

THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF QUEDGELEY 2016

Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Parish Assembly held at
Kingsway Sports Pavilion on
Thursday 26th May 2016 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Cllr Pearce **PROPOSED** to adopt the Minutes dated 28th May 2015 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
Seconded Cllr G Smith
There being no further comments the Minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.
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.

Cllr Pearce explained all Parish Councillors are volunteers currently there are two vacancies and he welcomed applications to fill the seats.

He reported on the following:

- Quality Status
- Closure of St James Church churchyard
- Quedgeley Cemetery.
- Firework display
- Easter Egg Hunt great success.
- Grant applications

3. Presentations from the following representatives:

Richard Johnson – Severn Vale School reported the following:

- The effects that education, developments challenges & changes for 2016 have on the community
 1. Two types of grading for GCSE's 2017-2019.
 2. Place planning – its expected 85% increase in students in 5 years.
 3. Recruitment – more students require more teachers, there is a shortage in certain subjects. 25% of maths teachers in the UK not educated to degree level.
 4. Funding – Gloucestershire students receive less funding than in other parts of the country.
 5. Real need for development in apprenticeship.

Mr Johnsons took questions from the floor.

Q. Is SV School an Academy?

A. Yes, differences, almost nothing but may be able to restrict the number of pupils.

Q. Who do we contact to apply pressure?

A. contact local authority, education secretary - ex teachers, health secretary

Richard Garment and Martin – South West Ambulance Service reported the following:

- 2015-2016 was exceptionally challenging for SWA, it is important the right care at the right time in the right place is provided. This has been achieved through:
 - Patient reference groups, staff and public survey's
 - Investment in triage and clinicians

He further reported on:

- Budget cuts and how this is affecting the service
- Increase in emergency calls
- Recruitment problems, public engagement with schools, colleges and universities
- National shortage of paramedics, Gloucestershire very close to being fully staffed, next few months more vehicles subsequently more staff will be required.
- Investment in training

- Working closely with hospitals, encourage GP's may be better option to try to reduce strain on the service
- North Gloucestershire will receive some investment.
- Positives : delivering good service
- Career advice improved through schools so students aware.
- Apprenticeships required to join SWA unlikely to change will always require a degree.

Tom Burrige & Tally Giampa – Fire Safety Officer reported on the following

- Emergency response
- No 1 aim – prevention
- Protection
- Skills zone
- Budget cuts
- How the service delivers safety
 - I. Home safety visits
 - II. Targets most at risk, identified 7 factors (living alone, mental health, limited mobility, drugs, smoking, poor housekeeping, alcohol)
 - III. Co-operative working other agencies
 - IV. Community engagement days
 - V. Provide smoke alarms, fire blankets, hearing aids etc
 - VI. Identify public with complex living conditions refer to other agencies, services etc.

Following the risk factors identified, immediate action was focused on members of the public fitting one or more of the risk factors.

- Telecare - Gloucestershire County Council criteria must have 2 responders, fire service can assist if no other responder can be secured. Assist independent living, technology and equipment can be fitted in their homes to enable independent living for longer.
- Co-responding, on call fire fighters attend emergency. Initiative runs end of June. Area cardiac response may come from fire service before ambulance as trained emergency care assistant
- Calls down 64% in 10 years

Main highest risk groups from Public Health England = Winter Pressures

- Elderly when asleep
- Social isolation
- Warm & well
- Flu vaccination
- Falls assessment

4. Questions from Electors (maximum 20 minutes)

City Cllr R Cook – queried the latest position regarding the incinerator?

Cllr G Smith advised he understood Stroud District Council is requesting the documentation in relation to the tender however; this is unlikely to alter the current position due to the decision made by the Secretary of State to grant planning permission.

City Cllr R Cook asked what protection will be given to local residents in relation to the plume?

Cllr G Smith responded, at the end of the campaign by Glosvain there was a surplus of £2,000 and it was agreed to purchase monitoring equipment. It was accepted that a benchmark should be obtained in the first instance. R4C is suggesting an alternative method the cost is estimated to be 10% of incineration. It was queried if the monitoring equipment is in place so a comparison can be made. Cllr G Smith confirmed he would investigate the latest position regarding the monitoring equipment.

Resident –concerned as individual about the education system and questioned where he should go to raise concerns. Cllr Pearce advised the MP and the Education Authority.

Cllr G Smith – advised the drawings for the doctors surgery are available to see.

Meeting Closed 9.00pm