

**Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT** Cllr S Smith, Cllr Pearce, Cllr G Smith, Cllr Mrs J Williams, Cllr Mrs J McAllan & Cllr Mrs M Slatter

**OFFICER PRESENT** Debbie Hughes

R.069/19-20	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were noted from Cllr Miss A Mozol, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Miss J Weston</p>
R.070/19-20	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> None</p>
R.071/19-20	<p><b>To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated:</b> 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Cllr G Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate record. Seconded Cllr Mrs M Slatter      Vote unanimous      <b>So resolved</b></p>
R.072/19-20	<p><b>Correspondence</b> Andersons Recruitment requested the Corkscrew Willow outside the Council office be cut back. The committee requested the office obtain the cost and report back to this committee.</p>
R.073/19-20	<p><b>Community Events</b></p> <p><b>Firework Display – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b></p> <p>(a) To consider latest position</p> <p>Mrs Hughes advised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barriers – booked</li> <li>• Security guards – booked</li> <li>• Tickets – received</li> <li>• First aid cover – booked</li> <li>• Road closure – in place</li> <li>• Firework tickets to be sold during the evening, dates to be agreed.</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed to approach PCSO Kevin Lee to ask if it is possible for him to attend.</p> <p>(b) To consider silent firework display for 2020 In the absence of Cllr Miss Mozol this item was deferred</p>
R.074/19-20	<p><b>Future Events</b> In the absence of Cllr Miss Weston, there were no additional events planned.</p>
R.075/19-20	<p><b>Playground Safety Reports</b></p> <p>(a) Druids Oak, Woolstrop Play Area and Bristol Road Recreation Ground to consider any necessary action arising from the reports</p> <p>Druids Oak:                    12.08.19 : 18.08.19 : 25.08.19 : 01.09.19 Woolstrop Play Area: 07.08.19 : 14.08.19 : 21.08.19 : 28.08.19 : Bristol Road Rec:      12.08.19 : 27.08.19 : The above safety reports were noted.</p> <p>Mrs Hughes advised, she met with Dafydd Williams of Wicksteed Leisure in relation to replacing the monkey bars at Bristol Road Recreation Ground. Mr Williams disagreed with the report provided by ROSPA advising it should be replaced. However, the committee resolved to act on the recommendation set by ROSPA and therefore requested the office obtain the price to replace it.</p>

<p><b>R.076/19-20</b></p>	<p><b>Quedgeley Nature Reserve</b></p> <p>(a) Safety Report – Cllr Arnold In the absence of Cllr Arnold there was safety report.</p> <p>(b) Report on progress Mrs Hughes reported Gloucester Vale Conservation Volunteers next visit is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> November</p> <p>Cllr G Smith reported, the damaged fence at the rear of Deerhurst Place bordering the LNR is owned by the residents who own the parking spaces. Mrs Hughes explained, there is surplus metal fencing owned by Quedgeley Council in storage. M&amp;D Property has been contacted to investigate if there are sufficient panels to replace the current damaged wooden fence and if so, to quote to replace. The committee also requested the office investigate the possibility of seeking a contribution from the residents effected towards the cost.</p>
<p><b>R.077/19-20</b></p>	<p><b>Allotments</b></p> <p>(a) Report on progress Cllr G Smith declared an interest but reported that a plot holder tripped whilst leaving the container which resulted in a broken bone he queried if this would be covered by Quedgeley Town Councils liability insurance?</p>
<p><b>R.078/19-20</b></p>	<p><b>Quedgeley Cemetery</b></p> <p>(a) Report on progress Cllr S Smith reported, recently a funeral was planned by a funeral director but the details not passed or confirmed by the Council Office. Due to the sensitive nature of the problem the office staff worked tirelessly to ensure the funeral went ahead the same day.</p> <p>(b) Several family members are in breach of their terms and conditions and are planting flowers,&amp; shrubs and placing ornaments etc on the graves. The clerk will write to explain the rules of the Cemetery.</p> <p>(c) Topple Testing Cllr S Smith advised, following a recent topple test several headstones appeared unsafe and requested the council office to investigate.</p> <p>(d) Annual Inspection The committee unanimously agreed Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September @ 10.30am for the annual inspection and requested the office email members of R&amp;A for attendance.</p> <p>(e) Terms &amp; conditions, to include permitting photographs on cremation tablets. Cllr S Smith volunteered to read and report his findings to the office.</p>
<p><b>R.079/19-20</b></p>	<p><b>Bench – Fishers Meadow</b></p> <p>(a) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £411.69 to purchase bench Cllr Mrs J McAllan <b>PROPOSED</b> the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Mrs M Slatter      Vote unanimous                      <b>So resolved</b></p> <p>(b) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £85.00 To install the above Cllr Mrs M Slatter <b>PROPOSED</b> the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr S Smith                      Vote unanimous                      <b>So resolved</b></p>
<p><b>R.080/19-20</b></p>	<p><b>Community Junior Litter Pick</b></p> <p>(a) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £21.45 to purchase junior gloves Cllr G Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Mrs J McAllan      Vote unanimous                      <b>So resolved</b></p>

