

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held Virtually by Teams on Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7.00pm

PRESENT Cllr S Smith, Cllr Mrs M Slatter, Cllr G Smith, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Miss J Weston, Cllr Arnold and Cllr Miss Mozol.

OFFICER PRESENT Mrs D Hughes

R.001/21-22	<p>Elect a Chairman Cllr Mrs M Slatter PROPOSED Cllr Thompson be Chairman Seconded Cllr G Smith Vote Unanimous So resolved</p>
R.002/21-22	<p>Apologies for Absence None</p>
R.003/21-22	<p>Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest received</p>
R.004/21-22	<p>To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated: 3rd February 2021 Cllr G Smith PROPOSED to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Mrs M Slatter Vote unanimous So resolved</p>
R.005/21-22	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Beech Green School – request to use land to rear. Noted, referred to Gloucester City Council as landowners. (b) Resident – Woolstrop play area – request for sign. The committee requested the office provide a laminated sign reminding users of the age restrictions and ‘no ball games’. (c) Resident – Woolstrop play area – request to alter pedestrian gate to allow access for pushchairs. Cllr Thompson and Cllr S Smith volunteered to investigate and report to the next R&A (d) Resident – bin request for bus stop @ Bristol Road/Naas Lane roundabout. The committee requested the office forward email to Gloucester City Council. (e) E-mail - Severn Salmon & Sea Trout Protection The committee asked the office to forward the correspondence to all members.
R.006/21-22	<p>Community Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Dog Show – 13th June 2021 Due to the current situation in relation to Covid19, it was agreed to defer the decision on whether this event can be held later in the year until June’s meeting. (b) Firework Display – 6th November 2021 To consider if this event can proceed, if so, agree format. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, it is impossible to move forward and therefore Cllr G Smith PROPOSED to cancel the event this year. Seconded Cllr Mrs M Slatter Vote 6 for Against 1 (Cllr Miss Mozol) So resolved (c) Christmas Event Cllr G Smith reported at a recent finance meeting a member was concerned with the expenditure. However, it was a R&A decision to have this event and it was unanimously agreed to proceed.
R.007/21-22	<p>Playground Safety Reports Druids Oak, Woolstrop Play Area and Bristol Road Recreation Ground – to consider any necessary action arising from the reports. Woolstrop Play Area: 01.03.21 Bristol Road Rec: 01.03.21</p>

	<p>Druids Oak: 02.02.21 : 09.02.21 16.02.21 : 02.03.21 : 02.03.021 : 15.03.21 : 24.03.21</p> <p>The above safety reports were noted.</p>
R.008/21-22	<p>Wreath To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £60.00 to purchase two wreaths Cllr S Smith advised the wreaths are for the Pilots Memorial Day and Armistice Day. Cllr G Smith PROPOSED to purchase the wreaths. Seconded Cllr Miss J Weston Vote unanimous So resolved</p>
R.009/21-22	<p>Quedgeley Nature Reserve</p> <p>(a) Safety Report – Cllr Weston The following issues were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gates require WD40 – office to arrange • Pathways – requires more chippings – office to arrange • Pond – logs thrown into pond – office to ask volunteers to remove • Wood has been heaped together, risk of someone setting it alight – office to arrange to be removed. <p>(b) Report on progress Mrs Hughes reported the exposed wire of the badger sett has been covered.</p> <p>Cllr Miss J Weston suggested, in future committee should consider expenditure to provide information plaques for some of the trees within the LNR providing the name and approximate age.</p>
R.010/21-22	<p>Allotments Nothing to report at this time.</p>
R.011/21-22	<p>Allotments – New To consider & Agree the Transfer of Kingsway Allotments to QTC The committee requested a site meeting with R&A members and to invite Cllr Wilcox to establish exactly what the Council would be responsible for particularly regarding maintaining hedges and fences.</p> <p style="text-align: right; color: red;">Action - office</p>
R.012/21-22	<p>Quedgeley Cemetery & Quedgeley Memorial Garden</p> <p>(a) Report on progress Cllr G Smith reported he removed faded flowers etc.</p> <p>(b) Safety Reports – Cllr Weston The following issues were raised on the safety report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wooden benches – need varnishing – office to obtain cost. • Graves – some graves have sunk in St James' churchyard. • Dead flowers left on graves . <p>(c) Pilot Memorial – 25th September – Cllr S Smith to report Cllr S Smith explained work carried out in the memorial garden for the event has been completed and plans are progressing well.</p>
R.013/21-22	<p>Clearwater Bridge & Steps Cllr S Smith to advise latest position The committee asked for this item to be removed from the next agenda.</p>
R.014/21-22	<p>Fishers Meadow Several trees adjacent to the field have been pollarded. Cllr S Smith advised, due to birds nesting the police are investigating the recent works.</p>
R.015/21-22	<p>Fishing Pond Once restrictions have been lifted a meeting will be arranged between members of Matson Anglers and QTC.</p>
R.016/21-22	<p>Budget 2020-2021 To final budget sheet was noted.</p>

R.017/21-22	Business for referral There was no business for referral.

Date of Next Meeting – 5th May – Teams - Noted