

**MINUTES OF QUEDGELEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT** Cllr G Smith, Cllr Mrs Arnold, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Mrs McAllan, Cllr S Wilcox, Cllr Mrs Slatter, Cllr Mrs Hanks and Cllr Powell

FC.032/18-19	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received and noted from Cllr N Lee, Cllr Potts, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Logan, Cllr Pearce and Cllr S Smith Apologies were also received from Cllr J Watkins and Cllr M Hawthorne.</p>
FC.033/18-19	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> Cllr Wilcox declared a personal interest in Item 11© Cllr G Smith declared a personal interest in Item 11©</p>
FC.034/18-19	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING</b> The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.</p>
FC.035/18-19	<p><b>ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES</b> Cllr G Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> to adopt the Minutes dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Wilcox Vote: Unanimous - <b>So resolved</b></p>
FC.036/18-19	<p><b>CLERK'S REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaints and Achievements – The clerk offered an overview of complaints received. 40 in total for May 2018. Cllr Powell asked for more information regarding the 2 planning concerns for May 2018.</li> <li>• The Clerk advised that the Town Council Accounts would be available for public inspection from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 for 30 working days.</li> </ul>
FC.037/18-19	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email sent out from Mark Graham regarding S106 contribution for offsite play provision in respect of Rudloe Drive development</li> <li>• Email from local resident regarding gull problem</li> <li>• Email from Steve Wilcox on behalf of Allotment Association. Cllr Wilcox then provided a brief explanation with regards to the remit of the Association -v- the remit of the Council</li> <li>• Email from Gardiner &amp; Theobald confirming the demolition of Vacant Building 11 – Former Kingsway Community Centre.</li> <li>• Thank you letter from Kingsway Residents Association regarding QTC's support towards The Big Lunch.</li> </ul>
FC.038/18-19	<p><b>CHAIRS REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation that Dave Talbot has resigned from the Council due to work commitments.</li> <li>• A reminder to all members of the QTC Dog Show due to take place on</li> <li>• Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June and helpers required.</li> </ul>
FC.039/18-19	<p><b>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE 2018 MEMBERS ALLOWANCES:</b> <b>£402.41 Councillor Allowance</b> <b>£804.82 Chair Allowance</b></p> <p>Cllr Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> to agree the above rates for the 2018 members allowance. Seconded: Cllr Mrs Arnold: Vote: Unanimous: <b>So resolved</b></p>
FC.040/18-19	<p><b>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</b> (a) Noting of Minutes dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018: <b>accepted by F&amp;GP on 04.06.18</b></p>

	<p>Noted</p> <p>(b) Nothing to report.</p> <p>(c) Cllr G Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2017-18 Mrs Webster advised that Assertion 4 had been marked No due to the public inspection taking place on an incorrect date the previous year. Assurance was given then the public inspection would commence once the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements had been approved. Seconded: Cllr Mrs Slatter: Vote: Unanimous: <b>So resolved</b></p> <p>(d) Cllr P Arnold <b>PROPOSED</b> to approve the Accounting Statements for 2017-18 Seconded: Cllr Mrs McAllan: Vote: Unanimous: <b>So resolved</b></p>
<p><b>FC.041/18-19</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>(a) Noting of Minutes dated <b>25<sup>th</sup> April 2018: accepted by P&amp;D on 16.05.18</b> Noted</p> <p>(b) Nothing to report.</p>
<p><b>FC.042/18-19</b></p>	<p><b>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>(a) Noting of Minutes dated <b>2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018: accepted by R&amp;A on 06.06.18</b> noted</p> <p><b>(b) Report of Chairman</b> Cllr Mrs Arnold reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed expenditure for ‘therebutnotthere’ tommie</li> <li>• Agreed final arrangements for The Dog Show</li> <li>• Agreed delegated authority to office to deal with new chains for swings.</li> </ul> <p>(c) To consider and agree viring £500 from Budget heading 2R Admin Contingency to Budget heading 3J Allotments and Open Spaces and to discuss council obligations. Cllr Powell <b>PROPOSED</b> to agree viring £500 from 2R to 3J Seconded: Cllr Smith: Vote: 7 for, 1 abstain: <b>So resolved</b></p> <p>(d) Consider and agree expenditure of £45.00 for initial grass cut to boundary at allotments thereafter £30.00 on monthly basis. Cllr Mrs Arnold <b>PROPOSED</b> to agree expenditure as above. Seconded: Cllr Mrs Slatter: Vote 7 for, 1 abstain: <b>So resolved</b></p> <p>(e) Nomination of Tracy Williams onto R&amp;A Committee. Cllr Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> to accept Cllr Mrs Williams onto R&amp;A Committee Seconded: Cllr Mrs McAllan: Vote: Unanimous: <b>So resolved</b></p>
<p><b>FC.043/18-19</b></p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>(a) Noting of Minutes dated <b>9<sup>th</sup> April 2018: accepted by C/Buildings on 11.6.18</b> Noted</p> <p><b>(b) Report of Chairman</b> Cllr Mrs McAllan reported on the following: £110 agreed as payment towards New fridge/freezer for Hall 2 kitchen, QCC; Agreed delegated authority to the Office under Daily Running Costs for each building.</p> <p><b>(c) To consider and agree viring £2000.00 from QCC contingency budget to budget heading 4H to offset large improvement costs. Deferred from C/Buildings.</b> Cllr G Smith provided some background information regarding the reasons for viring. Cllr Powell advised this was not an emergency and that in future 3 quotes should be sought when agreeing to contract work. Cllr Smith advised that the committee, following instruction from F&amp;GP would be working to this format in future. Cllr Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> to vire £2000.00 from QCC contingency budget to 4H Seconded: Cllr Mrs McAllan: Vote 7 for, 1 against: <b>So resolved</b></p>

	<p>Cllr Mrs Arnold <b>PROPOSED</b> that Cllr Wilcox be accepted onto the Community Buildings Committee  Seconded: Cllr Mrs Slatter: Vote: Unanimous: <b>So resolved</b></p>
<b>FC.044/18-19</b>	<p><b>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES</b></p> <p>(a) Kingsway Residents Association – Thank you letter acknowledged  (b) Quedgeley Community Trust – Nothing to report  (c) UBB – Nothing to report  (d) Allotment Association – Cllr Wilcox thanked the council for paying for the Allotment Association to join the National Association. Members have received a membership card which gives them associated benefits. The Summer BBQ has taken place and was well attended. 2 plots still to be let.</p> <p><b>Cllr Wilcox advised the council on the following:</b>  The Council needs to appreciate its responsibilities  The Toilets need to be cleaned, however a plot holder who currently owns a cleaning business is looking after this at the moment  Allotment holders are paying to maintain their areas. Council needs to maintain the borders.  The Allotment Association is just the voice, not a financial body.  The Council needs to maintain the buildings.  Cllr Powell conducted a quick financial overview of income and agreed that the Association needs to have a budget.</p>
<b>FC.045/18-19</b>	<p><b>FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL</b></p> <p>Cllr Powell asked for when next elections due. The Clerk confirmed she believed they would be in 2 years time in line with the City Council elections.  Nothing further for referral</p>
<b>Meeting concluded: 20:45 HRS</b>	

### **Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Town Council Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

#### **(a) Public Forum:**

**Present:** Joe Alps, Andy Gutteridge, David Mulrain, 4 members of public.

*Joe Alps from Quedgeley Wanderers Football Club introduced himself as a committee member, Andy Gutteridge as Treasurer and David Mulrain as Chairman.*

*Joe advised the reason for attending the meeting was to put forward QWFC's proposals for additional football pitches at Fisher's Meadow. He confirmed that QWFC have worked extremely hard and in partnership with Quedgeley Town Council for the benefit of the club and the council.*

*Where are we now? There are currently 25 teams from U5's to Senior level. 14 acres of site and 25 teams takes up a large proportion of the land. There are 3 new teams coming on board and there is not enough grass space to accommodate all. The Club do not want to turn away youngsters as they need to be encouraged to stay active and healthy.*

- *Kingsway Sports Pavilion was the first choice, however QTC are unable to accommodate QWFC at this venue.*
- *Local Schools have been approached, however with no success.*
- *Fishers' Meadow the next choice as it was originally to be the base for QWFC club, however not continued with due an understanding that land could be contaminated.*

Joe passed around plans for everyone present to see. They showed 2 mini soccer pitches for U7's, 8's and 9's. Joe confirmed it wouldn't be big, no senior games, no foul language and they already have the backing of Robert Hitchins and the GFA. QWFC happy to be flexible and work together. All they require are to be able to mark out 2 mini pitches on a Saturday morning for boys & girls to be able to play football. Would also need to consider a storage container and port aloo.

QWFC are aware of all the events that take place and this could be worked around. They are not fencing or closing the field and there would be no massive buildings.

**Public:** Will this get bigger in the future?

**Joe:** No, in order to do this QWFC would need approval from the council and that is not QWFC's intention anyway. There is not enough funding to get bigger, the only aim is to encourage more children to play. More and more children are moving into the area and they need to play sport.

**Public:** Robert Hitchens are not going to build on this land?

**Cllr G Smith:** No, this land will not be built on. QTC keen to work in partnership with QWFC.

**Public:** Quite relieved to hear that football only taking place on a Saturday morning. Nice to see events taking place and concerned that these wouldn't not be able to take place in the future. Hearing QWFC's plans has been reassuring.

**Cllr G Smith:** QTC had the same concerns and that is why there was a need to compromise. QWFC have given assurances of their intentions and anything further would meet objections. Cllr Smith reminded everyone that Fisher's Meadow is owned by Robert Hitchens and it is their decision ultimately.

**Cllr Powell:** What will happen during events.

**Joe:** Fisher's Meadow will still just be flat pitches and things such as the Circus etc can just go on top if needs be. QWFC will conduct a sweep before matches to safeguard against muck.

**Public:** A lot of work needs to be done to make the area playable?

**Joe:** Provided the ground is flat it can be worked with.

**Cllr Arnold:** At the start QWFC confirmed that the ground originally was not suitable for the club so what has changed?

**Joe:** No proof that the land is contaminated.

**Public:** The land is contaminated, insurance premium is a measure of that.

Cllr Powell addressed the public and asked for their concerns.

**Public:** Fisher's Meadow is the last piece of land left in Quedgeley. Not completely against the proposal, however speaks to lots of dog walkers and agreed to come along to listen. Envisioned large buildings or fencing. Perhaps Quedgeley News could be used to alleviate people's concerns.

**D Mulrain:** There are 8 acres and QWFC only require 2.

**Public:** Everyone knows that the bottom end of the field is unusable which is why the pitches are positioned in the middle. What about car parking?

**Cllr Smith:** The council will have a say in the proposals, provided Robert Hitchens are also happy.

**Cllr Powell:** Can you confirm that football will be over by 12.30pm?

**Joe:** Yes or before. There would be one game and locals would be encouraged to walk. Away teams would have ample parking at the front.

Cllr Smith called for one final question.

Cllr Wilcox confirmed that proposals need to be negotiated properly and remain flexible. Perhaps contact Hardwicke Parish Council and there must be children from that parish who play for QWFC.

**Cllr Powell:** Where would the container and port a loos go?

**Joe:** Not going to be a permanent structure. When matches take place, a rope respect barrier would be place around the pitch and then removed directly after the match.

Cllr Smith then read out a statement provided by a local resident.

Cllr Smith thanked QWFC for their presentation and the public for attending and their input and confirmed that any decisions made by the council would be done so with the public in mind.

Councillors then discussed cost implications and reservations regarding an increase in scale, should QWFC's funds permit.

Cllr Powell advised he had always found QWFC honourable to work with and **PROPOSED** to delegate authority to the Clerk to negotiate suitable terms and conditions for QWFC to use Fisher's Meadow and to then bring back to the council for a final decision.

Seconded: Mrs Arnold: Vote: 7 for, 1 against: **So resolved**

**Cllr Mark Hawthorne – Gloucestershire County Council** was not present however provided a written report of the following:

**Clearwater** – Appeal has been lodged and we now await the planning inspectorate decision if the appeal is valid. No idea on timescale, although has heard there is a backlog. Aware of posters going up but not related to Mark Hawthorne.

**Meadowside** – Highways are now consulting on some double yellow lines around the school and on the corners of surrounding roads. Timetable is not clear.

**Meerbrook** – Double yellow lines have also been ordered. The broken man cover has been fixed.

**S106** – Looking to develop a play strategy for Quedgeley Play Parks and asks for a nomination from QTC to assist. Councillors asked Mrs Webster to email out to all councillors for a nomination.

**Speed Awareness Sign (SV Drive)** – a VAS unit has been secured and discussions have taken place as to where to place it. Welcomes thoughts from QTC as to whether to place it between the mini roundabout and the next zebra crossing. Councillors agreed with this proposal.

**There being no further questions the meeting reconvened.**