



CELEBRATING SPORTING SUCCESS AT

THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF QUEDGELEY 2015

Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Parish Assembly held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Thursday 28th May 2015 at 7.30pm.

1. Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Pearce **PROPOSED** to adopt the Minutes dated 29th May 2014 as a true and accurate record of the meeting to include an amendment under minute ref 2, second paragraph to correct the spelling of 'defibrillator' and fourth paragraph 'translate into a format where all can understand'.

Seconded Cllr S Smith

There being no further comments the Minutes were sign as a true and accurate record.

2. Opening address by the Chairman including an update on the Parish Plan

Cllr Pearce welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself. He explained all parish councillors are volunteers and that a Parish Council is the 1st tier of Local Government and all money raised is re-invested back into work within the community.

He further advised the Parish Plan is a live document and underpins everything the Parish Council does; it is put together by members for the community. Quedgeley Community Centre and Kingsway Community Centre are both proving to be extremely successful. Grants are offered by the Parish Council to community groups for equipment and facilities etc. Waterwells Sports Centre and Kingsway Sports Pavilion are two excellent examples of the sporting facilities available to sports groups/clubs/organisations within the Parish. The Local Nature Reserve woodland & pond is used for educational purposes by Severn Vale School, work is progressing to provide a gate from the school field to the LNR for access. Quedgeley Cemetery & Memorial Garden are two further facilities provided by the Parish Council, there are a number of memorial walls within the Memorial Garden available to residents to purchase plaques in memory of family and friends. The Parish Council has acquired open space at Fishers Meadow (formerly Dimore II), there is always pressure to acquire more and discussions are on-going. Events provided by the Parish Council include the Easter Egg Hunt, Fun Day and Firework Display, supporting the Big Lunch annual Dog Show and the recent VE Day celebrations. There remain a number of vacancies on the Parish Council and he encouraged any person interested in joining the council to contact the Parish Clerk.

3. Presentations by our local sporting groups – a chance to celebrate sporting success and achievements within Quedgeley and Kingsway:

• **Quedgeley Wanderers Football Club**

A presentation was given by the Chairman Tony Farmer advising QWFC celebrated its 20th year this season. In that time it has progressed from a single u13 boys team to where it is today with 28 teams providing football for boys, girls, men, women and veterans. It now has 450 playing members and an associated membership of over 1200 local people.

Key achievements this season include:

- Retention of FA Charter Standard Community Club status. Remain as one of only two clubs in Gloucester to have achieved the highest standard awarded by The FA. Very difficult to achieve Community Club status, but even harder to maintain it.
- Retention and growth in all age groups but especially in U14 – U16 age groups, there is a national drop out at this age but QWFC seems to buck this trend.
- Proud to be able to call itself a Community Club and it's a key part of the Club's ethos and underpins everything they do.
- A great partnership exists with QPC over many years and this has helped to deliver the fantastic facilities at Waterwells. The facilities are well used and this season 211 games were played, which equates to a minimum of 6,000 players gracing the pitches and over 11,000 people visiting to watch. That doesn't include the thousands that will attend the tournament, the 100s who attended the end of season celebration or the astro and sports hall users.

- Feed back on the quality of the facilities is very high, it is not luck it is due to the hard work and dedication of QPC staff and QWFC volunteers. He gave thanks to QPC who understand the importance of sport in a community and help to achieve our goals. QWFC take pride in the facilities and will challenge any abuse of them.
- Thanks was given to Cllrs Barry Kirby and Cllr Hawthorne for providing funds for repair and improvement of the dug outs.
- The Club has really developed well over the last 20 years but work is also ongoing to secure its future, a partnership with Supa Strikers ensures a flow of players in the youngest age group. That partnership is in its 2nd year and is working well.
- At the other end of the scale we are very pleased to announce a partnership with Hartpury College. Deputy Director of Elite Support and Management Team visited QWFC and undertook an assessment. They were very impressed with the way the club is run and the facilities and QWFC is now their grassroots Football Club partner. Benefits for both parties, which will include school leavers getting help to get on to courses at Hartpury. This season's u16s are first to benefit and all accepted on their course of choice. Hartpury students will also benefit and will be able to enhance their learning in a real world environment at QWFC.
- Lots of work done with the local business community too. The Club now has over 130 local businesses supporting it. Their support is vital to grassroots Clubs like ours to help to keep costs as low as possible. Biggest fear is that people cannot afford to take part in sport and we do everything we can to avoid increases in our member's costs. Massive thank you to all of our sponsors for helping us to achieve that.
- Again we create a two way partnership and encourage our members to buy goods/services from our sponsors. Local people using local services to help build a community and to give something back to the sponsors.
- Thank you to all involved in QWFC and QPC.

- **Quedgeley & Hardwicke Cricket Club**

- Ian Soule advised the club applied for and was granted use of the facilities when QPC took over the lease. The club has attracted 9 new adult members bringing the total to approximately 40 and consideration is being given to including a 3rd senior side, the youth section is also thriving and members have great hope for the future. The ECB confirm this has bucked the trend. The senior 1sts play in the Stroud & District league 2 and play every Saturday and mid week evening.
- The cricket square was provided by the developer as part of the sport provision, Ian advised he has put in, in excess of 150 hours to bring the cricket square to a playing standard, the foundation is a good quality and in time it will provide one of the best squares in the City.
- Q&HCC have applied for, and received grants for a ride on roller, score board & mower
- A lot of positive comments have been received whilst working on the square and visiting teams are envious of the facilities, the Gloucestershire Cricket Board is promoting the Club, none of this success would have been possible without the support of QPC and he gave massive thanks to QPC.
- The next 12 months members will meet regularly with a vision to provide 'nets' this will carry a substantial cost but he believed $\frac{3}{4}$ of the finances had been raised. It is hoped provision of the nets will start spring 2016. The Club will work with local schools & Severn Vale School. The club will also work with the cricket board for coaches, afterschool clubs etc. and the facilities will be community based and will be the envy of other clubs. Junior membership is the life blood of any club and members are working to raise the profile of the club. Saturday saw 20-30 young people taking part in cricket, and others watching the games and taking an interest.
- Funding is still on-going, the club is looking at rain covers which will help the income on wet days and assist with the club costs. A £150.00 income is possible on home games and a sight screen would assist and the club has therefore contacted Gloucestershire College apprenticeship scheme to make if the club can provide the materials.
- England Cricket Board award a Kite Mark if clubs can meet certain criteria and Q&HCC is applying for this which will enable access to further funding possibilities.
- The club has won all 5 games this season which is the best ever start to a season. Looking to get into the County Cricket League and on current form this may be achieved sooner than anticipated.

- **Harlequins**
 - Apologies

- **Glos Table Tennis Association**

- The club now uses the hall up to 5 times per week throughout the year. This includes 2 open practice sessions and coaching for beginners, 2 winter league evenings, 1 summer league evening, and junior coaching which is delivered to the county's top juniors by our coach Nick Davidson.
- We have also hosted the Gloucester City Championships for the 2nd year running and all four rounds of this year's County Junior League which sees U18's from Cheltenham, Cirencester, Stroud and Gloucester battle it out.
- Table Tennis in Gloucester is certainly thriving with new players joining the club all the time. Gloucester didn't have a club 3 years ago and so it was difficult to attract new players to the Gloucester league. This has only become possible with the fantastic facilities the Robin Greaves Foundation have funded at Waterwells. This is further managed well by Quedgeley Parish Council, who open up and lock up for us nightly and deal with any queries we have effectively.

4. Questions from Electors (maximum 20 minutes)

Mrs Meek sought confirmation that QPC donated £10,000 to Glosvain to fight the planned incinerator and asked what consultation was undertaken prior to releasing such a large sum of money. Cllr G Smith confirmed it was £10,000 and further advised that a questionnaire was included in the Quedgeley News and requested responses be returned to the Parish Office, in addition there was a public meeting and the overwhelming response was for the Parish Council to support Glosvain in their fight against the proposals. Mrs Meek stated she took the view that many residents are in support of the incinerator.

Cllr G Smith also advised that Stroud District Council is currently objecting on grounds of how Eric Pickles MP arrived at the decision to grant permission for a large scale incinerator. He further advised that other options are available but the incinerator is in the mandate proposed by Gloucestershire County Council.

There being no further questions the meeting concluded at 8.30pm