

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

21st October 2024

C Watkins (in the Chair)

P Bruce	(P)	P Sykes	(P)
P Kembery	(P)	D Marriott	(P)
N Beebee	(A)	L Fogg Rogers	(A)
C Watkins	(P)	N Labuschagne	(P)

Also in attendance: Cllr Hancock who was nominated as a substitute for Cllr Fogg-Rogers

83.10/24 Evacuation procedure - Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area.

Noted

84.10/24 Apologies.

Cllrs Fogg-Rogers and Beebee

85.10/24 Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011.

Cllr Labuschagne: South Gloucestershire Councillor

Cllrs Sykes and Fogg Rogers: Members of Winterbourne Environmental Group

86.10/24 Public participation

None

87.10/24 To agree the minutes of meeting held on 16th September 2024.

RESOLVED, the minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2024 were agreed and signed.

88.10/24 To agree the following grant requests:

Winterbourne Sports Association - £1,504.63

RESOLVED to approve the full grant request and recommend to Full Council

Winterbourne and Frome Valley Environmental Group - £1550.00

RESOLVE to approve the full grant request and recommend to Full Council. The payment for this grant would be on condition of planning permission being approved.

89.10/24 To consider and make decisions on 2025-2026 budget proposals

Following a discussion the proposed budget was voted on with the majority agreeing to take forward to the Council Meeting.

RESOLVED, budget proposal agreed and Clerk to add to Council Meeting Agenda

90.10/24 To discuss interest rates on savings accounts

Members looked at current interest rates on savings accounts and interest rates of other banks and building societies.

RESOLVED, Clerk to confirm if other banks and building societies will take funds from a Parish Councils. Also to ascertain any penalties if we move funds from current banks and building societies.

91.10/24 To discuss Parish Council reserves and to agree transfer of funds

Clerk proposed to take £2,000 from the Frenchay Parklands reserves for legal fees that have been paid and £18,128.60 from the Greenfield Centre Contingency reserves for electrical works undertaken following the five year inspection. All members in agreement.

Clerk advised that the reserve pot called Asset Management – Frenchay was set up as the costs of acquiring and maintaining Frenchay Parklands was unknown. Members discussed and agreed to rename this reserve pot Frenchay Parklands Contingency now that the handover has taken place.

RESOLVED, all members in agreement with the changes, Clerk to administer.

92.10/24 To discuss and agree the quote for the preparation and grass seeding of the new walk to Frenchay School

RESOLVED, all members in agreement to accept the quote.

Clerk to advise contractor.

93.10/24 To discuss The Greenfield Centre roof repair

Clerk to advised there was a huge discrepancy in quotes received for roof repairs and that it was hard to get contractors to quote.

RESOLVED, members to send roofing company details to Clerk. Clerk to update insurance company.

94.10/24 To discuss new Pavilion designs

Clerk advised that revised plans had been sent to the Sports Clubs that use the pavilion who had all deemed option 3 the most suitable. Clerk suggested submitting these revised plans in order to not delay the project further. All members in agreement.

Clerk advised there is a meeting with sports clubs representative on Monday 28th October to discuss interior requirements, such as heating.

RESOLVED, Clerk to advise architect to submit revised plans.

95.10/24 To discuss CCTV Cameras in Frenchay Car Park

RESOLVED, to continue with CCTV in Frenchay Car Park. Clerk to administer.

96.10/24 To discuss and agree a new bin siting request: Beacon Lane

RESOLVED, all members in agreement. Clerk to administer.

97.10/24 To discuss and agree a request for a replacement planter: Dragon Road Bridge

RESOLVED, all members in agreement. Clerk to administer.

98.10/24 Reports from members:

Frenchay

Tuckett Field Gate has been damaged. Clerk advised it is scheduled for repair this week.

Winterbourne, to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

The Greening of the High Street project has completed with bulbs being planted Sunday 20th October. This is a fantastic community project with many local residents volunteering.

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and Hambrook

None

The Greenfield Centre

Concerns were raised regarding the Health and Safety of the mats stored in room 1 kitchen.

Clerk to advise hirer they need to be moved.

99.10/24 Any other items to note from members

Clerk advised that future agendas would not have a Clerk's report – this would be at the Council Meeting and instead would have an agenda item called 'Update on actions'

Meeting concluded 8.56pm