

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

21st July 2025

N Beebee (in the Chair)

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

35.07/25 Evacuation procedure - Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area.

Noted

36.07/25 Apologies.

Cllrs Watkins, Marriott and Labuschagne

37.07/25 Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011.

None

38.07/25 Public participation

None

39.07/25 To agree the minutes of meeting held on the 16th June 2025

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

40.07/25 Clerk's report and action update

Noted

The decorating of the main hall and foyer is booked for w/c 21st July

The offending Lime Trees on Westbourne Terrace have been cut back as to not damage vehicles. Quote not required as took the Groundsman less time to cut back as to take photos and get a quote!

A treatment has been booked for The Duck Pond as the water has gone very green.
The cost will be £760.00

Louise Barnett accepted the role of Climate and Nature Administrator and will start 15th July.

Two, free, community activities took place this week: seniors first aid course and party in the park

The Fly Tipping at Frenchay Car Park was removed just before the Flower Show.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

No outstanding actions

41.07/25 Reports from members:

Frenchay

The Frenchay Flower show has taken place. Feedback from residents suggest much lower numbers of attendees due to the high entrance fee. Frenchay Chapel had less than a quarter of their usual visitors.

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

Residents had been concerned about the pond water being blue. Clerk advised that a treatment has been administered to help alleviate the algae bloom.

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and Hambrook

Nothing to report.

The Greenfield Centre

Nothing to report.

East of Harry Stoke

Nothing to report.

42.07/25 To agree the following requests:

Grants

Frenchay Cricket Club: £313.85.

RESOLVED, to approve the full amount and recommend to Full Council

Downend and Frenchay Tennis Club: £448.99

RESOLVED, to approve the full amount and recommend to Full Council

Memorial Bench

Frenchay Common.

RESOLVED, Frenchay members to meet with the applicant to establish where the bench would be located and agree the type of bench to be installed.

43.07/25 To discuss and make agreement on works to Whiteshill Common

Replacement of damaged benches

RESOLVED, members agree to a budget of 1,500.00 for two new benches. Cllr Fogg-Rogers and Clerk to select benches and arrange installation.

Lay a hogging path

RESOLVED, to obtain a quote and bring back to a future meeting for discussion. Clerk to obtain a quote.

44.07/25 To discuss and make agreement on a transfer of reserves

RESOLVED, to transfer £35,000.00 from NatWest savings account into the general reserve account. This is to cover £30,000.00 for the Greenfield Centre Windows and £5,000.00 for the repairs to Frenchay Parklands.

45.07/25 To discuss and make agreement on a request from Best Life Day club to install four benches in the Greenfield Centre Play Park

RESOLVED, to advise Best Life Day Club of the standard of bench they would need to provide and to establish where the benches would be sited. Clerk to liaise with Best Life Day Club.

46.07/25 To agree the village hall checklist

RESOLVED, all members in agreement to accept the checklist.

47.07/25 To agree the sports club leases

RESOLVED, all members in agreement that further investigation is required and to bring this item to the Full Council meeting in September. In addition, it was suggested that the lease could include public use of the tennis courts. Clerk to liaise with the tennis club.

48.07/25 To discuss and make agreement on a quote for an Asbestos Survey for the Greenfield Centre

RESOLVED, all members in agreement to instruct Armour Analytical Services to carry out an asbestos survey at the Greenfield Centre at a cost of £888.78.

49.07/25 To discuss the 'visually important hillside report' and consider a parish council response to South Gloucestershire Council

This item will be discussed at the next Full Council meeting.

50.07/25 To discuss and make agreement on a request to cut the grass on a piece of land not owned or managed by the Parish Council

Noted that a previous decision to cut this area was taken years ago.

RESOLVED, all members in agreement that, as the Parish Council do not own this land or have any responsibility for it, we can not justify the expense of cutting it.

51.07/25 To discuss naming the refurbished pavilion at the Recreation Ground

RESOLVED, to ask residents for suggestions for a name for the pavilion.

52.07/25 To discuss and make agreement on a fishing break at the Duck Pond

RESOLVED, to recommend to Full Council a fishing ban in May and to not fish from the roadside in June.

53.07/25 To consider a request for a Community Cultural Fair on Frenchay Parklands / Common

RESOLVED, to deny the request.

54.07/25 Any other items to note from members

None

Meeting concluded 8.28pm