

Minutes of the Meeting of Quedgeley Town Council held on Monday 16th December 2019 at Quedgeley Community Centre at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Cllr G Smith, Cllr S Smith, Cllr Williams, Cllr Mrs Williams, Cllr Powell, Cllr Lee, Cllr Mrs Slatter, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Harries, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Miss Mozol.

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL Cllr Hannah Norman
GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Cllr David Norman

One member of the Public

FC.128/19-20	APOLOGIES Apologies were noted from Cllr Potts, Cllr Miss Weston, Cllr Mrs McAllan, Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Arnold
FC.129/19-20	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST No declarations of interest were received.
FC.130/19-20	ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened.
FC.131/19-20	ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Cllr G Smith PROPOSED to adopt the Minutes dated 18 th November 2019 as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr S Smith Vote For 10 Abstain 1 So resolved
FC.132/19-20	CLERK'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a total of 17 complaints during the month of November. A verbal report was provided to all members.
FC.133/19-20	CORRESPONDENCE <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Email from Gardner Theobald re allotments, the Clerk has received notification that the new allotment site should be ready for transfer in April 2020. Confirmation of resignation of Cllr Potts, members wished him well and asked for correspondence from the Council to be forwarded to him thanking him for his time and work whilst on the Council. Cllr Hughes advised, the developer of the proposed school at Clearwater appears to have encroached on to the public space zone. There is a meeting to discuss this dispute on Thursday at 3pm, Gloucestershire County Council Cllr Mark Hawthorn is attending.
FC.134/19-20	CHAIR'S REPORT Cllr G Smith advised the end of year is approaching and he has been proud to lead the Council and to make representation on behalf of the Council. He reminded members, all decisions are made by respective Committees and not individuals and made clear the correct procedure.
FC.135/19-20	YEAR PLANNER Cllr G Smith PROPOSED to adopt the year planning for 2020 Seconded Cllr Harries Vote Unanimous So resolved
FC.136/19-20	TO CONSIDER AND AGREE EXPENDITURE NOT EXCEEDING £26.00 FOR QTC WREATH Cllr Hughes PROPOSED the above expenditure Seconded Cllr Williams Vote Unanimous So resolved
FC.137/19-20	FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Noting of Minutes dated: 4th December 2019: accepted by F&GP on 02.12.19 – noted Report of Chairman Cllr G Smith advised the year has proved successful and budgets were on target.

	<p>c) Update on office move The clerk advised the matter was still with the solicitors although she was confident all questions have now been answered and she expected the lease to be provided shortly.</p>
<p>FC.138/19-20</p>	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p>a) Noting of Minutes dated 23rd October 2019: accepted by P&D 20.11.19 – noted.</p> <p>b) Report of Chairman Neighbourhood Development Plan, Hardwicke Parish Council has recently completed their NDP and the Clerk made an offer to attend a meeting to discuss the procedure. There was some confusion as to which meeting he will be attending and it was agreed to clarify the position.</p>
<p>FC.139/19-20</p>	<p>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE</p> <p>a) Noting of Minutes dated 6th November 2019: accepted by R&A on 04.12.19, noted.</p> <p>b) Report of Chairman Cllr S Smith reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recent firework display, successful but need more volunteers next display will be 7th November 2020 - Silent firework display in future – agreed trial one year - Replacement Local Nature Reserve surround for the sign. - Agreed skip for the allotments. - New pathway between memorial garden and cemetery being investigated - Catch a Smile, ponds available for fishing groups. - Quantity of wildflower seeds available, agreed to donate to schools. - Offer of a 'Quedgeley' flag received from Hatton Court Hotels Ltd, possible position roundabout Bristol Road and Severnvale Drive. Consider asking schools to create the design. - The pink pig in the Druids Oak Play area has been vandalised numerous times and it was agreed to donate it to a local school or nursery. <p>c) To consider Flag, Cllr S Smith advised, he has received an offer from Hatton Court Hotels Limited to donate the cost of a flag for Quedgeley Council.</p> <p>Cllr Powell PROPOSED to accept the offer from Hatton Court Hotel Limited Seconded Cllr Lee Vote Unanimous So resolved</p> <p>Quedgeley does not currently have a crest or coat of arms and it was therefore agreed local schools could be approached to create the artwork to reflect Quedgeley.</p> <p>d) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £7,000.00 for Firework Display. Cllr Hughes PROPOSED the above Seconded Cllr Lee Vote Unanimous So resolved</p> <p>e) To consider and agree Silent Firework Provider Cllr Miss Mozol preferred Fantastic Fireworks as they provide everything necessary for a quieter display i.e. music, speaker, music licence etc.</p> <p>Following discussion Cllr Miss Mozol PROPOSED to accept Fantastic Fireworks to provide the display on 7th November 2020 and following the display arrange a survey, if the feedback is good to allow Fantastic Fireworks to do all future displays.</p> <p>Cllr Powell made an amendment and PROPOSED Fantastic Fireworks provide the display for 7th November 2020. Seconded Cllr Hughes Vote Unanimous So resolved</p>

FC.140/19-20	COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE a) Noting of Minutes dated 11 th November 2019: accepted by CB on 09.12.19 – noted. b) Report of Chairman In the absence of Cllr Mrs McAllan, Cllr G Smith reported, a wish list for improvements is being generated and items will be considered as part of the budget setting process.
FC.141/19-20	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES a) Quedgeley Community Trust – last edition of Quedgeley News is December. The next meeting of QCT is scheduled for January. b) Allotment Association – Cllr Wilcox not present. c) GAPTC - Cllr Williams advised the next meeting is 12.2.20 d) Saturday Surgery – new dates being finalised and will be reported asap. e) Futures Group – Cllr Pearce to resurrect in 2020. f) UBB – Cllr Wilcox not present but some concerns were expressed in relation to the omissions it was agreed to contact the Environment Agency to raise these concerns. g) Gloucester City Homes, Cllr G Smith was invited to attend the recent Christmas tree lights switch on and was pleased to report that all existing residents of St James Sheltered Housing will be receiving a £5,000 cheque apologising for the inconvenience caused as part of the recent development.
FC.142/19-20	FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL None
DATE OF NEXT MEETING 20th January 2020 – confirmed.	

Meeting Closed: 21.15 hrs

*Notes of the **PUBLIC FORUM** of Quedgeley Town Council Meeting on the 16th December 2019*

A member of the public raised concerns in relation to the new recycling arrangements fearing it will spread litter. In addition, he felt supermarkets may not be able to cope with the number of batteries placed in their recycling boxes as a result of Gloucester City Council no longer accepting them.

Cllr Hannah Norman asked to respond, and advised the new scheme had been implemented to limit the waste sent outside the UK and to address contamination which will allow all Gloucester's waste to be dealt with within the UK the system has proved successful in other authorities. However, if there are spikes in litter she will lobby the leader to adapt the design for a solution.

Cllr Mozol raised a concern regarding terraced properties facing multiple bins outside and the impact this could have street side. Cllr Hannah Norman advised that terraced properties do have a different system in place and if there are properties in Quedgeley that fall within the same criteria, a different system could be arranged if appropriate.

A member of the public asked after being approached in The Orchard by another resident, if signs regarding the trees could be put in place. His initial enquiry had been directed to Here to help with no success. Cllr Hannah Norman confirmed this could be investigated.

Cllr S Smith expressed a concern regarding the contents of a conservative flyer. He stressed that various initiatives implemented and seen through by QTC were being used within the flyer for political gain. Cllr Hannah Norman advised that the flyer was attempting to address work undertaken to support local groups and that assistance had come from Cllr Hawthorne with regards to the Green Farm road improvements.

No Police present

Cllr Hannah Norman reported on the following:

Budget consultation taking place until the end of January 2020.

Upgrade to take place on Fieldcourt Open space with S106 monies, to include upgrade to MUGA, some work to be done on skatepark and gym equipment, remove shelter and install under 7's play area. Pathway also to be put in to provide easy access to play area. Consultation to take place until 20/1/2020.

Cllr Powell raised a concern regarding the removal of the youth shelter. After some debate, Cllr Hannah Norman agreed that this should be included in the consultation.

Mrs Webster was advised to contact Alison Bell regarding obtaining the up to date tax base figure.

Cllr David Norman reported on the following:

There are continued significant issues with the adoption of certain roads. Developer is failing to meet requirements and this in turn is having an impact on certain open spaces. It is hoped that a new colleague, previously tasked with getting Copeland Park successfully adopted will be looking into problematic areas in Kingsway. Regular meetings which in the past took place with QUVL need to be resurrected. Cllr G Smith asked to be kept in the loop.

There being no further questions the meeting reconvened