD thereafter they will be prosecuted.

She further reported on the recent changes within Gloucestershire Constabulary, the structure has changed and most response units now operate from the city centre subsequently only 7 vehicles are available from the Quedgeley station the majority will be called from the city centre. The way forward is the bicycle but unfortunately there are only 4 bikes for 40 officers and the average cost for a bike is £500.00 The Parish Council may be approached for a grant towards funding additional bikes. The NPA covered by Gloucester South has been adjusted to include other parts of the city.

Cllr Miss Mozol stated that there may be issues with speeding on Green Farm around Welland Road, Merlin Drive and Meadowside School PC Lucy Kay confirmed she had received reports in relation to this and she will arrange for that area to be covered with the speed gun. She also advised that the camera on the underpass is now operational and over 140 unauthorised motorists were caught using the underpass as a shortcut through to Kingsway on the first day.

Cllr Holmes advised that Tesco has recently been fined £48,000 for breaching Health & Safety regulations for failing to control traffic and this may be worth highlighting when dealing with the HGV's who deliver to the store causing an obstruction in St James'

There being no further questions the meeting then reconvened.