

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

20th January 2025

N Labuschagne (in the Chair)

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

Also in attendance was Cllr Kinsey, who had been nominated as a substitute by Cllr Watkins and Cllr Collins who had been nominated as a substitute for Cllr Kembery

133.01/25 Evacuation procedure - Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area.

Noted

134.01/25 Apologies.

Cllrs Watkins, Kembery, Fogg Rogers and Beebee

135.01/25 Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011.

Cllr Labuschagne: South Gloucestershire Councillor and Green Community Transport: Grant Request

136.01/25 Public participation

None

137.01/25 To agree the minutes of meeting held on 16th December 2024

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

138.01/25 Clerk's report and action update

Noted

Clerk contacted local police beat team regarding the HGV's crossing Damson's Bridge and was advised to keep emailing photos to Avon and Somerset Police

Litter Picker recruitment is on hold as we discuss whether the role needs to encompass the opening and closing of a barrier at Frenchay Car Park.

A form has been submitted to Bath Building Society to increase the interest rate received.

The Nationwide Savings Accounts have been amalgamated

The Parish Van has been scrapped.

The replacement Fire Doors have been completed.

Pavilion Update: Unfortunately Western Building Consultants have severely let us down as they advised they have an eight to twelve week delay in any Structural Engineering Works. This is despite making at very clear at our meeting in December that we needed these works completed by the end of December. The Clerk has appointed M2 Structural Engineers who have committed to having a report back by February 14th. The aim will be to get the tender document live on the 14th February with a closing date of 28th March, with the hope to appoint a contractor the following week. Clerk is still hopeful to have the build finished by September!

Unfortunately, there were few attendees to the warm and well coffee morning. The Clerk would like to thank Cllr Bruce for running the event. Kim will look at how to reach more parishioners in future that may not be on social media.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS 20th January 2025

Nature Posters: A quote has been received and is on the Climate and Nature Committee Meeting Agenda to discuss 20/01: Agreed in C&N committee meeting to proceed with quote.

Dragon Road Planter: A potential planter has been sent to JB for approval. **20/1: awaiting response from JB**

Pneumatic Road Tubes on Worrell's Lane: Cllr Labuschagne to investigate what the data will be used for. 20/01: No update

Councillors to contact local businesses to discuss how to make Flaxpits look better.

Bristol Road re-surfacing repairs: Clerk to send photos to Highways

139.01/25 Reports from members:

Frenchay

Ideas are being discussed as to best combat fly tipping and anti-social behaviour in the Car Park by Frenchay Museum.

<u>Winterbourne, to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments</u> Clerk advised a Structural Engineers report was necessary to assess the cracks in the tennis pavilion. **Clerk to add this to the Full Council agenda.**

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and Hambrook

Reports have been given to the Clerk of parents parking on the grassed triangle area at Whiteshill Common. Members in agreement boulders should be placed to prevent this from happening. Clerk to add this to the Full Council agenda.

The Greenfield Centre

Clerk is gaining additional quotes for window repairs to take to Full Council Meeting.

140.01/25 To agree the following grant requests:

Green Community Transport - £210.00. Cllr Labuschagne left the room. Cllr Sykes chaired this item.

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

Winterbourne Sports Association - £320.00

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

141.01/25 Greenfield Centre Roof Update

Clerk advised of a response that had been received from Howdens which was discussed. Clerk to add this to the Full Council agenda and look at potential costings.

142.01/25 To discuss costings submitted from One Planet Matters associated with Frenchay Woodlands

Cllr Kinsey gave an update on the costings associated with the Community Coppicing Sessions which would be below £1,000. All members in agreement to go ahead with the sessions. Clerk to add to Full Council agenda for ratification.

143.01/25 Policy Reviews:

- Debt Recovery Policy
- Reserves Policy
- Investment Policy

Members have submitted suggestions. Clerk to make changes to documents for approval at next Full Council Meeting.

144.01/25 Any other items to note from members None

Meeting concluded 8.30pm