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QUEDGELEY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16



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THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF QUEDGELEY 2016

Will be held on Thursday 26th May 2016 at 7.30pm
At The Kingsway Sports Pavilion, Newhaven Road, Kingsway, Gloucester.

AGENDA

1. Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Copies may be viewed at the Parish Council Office and will be taken as read unless there are objections to their accuracy. Copies will be available at the meeting and a draft available to view on the website.

2. Opening address by the Chairman including consideration and agreement that Quedgeley Parish Council continues to meet the criteria required to hold the General Power of Competence.

3. Presentations from the following representatives:


Richard Johnson – Severn Vale School – talking on national developments within education and how this will impact on our local community. (10 minutes)

Richard Garment – South West Ambulance Service – talking on the pressures currently faced, including cuts and cover for our area. (10 minutes)

Tom Burridge – Fire Safety Officer – talking on the pressures currently faced, including cuts and cover for our area. (10 minutes)

4. Questions from Electors (maximum 20 minutes)

'A chance to find out more about key services affecting your area. We very much welcome you along to a relaxed and informal community event together with refreshments'.



Jacquie Webster
Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Quedgeley Parish Council

Annual Parish Report 2015-16

Welcome to the Quedgeley Annual Parish Assembly for 2016 and I hope you welcome this opportunity to meet your newly elected Parish Councillors and gain a better understanding of what it is your Parish Council is here to achieve on your behalf. What a busy and proactive year it's been!!! Holding our ever successful community events, developing our Kingsway Community Centre and Kingsway Sports Pavilion further, working tirelessly on our football/rugby and cricket pitches, providing even more litter picking coverage throughout Kingsway, opening our new office at the Kingsway Community Centre and last but not least, achieving Quality Status under the Local Council Award Scheme. As well as this we have recently employed a dedicated groundsman to look after the Sport Pavilion pitches, the deputy clerk is busy undertaking CiLCA and the Parish Clerk is busy undertaking the Community Governance Foundation Degree. We also have 14 newly elected councillors all working tirelessly to make Quedgeley a better place in which to live.

This year, your Chair, Chris Pearce will be delivering a general report on behalf of the council. This is Chris's fourth and final year as chair and I would like to say a big thank you to him for steering the council forward in a very professional manner, throughout financial constraints and challenges along the way.

Provided within this report are the spending plan figures for year ending 2015/16 and a small summary about your councillors at this present moment in time.

We hope you enjoy your evening and look forward to receiving your feedback after the event.

We also have speakers from Severnvale School, South West Ambulance Service and Fire Safety Officer, Tom BurrIDGE. We welcome them to our APA and thank them for taking time out of their busy lives to come and support us and provide you with some key facts and information.

Finally, can I say a big thank you to all our user groups, including, to name a few, our sporting user groups, playgroups, exercise groups, older community groups, educational groups, general use and parties, whose business we fully appreciate. My apologies if I have left anyone out!!

So all it leaves me to say is please sit back and enjoy the evening and enjoy meeting your community and councillors.

Jacqueline Webster
Parish Clerk & RFO

Service Provided	2015/16	2016/17	Income	2015/16	2016/17
Recreation & Amenities & the environment	£66,302	£65,373	Hiring of Facilities etc	£144,340	£168,820
Planning & Development & Strategy Development	£7,600	£7,738	Contribution by Gloucester City Council	£11,100	£0
Community Centres	£131,263	£136,290	Contribution by Gloucestershire County Council	£0	£0
Waterwells Sports Centre & Sports Pavilion	£98,074	£100,874	Miscellaneous	£500	£500
Parish Office & administration of the council	£80,183	£90,708	Transfer from Reserves	£10,000	£0
Repayment of Long Term Loans	£58,000	£58,000	Balances brought forward	£40,000	£45,000
Grant Allocation from Glos City Council				£27,400	£27,400
Grants to Local Organisations	£7,600	£7,600	Total income	£233,340	£241,720
Contingency Sum	£0	£0	Leaving Council Taxpayers to fund	£215,682	£224,863
Budget Required	£449,022	£466,583			

2015/16 has proved to be a challenging year with new buildings to fund and maintain for the community and 2016/17 looks to be even more challenging following further financial pressures. Last year your Parish Council promised the following: to be more visible, increased grounds maintenance, favoured rates for our residents and an increased grants budget to further assist our local groups. We are proud that we have achieved all of these promises, extending our office opening hours in our School Lane Office, opening a parish office in Kingsway Community Centre, taking on and maintaining the Quedgeley Cemetery and providing assistance towards St James' Churchyard, ongoing favoured rates for our local residents and supporting teams such as Quedgeley & Hardwicke Cricket Team and local groups to realise their goals.

In the new financial year, Quedgeley Parish Council faces huge financial pressures. Despite this, QPC remains committed to providing a seamless approach to those services provided and careful budgeting and realistic objectives have enabled us to set a new precept with no financial increase to the Band D tax payer. We still have things to achieve!! We are not a silent council, we are here for you and strive to support our residents to the maximum, including being your main point of contact for any complaints or concerns or indeed praise supporting a better place in which to live.



Quedgeley Parish Councillors

Quedgeley Brook

Sian Krotiuk

Quedgeley Kingsway

Joe Logan
Dave Talbot
Paul Arnold
Tracy Arnold

Quedgeley Severn Vale

Jean Hanks
Anthony Potts
Steve Smith
Jan McAllan
Julian Powell

Quedgeley Central

Chris Pearce
Graham Smith
Tom Layzell
Nick Lee

Parish Office Staff

Jacquie Webster – Parish Clerk & RFO
Beverley Aldridge – Deputy Parish Clerk
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We need your feedback. The Annual Parish Assembly is **YOUR** meeting and therefore if you have any ideas for next year's meeting, please let us know. We want to hear from you.

Thank you for attending. 😊