

**Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee Meeting held virtually by TEAMS at 7.00pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Cllr Mrs Williams, Cllr Miss Mozol, Cllr Mrs Slatter, Cllr Miss Weston, Cllr G Smith & Cllr Arnold
<b>R.080/20-21</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Thompson &amp; Cllr Pearce These were not reported at the meeting as they were not received by the Minute clerk until after the meeting. (It is noted they were sent prior to the meeting)</p>
<b>R.081/20-21</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> None received.</p>
<b>R.082/20-21</b>	<p><b>To Adopt the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:</b> Cllr Mrs Slatter <b>PROPOSED</b> to adopt the Minutes dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 as a true and accurate record for the Meeting. Seconded                      Cllr Miss Weston                      Vote                      Unanimous                      <b>So resolved</b></p>
<b>R.083/20-21</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b> An e-mail received from Cllr Harries highlighting the condition of the new surface provided for the multi play equipment at Druids Oak play park, recommended use of the equipment be prohibited under Health &amp; Safety. Members discussed the options, there was some debate if it was a Health &amp; Safety matter or whether it is just unsightly due to the weather. It was resolved to rope off the equipment to allow the grass to grow and the area to dry out. A notice to be erected explaining why the equipment is out of use. <b>Action – Council office</b></p>
<b>R.084/20-21</b>	<p><b>Community Events</b></p> <p><b>(a) Easter Egg Hunt – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b> In view of the current Covid19 situation members reluctantly, unanimously agreed to cancel this event.</p> <p><b>(b) Dog Show – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b> At this stage it is impossible to understand, due to Covid19, what restrictions will be in place in June. It was therefore unanimously agreed to review this in June with a view to setting a new date, possible in July / August if restrictions allow.</p> <p><b>(c) Firework Display – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b> The office has contacted the preferred supplier for this event but to date has not received a reply. Due to the current Covid19 situation it is not possible, at this stage, to move forward with further arrangements and therefore this matter was deferred.</p> <p><b>(d) Christmas Event – Advent Bingo</b> To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £200.00 to provide items for the event. Mrs Beverley Aldridge explained the planned event, commencing at Kingsway Sports Pavilion Xmas pictures will be displayed around a planned route, children will walk the route finding the pictures crossing the corresponding picture off from their entrance pack. When complete return the pack to the Pavilion for a prize.  Members agreed this would be an easy event to arrange each year and Cllr G Smith <b>PROPOSED</b> to accept the above expenditure Seconded                      Cllr Mrs Slatter                      Vote                      Unanimous                      <b>So resolved</b> <b>Action – Council office</b></p>
<b>R.085/20-21</b>	<p><b>Playground Safety Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Druids Oak: 7.11.20 : 13.11.20 : 21.11.20 : 28.11.20: 6.12.20 : 14.12.20 : 20.12.20 : 29.12.20 : 12.01.21 : 18.01.21 :</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woolstrop Play Area: 24.12.20 : 28.01.21 :</li> <li>Bristol Road Recreation Ground: 21.12.20 : 25.01.21 :</li> </ul> <p>Nothing to report at Woolstrop Play Area or Bristol Road Recreation Ground but it was noted Druids Oak is waterlogged.</p>
<b>R.086/20-21</b>	<p><b>Quedgeley Nature Reserve</b></p> <p>(a) Safety Report – Cllr S Smith, pathways muddy but generally in good order.</p> <p>(b) Report on progress – nothing urgent at this stage</p> <p>(c) Badger Sett – Cllr Mrs Williams met with a representative from the Badger Trust Gloucestershire who advised the sett is not at this time being used however, this can change and the recommendation was to cover the exposed metal on the top of the sett but otherwise to leave it alone.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – Council office</b></p>
<b>R.087/20-21</b>	<p><b>Allotments</b></p> <p>All plots have been allocated. There was a small leak in one of the pipes supplying a water trough but this has been repaired by Cllr Wilcox.</p>
<b>R.088/20-21</b>	<p><b>Allotments – New</b></p> <p>To consider &amp; Agree the Transfer of Kingsway Allotments to QTC</p> <p>It was noted Quedgeley Town Council address is incorrect, clarification was sought on the covenant attached to the plots and how this will impact on management going forward.</p> <p>Cllr Miss Weston <b>PROPOSED</b> the transfer in principle but wished clarification on the points raised      Cllr G Smith      Vote      Unanimous      <b>So resolved</b></p>
<b>R.089/20-21</b>	<p><b>Quedgeley Cemetery &amp; Quedgeley Memorial Garden</b></p> <p>(a) Report on progress, nothing to report at this stage.</p> <p>(b) Safety Reports – nothing to report at this stage.</p> <p>(c) Pilot Memorial – 25<sup>th</sup> September – Cllr S Smith plans ongoing.</p>
<b>R.090/20-21</b>	<p><b>Annual Tree Reports 20-21 completed by Treework Environmental Practice</b></p> <p>(a) To note and accept, it was reported, under Health &amp; Safety the work highlighted at St James Church has been completed and an order has been raised to address the matters in the Local Nature Reserve. Feedback from Treework was positive and they noted all the work recommended last year had been completed.</p>
<b>R.091/20-21</b>	<p><b>Clearwater Bridge &amp; Steps</b></p> <p>Cllr S Smith to advise latest position – not further improvement, it was noted there is flooding in the area, it was agreed to approach Cllr Hawthorn for an update and clarification the steps would be addressed at the time of the footpath upgrade.</p>
<b>R.092/20-21</b>	<p><b>Fishers Meadow</b></p> <p>(a) To discuss correspondence received from resident in Gosswood Corner to address trees overshadowing his property from Fishers Meadow. To consider restrictions set by R&amp;A.</p> <p>The Clerk has contact the tree surgeon at Gloucester City Council who has offered to help reach a satisfactory outcome. He advised Gloucester City Council's policy is, Council funds will not be used to cut back trees to aesthetically improve a neighbouring property. However, agreement can be reached at the owners' expense. It was agreed to accept Mr J Hobbs offer of help and to contact Hitchins as the land owners.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – Council office</b></p>

	(b) To consider request from Circus Funtasia to use field in May Members approved the use of the field, dates to be agreed with the Council office. A £2,000 refundable deposit to be paid in advance of the date and if necessary risk assessment provided to be Covid19 compliant.
<b>R.093/20-21</b>	<b>Fishing Pond</b> A litter picker has been provided to Mr Anthony Rawlings who will volunteer to pick litter when he is on site. In addition the Council litter picker has been asked to visit once a month.
<b>R.094/20-21</b>	<b>Budget 2020-2021</b> Nothing to report.
<b>R.095/20-21</b>	<b>Budget 2021-2022</b> Budget due to be confirmed at Full Council meeting on Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>R.096/20-21</b>	<b>Business for referral</b> Car park outside St James Church, School Lane. <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – Council office</b></p>

Due to the current situation, a spending freeze has been imposed with the exception of urgent matters, as such future meetings will take place on alternate months.

**Date of Next Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 - Teams**