Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Wednesday 5th September 2018 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr Mrs T Arnold Chair, Cllr S Smith, Cllr G Smith, Cllr Arnold & Cllr Lee

Observing Cllr Williams

OFFICER PRESENT Mrs D Hughes

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC 7

R.078/18-19	Analogies for Absonce
R.078/18-19	Apologies for Absence Clir Mrs J McAllan, Clirs Mrs M Slatter
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R.079/18-19	Declarations of Interest
	Cllr G Smith declared a pecuniary interest in minute reference R.081/18-19.
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R.080/18-19	To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated:
	1 st August 2018 Cllr S Smith PROPOSED to accept the above minutes as a true and accurate
	record.
	Seconded Cllr Lee Vote Unanimous So resolved
	Total Charminess Control
R.081/18-19	Quedgeley Community Centre
	To consider views from invited residents regarding the possible tree
	maintenance to rear of the centre
	The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.
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	Cllr G Smith left the room whilst discussions took place
	After an in-depth discussion, members unanimously agreed to include the cost
	for the recommended tree maintenance in the budget for 2019-2020.
	Cllr G Smith returned to the meeting.
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R.082/18-19	Correspondence
	(a) To consider and agree registering Kingsway Pavilion Field as a
	Centenary Field. Email from Kay Lillington.
	The committee unanimously agreed to the above.
	Due to the time scales involved in registering the field it was agreed to
	refer this item to the next available committee to agree the expenditure
	of £80.00
	(b) Wild Hogs Hedgehog Rescue – Thank you
	(c) Star Firework – price increase 2019, the committee requested the office
	investigate alternative suppliers. Action – Office
	(d) Mr Harry Sykes – The Moat
	Mrs Hughes advised, the Council office has for several months been
	involved in assisting Mr Sykes apply pressure to the relevant bodies to
	improve and condition of the Moat. Unfortunately, there appears to be a
	stalemate between Bloor Homes and Gloucester City Council and the
	efforts have proved unsuccessful. The office has contacted Mr Sykes
	advising, the agreement is between the land owner Bloor Homes and
	Gloucester City Council and suggested he contacted City Cllrs Hannah
	Norman and Andrew Lewis for their assistance.
	Item b & d were noted
R_083/18-19	Community Events
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R.083/18-19	Firework Display 10 th November 2018
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R.084/18-19	(b) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £570.00 for Lancework to honour the centenary of the end of the First World War. Cllr G Smith PROPOSED the Lancework should be 'Lest We Forget' at £20.00 + VAT per letter. Seconded Cllr T Arnold Vote unanimous So resolved Action – Office (c) Dog Show 23 rd June 2019 In the absence of Cllr Mrs J McAllan this item was deferred. Quedgeley Town Council's Trees To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £2,040.00 as recommended in the tree survey report, to address several Town Council owned trees. Mrs Hughes provided the quotations received for consideration. Following an indepth discussion Cllr S Smith PROPOSED to accept the quotation received from Matt Hale totalling £1,248.00. Seconded Cllr Mrs T Arnold Vote unanimous So resolved
	The Committee unanimously agreed to transfer funds from new equipment to open space to secure funds for the above.
R.085/18-19	Playground Safety Reports (a) Druids Oak, Woolstrop Play Area and Bristol Road Recreation Ground – to consider any necessary action arising from the reports. Druids Oak: 5.08.18: 13.08.18: 20.08.18: 3.09.18 Bristol Road Rec: 06.08.18: 13.08.18: 20.08.18: 27.08.18 Woolstrop Play Area: 09.08.18: 16.08.18: 23.08.18: 28.08.18
	The above safety reports were noted.
R.086/18-19	Quedgeley Nature Reserve (a) Safety Report – 31.08.18 One point raised on the safety report was, Arum Lillies growing in the reserve, these are poisonous if ingested and members discussed whether a sign should be provided notifying the public. It was noted the plant is an invasive, non-native plant, but members also took the view they grow in many areas of the UK. Following discussion, Cllr S Smith reminded members that it's a Nature Reserve and it was therefore unanimously agreed no further action was required. (b) Report on progress Nothing to report at this stage.
R.087/18-19	Budget 2018-19 The budget sheet was noted and signed by the chairman.
R.088/18-19	Allotments (a) Report on progress Cllr G Smith reported the following: • Pipeline Logistics has repaired the leak.
R.089/18-19	Armistice Day 2018 Special Procedures – commemoration of the end of WW1 Cllr S Smith reported the following: • Application for road closure has been submitted. • Schools have previously been contacted however, it was agreed to ask the Clerk to contact them again. • St James' Church has amended the morning service time to enable the congregation to attend.
R.090/18-19	Business for referral There was no business for referral.

Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM at the Recreation & Amenities Committee on 5th September 2018

The main concern of the residents, whose properties border the rear of the community centre, are the overhang branches and the height of the trees. The Clerk advised, to reduce by 30-40% and to reshape the trees would cost in the region of £2,850.00 but it would grow back over time. The work has not been budgeted for and therefore the committee would need to submit a report to Finance & General Purposes on how the work would be funded. Alternative options were also discussed such as removing the trees completely & trimming back the overhang. The Chair thanked the residents for their time and advised, the council will be in touch in due course.