

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011 at 7.30 pm in the  
Quedgeley Community Centre.**

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**PRESENT** Cllr Miss Mozol, Cllr Mrs Hanks, Cllr Holmes, Cllr Smith, Cllr Vick, Cllr Thomas,  
Cllr Powell

Cllr Miss Mozol thanked everyone for attending and introduced herself and Cllr Smith as Chairman and Vice Chairman of Quedgeley Parish Council.

**Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Cllr Miss Mozol **PROPOSED** to accept the Minutes dated the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Vote no objections.

**Opening Address by the Chairman**

Cllr Miss Mozol advised this is not a Parish Council meeting the Parish Council only ensures it takes place and as Chairman of the Parish Council she is also required to act as Chairman this evening.

Recently there were Parish Council elections and 11 residents stood for election and this means that there are vacancies for a further 5, so if anyone would like to join us please contact the Parish Office. She also congratulated the City Councillor Andrew Lewis on becoming Mayor, a first for Quedgeley.

At Waterwells Sports Centre the changing rooms are owned and maintained by the Parish Council and to this we have added a multi use all weather games area which has proved extremely popular. I am also extremely pleased to let you know that I have just learned that with the help of Quedgeley Wanderers we have managed to secure a grant of £250,000.00 to enable a small sports hall to be built adjacent to the changing rooms. This will prove really very useful in extending the use of the centre for other activities.

The temporary Kingsway Community Centre is well used on a regular basis. We look forward to the provision of a permanent centre in the next year.

The memorial wall is now complete in the Memorial Garden on the corner of St James and School Lane where several memorial plaques have been fixed.

The Parish Council also own and manage Quedgeley Community Centre that is very popular with local residents both young and old who attend the various activities held there. These vary from playgroups to dancing classes and karate to a luncheon club for the not so young. It can also be used for private parties and a variety of functions.

The three play areas are inspected regularly and ensure minor problems are reported and dealt with and an annual inspection is carried out by professionals.

As you know Equals Youth Centre, managed by the County Council has closed however the community is working together to ensure that an alternative facility continues to be provided.

She advised of the other activities undertaken by the Parish Council for the benefit of Quedgeley which included submitting views on all planning applications, the grants awarded and of the various organisations and outside bodies that Councillors attend to ensure that the views and needs of your area are made known.

Full details of the Councils annual income and expenditure are within the statement of accounts currently being audited. Once checked they will be made available for your inspection, as we are required to do.

Finally she thanked everyone for their support over the last year.

## **Presentations by Representatives of Local Organisations**

**Quedgeley Community Trust, Mr Kevin Tudor** - introduced himself and advised that the trust is a registered charity and has five main activities which are the Quedgeley News, the Fitness Club, allocation of grants, annual show and the New Year quiz. The Quedgeley Show is held in the summer and entrants compete for the honour of displaying their talents, over 800 attended the show last year and he believed it would prove even more successful this year due in part to the partnership with the Severn Vale Technical College who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Police will be present to post code cycles and the Crime and Disorder Partnership will also be there.

Quedgeley News is a trading subsidiary of QCT and all monies are ploughed back into the community, each month over 6,800 copies are printed and delivered by 130 unpaid volunteers. The aim is to deliver to every property in Kingsway. He thanked Sandra Hughes the Editor for her excellent work in ensuring the magazine continues to be a success.

The Fitness Centre is the only local gym where there is an opportunity to pay to train, there is a fully equipped dance studio and many other benefits which include cardiac and stroke rehabilitation classes with a fully qualified instructor. It is open week days from 5.30pm – 9.00pm and weekends 9.30am – 6.00pm. and has recently benefited from new and improved equipment.

Grants have been provided in excess of £20,000.00 and the Trust is currently working extremely hard with Prospect Training to ensure youth provision continues in Quedgeley, it is at an advanced stage and he is hopeful to be in a position to make an announcement shortly but it is not yet certain.

**Gloucester Unit Naval Training Corps Mr Tony Smith / Mr Tony Chaston** - Kingsway Navy Cadets is an active group of 24 cadets the core has now grown to 12 units nationally from Worcester and extending into Milton Keynes. Recently a group of cadets visited Ypres in Belgium and it was pleasing to hear comments on how the cadets represented Quedgeley so well. It is a registered charity and have to source all own funds and the Cadets are very active in this area. He hopes to be here again in 12 months time.

**1<sup>st</sup> Kingsway Brownies – Julia Lomax** – introduced herself and advised the pack was formed last September as all other Brownie packs in Quedgeley were full, 1<sup>st</sup> Kingsway Brownies are now also full and have a waiting list. They have had a very busy 1<sup>st</sup> year, visited the pantomime in Cheltenham and last October joined 5000 other Brownies to celebrate 100 years of Girl Guiding at Cheltenham Race Course and plans are ongoing to take them to PGL later in the year. They are a registered charity and all funds have to be raised themselves and thanks were given to the Parish Council for the grant which enabled equipment to be purchased. The pack is going from strength to strength!

**Quedgeley Baptist Church, Phil Grub** – meet at the Village Hall have had a 50% rise in membership they meet 3 times a week and also have a Saturday service and numbers are growing. They run a holiday bible club during the summer holidays and have received a grant from Quedgeley Community Trust. They are continuing youth work for young children and are looking to employ a young couple to work within Kingsway. *(written report to follow from Phil Grub)*

**“What an Incinerator Would be Like” – Presentation by GLOSVAIN** – Sue Oppenheimer explained she is a Standish resident and Vice Chair of Standish Parish Council. She got involved in Glosvain and is now the Chair it stands for Gloucester Severn Vale Against Incineration and is an alliance with many other Parish Councils and other organisations. They oppose incineration and support more acceptable methods of reducing waste. An incinerator turns waste into heat, gas and ash, the system takes out some of the toxins but is not able to take out very small particles of toxins.

- The stack can be 60-80m high
- Heat can be used for factories etc nearby, but due to the location of Javelin Park and the distance involved the heat cannot be transported.
- Anticipated one waste transfer lorry every ½ hour.
- Polluted plume will reach at least 14 miles
- Only technology proven to affect health
- Only technology to create toxic ash
- Only technology to run 24/7 and compete with sustainable methods
- 337 papers written investigating effect on health

- Huge impact on landscape
- Produces Co<sup>2</sup>
- Expensive
- Regulation changes
- Losing other possibilities
- Unable to be adapted, already old and out dated stuck with it for at least 25 years
- Prevents recycling
- Waste is already proven to be reducing, nationally decreasing for 10 years

Must encourage prevent/reduce/reuse/recycle/MBT/AD (composting) to reduce landfill

Gloucestershire County Council to date:

- Bought Javelin park to allow an application for PFI credits, no public consultation
- Private process using EU rules
- PFI funding reviewed because it was decided that Britain had sufficient incinerators to deal with our waste, despite this a decision made to proceed
- 2 bidders selected both supporting incineration
- Anticipate working by 2015.

The case is not lost yet, do not give up. Capel Parish Council won their case and stopped the incinerator the case proved that infant deaths increase significantly. It can be defeated at the planning stage. She encouraged help and support to continue.

### **Questions from Electors (maximum 20 minutes)**

Miss Mozol raised concerns regarding an additional incinerator at Moreton Valence and Sue Oppenheimer responded advising that it is gas incineration which is slightly different and slightly less toxic in its effect. Must burn carbon based products and all these can be recycled and therefore will stop recycling and will burn commercial waste. Cllr Powell queried what proposals with the left over waste if no incinerator. SH advised she recognised there is a temporary problem but must be better at recycling, reuse, reduce etc MBT can be 80% efficient. Other questions were raised in respect of cardboard, bio oil and one resident thought is aim is to get rid of recycling and put everything in to the incinerator and SH agreed. She went on to advise that the EU procurement process is at the mercy of the private sector who stand to make massive amounts of money from incineration. If the procurement process is stopped then the County Council would be liable for large compensation payments to the private sector. The County Council was asked how much has been spent on consultants the answer was over £600,000.00. Glosvain asked for a debate between the Professor Roy Harrison who is pro incinerator and advising the County Council and professor Paul Connett who supports a zero waste view.

Following the presentation a show of hands was asked for all those present who were against the incinerator and this was unanimously supported.

Cllr Miss Mozol advised that two additional organisations wished to speak and she allowed the time:

**Quedgeley Active Pensioners** – Mrs Vick advised the club has been operating in Quedgeley for a number of years but it appears that few people are aware of it. It is important that the elderly or infirm exercise for mobility and this class offers a seated exercise including coordination. It has an excellent instructor with 14 members but would welcome more. It meets every Friday at 1pm in Quedgeley Community Centre.

**Village Hall** – Mary Pocock was elected Secretary at the AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 which also produced 3 new members to the committee. The new website is very productive but there are still vacancies for the large hall and the smaller back room is not used regularly. If anyone is interested in booking the venue please do get in touch.

**St James' Parochial Church** – talked of the various activities undertaken which include visiting two local school; Beech Green Primary School and Field Court Infant School the children thoroughly enjoy the sessions and the staff all appreciate our time.

There being no further questions the meeting concluded at 21.00 hrs