

Minutes of the Meeting of Quedgeley Parish Council held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Monday 21st November 2011 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr Miss Mozol, Cllr Smith, Cllr Mrs Hanks, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Southgate, Cllr Miss Barrett, Cllr Kirby, Cllr Vick, Cllr Lee

FC.111/11-12 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Powell, Cllr Holmes, Cllr Sykes

FC.112/11-12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

FC.113/11-12 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

FC.114/11-12 ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Cllr Lee **PROPOSED** to adopt the Minutes dated 17th October 2011 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Seconded Cllr Vick Vote For 9 Abstain 1 **So resolved**

FC.115/11-12 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Flutterbugs Play Group – appreciation for grant received.
 - (b) Gloucester City Council – Gloucester Means Business – support the development of our businesses.
 - (c) The Local Government Boundary Review – final recommendations
 - (d) Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue – Integrated Risk Management Plan for the next 3 years.
 - (e) GAPTC – Calendar of Events – January until December 2012.
 - (f) Fly the Kite – autumn/winter 2011
 - (g) CPRE Newsletter – Autumn 2011
 - (h) Health & Safety News – Summer 2011
 - (i) War Memorials Trust Bulletin – November 2011
 - (j) Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2011
 - (k) CPRE - Countryside Voice, Winter 2011
- The above items were noted.

FC.116/11-12 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

- (a) Acceptance of Minutes dated 3rd October 2011
Cllr Smith **PROPOSED** to accept the above Minutes
Seconded Cllr Lee Vote Unanimous **So resolved**
- (b) Report of Chairman
Nothing to report at this stage.
- (c) To consider a donation of £10k to GLOSVAIN to oppose the proposed incinerator at Javelin Park.
Cllr Smith reported that a request had been made to Glosvain to advise of the Parish Councils who have agreed to donate to date. The finances will be used to appeal to the Secretary of State to oppose the planning application. Cllr Miss Mozol took the view that it was a considerable amount of money and she is aware that Hardwicke will not be donating a large amount. Cllr Smith explained that it was likely to be proportional to the number of properties within Quedgeley and that a much smaller parish council had already allocated half their precept to the scheme. He further advised that the residents have made their feelings known and that this Council had agreed to oppose the plan and joined Glosvain and therefore a donation should be agreed. Cllr Kirby was happy to approve the expenditure if he saw a case and be confident any objection had a good probability of being successful. Cllr Smith advised the anticipated cost to prepare any objection will be in the region of £20k and this amount is being requested from the 9 parish councils comprising Glosvain, he has e-mailed the chairman for a percentage risk and suggested the final decision be deferred until the next meeting when hopefully he will be in receipt of the details.

Cllr Mrs Hanks advised that GAPTC & NALC received a proposition to oppose the Javelin Park Incinerator and encourage the County Council to look at other ways of disposing of residual waste in an environmentally friendly way. This has been passed to their National Policy Maker. She further reported that the same problem is being argued up and down the country as councils look to reduce landfill. Consideration should also be given to an e-petition, if 100,000 signatories can be found the subject has to be debated in the House of Commons. She further stated that she would wish to see specific details about where the money was spent. Cllr Thomas suggested the public should be consulted to reduce any possible criticism. Cllr Lee **PROPOSED** to defer a decision until the next meeting when further details can be confirmed.

Seconded Cllr Vick Vote: Unanimous **So resolved**

- (d) To consider setting a budget and precept for 2012/13
The Clerk explained that he was still waiting for the City Council to set the tax bill which he believed was imminent and members may wish to defer this item until the average number of Band D properties is known.

Cllr Kirby queried if the 'Big Community Offer' and how this may impact on Quedgeley Parish Council had been considered and he **PROPOSED** to defer this item until the next meeting.

Seconded Cllr Vick Vote Unanimous **So resolved**

FC.117/11-12 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- (a) Acceptance of Minutes dated 21st September 2011
Cllr Vick **PROPOSED** to accept the above Minutes
Seconded Cllr Lee Vote Unanimous **So resolved**
- (b) Report of Chairman
Nothing at this time.

FC.118/11-12 RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

- (a) Acceptance of Minutes dated 12th October 2011
Cllr Thomas **PROPOSED** to accept the above Minutes
Seconded Cllr Southgate Vote Unanimous **So resolved**
- (b) Report of Chairman
Cllr Miss Mozol reported that the recent firework display was an excellent success with over 1,800 people attending and the Parish Council took in excess of £4,500.00 she thanked Cllr Kirby, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Lee and Cllr Thomas Mr & Mrs Richardson and Mr & Mrs Hughes for their help on the day setting up and taking the money. The parish office received only one e-mail of complaint but the display is planned again next year at the same time. Cllr Pearce raised one concern that the security guards were not present at the gate where the money was being handled and he thought this could raise serious problems. Cllr Miss Mozol agreed and advised she has spoken to the company who have assured her they will ensure this is not repeated next year.

Cllr Miss Mozol also reported on the 'Big Community Offer' from Gloucester County Council and advised that there is a 50% saving on winter maintenance products and free salt if the Parish Council identifies and agrees to manage areas that could pose a risk during extreme weather conditions. Other duties include flood wardens and emergency co-ordinators. An emergency plan working group should be set up to deliver the emergency plan. Cllr Kirby wished to have confirmation of who is responsible if someone falls on the areas identified by the Parish Council if it isn't gritted.

FC.119/11-12 COMMUNITY CENTRES COMMITTEE

- (a) Acceptance of Minutes dated 25th July 2011
Cllr Vick **PROPOSED** to accept the above Minutes
Seconded Cllr Thomas Vote Unanimous **So resolved**

- (b) Report of Chairman
Nothing at this time.

FC.120/11-12 WATERWELLS SPORTS COMMITTEE

- (a) Report of Chairman
In the absence of Cllr Powell, Cllr Lee reported that five companies are currently working on the tender. The meeting scheduled for the 29th November will reduce that number to 3 and they will be invited to give a presentation to the working group following which the final companies will be chosen.

FC.121/11-12 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING BODIES

- (a) Community Voice – Cllr Smith reported that unfortunately he was unable to attend the last meeting as it was on the same night as a committee meeting however, he had been provided with the minutes and advised that the Q Club is now open. The Community Champions at Severn Vale School have produced a CD targeting bullying and they are interested in joining in the Parish Council's fun day next year. The minutes are available in the parish office.
- (b) Glosvain – Cllr Smith advised he will pass this to Cllr Sykes in future as he is now Chairman of the working group. He is aware that Cllr Sykes has produced a flyer to be delivered locally and the public exhibition is on 12th 13th & 14th November at Javelin Park.
- (c) Kingsway Residents Association – Cllr Kirby reported that the meeting took place at the snooker academy the guest speakers were from the Housing Association and QUVL. They are planning an event for the Queen's Jubilee next year and the subject of forming Kingsway Council is progressing, there is a public meeting planned for January to view all propositions and will be known as Kingsway Community Council
- (d) Parochial Church Council, St James' Church – Cllr Lee advised that a parish profile has been prepared to be sent out to applicants for the post of Rector with a view to advertising the post in due course. Remembrance Sunday with the Hardwicke branch of the Royal British Legion went very well and the Gloucester Bishop was among the signatories on the petition protesting about the coalition's cuts which will adversely affect young lives. A new church warden has been appointed and concerns were raised about the legality of the Church of Pentecost using St James Church and the Bishop of Gloucester has been contacted for his opinion.
- (e) QACA – Cllr Southgate, nothing at this time.
- (f) Quedgeley Community Trust – Cllr Smith advised that a grant application to Severn FM has been declined but they have been invited to apply again and make another presentation and they would possibly be successful. The Q Club, operated by Prospect Training has invested approximately £25k in the building which is now open and this may result in some competition to the Community Centre. QCT will be meeting there in future. The Editor of Quedgeley News, Sandra Hughes will be leaving in March and a sub committee is currently being considered to keep the magazine in circulation.
- (g) Village Hall – Cllr Vick advised that the deeds were produced and showed that 3 farmers formed the trust in 1986. Redecoration is currently being considered.
- (h) Cllr Mrs Hanks advised that she represented the Parish Council and laid the wreath at the war memorial. She was impressed with the cadets and considered that any future grant applications would be well deserved.
- (i) Severn FM – Cllr Kirby welcomed everyone to the launch on the 3rd December at the Old School House, Hardwicke at 10 am a plaque of everyone who donated will be affixed to the building. He also advised that compared to other local radio stations Severn FM have most community broadcasts and Cllr Miss Mozol thanked him for advertising the firework display.

- (j) Stronger Communities – Cllr Lee advised he is not aware on the future of the partnership and the City Vision document will be launched in January 2012.

FC.122/11-12 PARISH PLAN

Progress – Cllr Kirby advised he is still waiting for further input but this will be discussed at Planning & Development Committee.

FC.123/11-12 JAVELIN PARK

The Clerk explained that whilst he was on annual leave Richard Coates the Conservative Party Political Researcher contacted the Parish Council requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act in relation to our recently published newsletter. The office staff had responded but a further request has been made for detailed information. Cllr Miss Mozol advised she has been approached also for details on the source of the information printed. Following further discussion Cllr Miss Mozol PROPOSED to seek information from Gloucestershire County Council in relation to the finances spent to date on the proposed incinerator and why and how Javelin Park was the selected site.

The Clerk reminded members that all contact with the public and media must be approved by the Clerk. If members wished to make comments as individuals it must be made clear that this is a personal view and is not necessarily that of the council.

FC.124/11-12 FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL

- Quality Council – 22.2.12

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19th December 2011 – noted

Meeting Closed : 9.30pm

Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Parish Council Meeting on the 21st November 2011

PC Lucy Kay – was concerned regarding the questions asked of her last month and thought they were unfair. She had spoken to her Inspector and advised that all the IPCC results are available on-line. She attends this meeting to give the crime statistics and to discuss details relating to Quedgeley.

The 101 number has been given consistent media coverage the 0845 number is still operative for a period of time. The response time as a force is well within the Government guidelines and this is being monitored to ensure it continues. Inspector Craig Guthrie is the new inspector for Quedgeley any changes planned to Quedgeley station are unknown at present. She provided the crime statistics for October and explained that crime in Quedgeley is down on last year by 3.5% while other areas in the district are up as much as 5%. SARA plans are still ongoing and the problems at the Friar Tuck are much reduced. A problem with underage drinking at the Starting Gate has been dealt with. Officers are visiting all retail outlets in the area to discover if they employ additional staff and or security over the Christmas period to minimise possible incidents. The offender arrested following the fire at The Orchard has been released following the results of forensic tests and it was considered unlikely anyone would be arrested for the incident as any evidence will now have been lost. The force is now split into Barton and the City and Quedgeley and Hucclecote.

Cllr Smith queried if travellers are taking metal from properties in Quedgeley but PC Kay advised she is not aware of anything but any information is welcome and she urged anything related to metal theft be reported, particularly registration numbers, as they have the power to stop and check vehicles.

PC Kay also advised that there is a press release planned for Thursday in relation to the Angling for Youth Development (AFYD), under this scheme fishing equipment is available through grants and PC Kay has secured £8k towards equipment. Members of the public will then be asked to spend four hours a month mentoring young people, taking advantage of the local waterway to angle for fish as a hobby, there is a lot of youngsters not in education, employment or training and the aim is to get them active. She is looking for volunteers to dedicate proper time to the proposals this is a pilot scheme for the whole of the country. Cllr Kirby requested the information be e-mailed to him as he has a Residents meeting tomorrow evening.

City Councillor Anna Mozol – reported that the Dimore brook is being cleared by BTCV and enforcement action has been taken on the riparian owner of the brook to the rear of Bentley Close, they have been given 28 days to clear the site. Pupils from Severn Vale School have approached her and asked for an extension to the skate park on Dimore I they have been offered guidance on how to proceed and are currently preparing a questionnaire.

County Councillor Jackie Hall - advised that Meadowside has temporarily been extended, the county council have looked at predictions which showed there will be an increase. The new Kingsway school is progressing well and a two form entry is currently being considered. The developers are only paying for one form entry and the additional cost will be met from the capital budget. Cllr Kirby queried if the proposed opening date of September 2013 is still possible and Cllr Hall confirmed it was.

The public sector workers strike is planned for the 30th November and the county council is looking into providing a number of child care places, unfortunately this will not be offered free of charge but the parents will at least be able to continue working.

Cllr Vick advised that he has on a number of occasions raised the subject of the new Tesco roundabout and the lack of landscaping following the work. Cllr Mrs Hall confirmed she would chase Nick Peters and report back. Cllr Miss Mozol advised she has reported the condition of the speed cushions some of which are deteriorating badly but not heard anything further, the continuing problems of the Quedgeley lights was raised again.

There being no further questions the meeting then reconvened.