

The Annual Meeting for the Civil Parish of Winterbourne was held at The Greenfield Centre on Monday, 8 April 2019 under the Chairmanship of the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Paul Kembery.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Lewis, Hemmings, Manning and Labuschagne

Also present were Brian Serjent, Sue Fletcher, Victoria Goodman and Alan Giles.

The Chairman thanked all Members and the public for attending.

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2018 have been published and circulated and were confirmed as a true record.

Winterbourne Charities Report by Diane Marriott.

The Winterbourne Charitable Trust is a registered charity formed by the amalgamation of five ecclesiastical and three non-ecclesiastical historical legacies to the church. It is a registered charity established under a charity commission scheme dated 21 July 1997. Its aims are to help those in need and promote the educational needs of those under 25 years of age. It covers the parish of Winterbourne, which includes Winterbourne Down, Hambrook and Frenchay. Payments can only be made to those living within the Parish.

The Trust is administered by the priest on charge, church members and nominees of the Parish Council.

Last year I reported that St Michaels Church was funding a parish family liaison minister working through local schools and the community to provide support to disadvantaged people. This work is ongoing and funded through the church.

As at 31/03/2019	COIF Charities deposit	£756.62
	COIF Charities Investment Fund	£6,445.68
	Income current account	£1,269.98

In the last year a payment of £150 was made to Elm Park School to enable disadvantaged children to attend summer camp.

Payments can only be made from the interest received and any donations. This last year we received donations totalling £200.

The Trust would be grateful to receive any donations.

Paul Kembery thanked Diane for her work with Charities and help to the Clerk over the year.

Chairman's Report Report by Paul Kembery

Winterbourne Parish Council is the elected body that represents the interests of the parishioners who live in Winterbourne, Winterbourne Down, Hambrook and Frenchay. Some Parishioners who have attended Parish Council meetings in the past year have kindly thanked Councillors for their time given free of charge to serve our community and I would personally like to echo this and thank everyone and the clerks and other staff for their invaluable help in making Winterbourne Parish Council the efficient organisation it is. We should all be proud of what we have achieved for the community.

We recorded the recent sad loss of a former Councillor Colin Cousins, also Ray Ball who looked after the toilets by the Post Office for many years and a memorial bench has been installed at Monks Pool for our previous clerk, Lyn Iles.

However, I am pleased to report that Sarah Lucy is the new assistant Parish Clerk to Sally and we all appreciate the work they do in the day to day running of the council.

We continue to operate two standing Committees. The Planning Committee meets on the first and third Monday of each month with occasional additional meetings being called should the need arise. The Finance and General Purposes meet on the third Monday of each month.

Agendas for all of our meetings are posted on public notice boards around the Parish and on the Council website. I would encourage all Parishioners' to engage with the website which is regularly updated and is an excellent source of information.

In addition to attending our meetings, Councillors continue to represent the Parish Council on a wide range of outside bodies.

The Greenfield Centre is owned and run by the Parish Council and is the home of the Parish Council Office. Parishioners are welcome to meet the Clerk and discuss Parish Council matters along with the Police who have regular sessions here and they also have an office. The Centre continues to provide an excellent venue for parishioners for many vibrant and diverse community groups, clubs and associations.

Due to prudent management, I am really pleased to report that our Parish Precept will remain the same for the year 2019/2020. This will be the sixth year in succession we have been able to do this. We maintain our assets to a good standard and have funds set aside to be invested in the Parish in the future.

Improvements have been made on Whiteshill Common with the installation of posts and bunding to prevent vehicular damage.

Funding has been put aside for the proposed land transfer at Frenchay. A new play area, tennis courts, work to the green open spaces, allotments and a nature reserve has been provided by section 106 money from Redrow the housing developers at the old hospital site. This will provide a valuable asset for the community for future generations.

We have even struck gold in the Parish as we gave permission to a metal detectorist to carry out surveying on Frenchay Common, and he found a large stash of very old pennies and halfpennies which are now on display in Frenchay Museum.

You would have seen the van that was purchased to be used for jobs around the Parish and also to raise the profile of the Parish Council.

We continue to make funds available to help support the good work local organisations carry out throughout the Parish. Local organisations who would like to apply for a grant should contact the Clerk's office for an application form.

I would also like to thank Parishioners who attend meetings here and give us invaluable feedback. Some also regularly do litter picking and other positive things in the community. It is volunteers like these that bring extra sunshine to the area.

Planning Report 2018 Report by David Fletcher

The Planning Committee is made up from 2 members of the Frenchay Ward, 4 from the Winterbourne Ward and 2 from the Winterbourne Down and Hambrook Ward. The Councillors meet every 2 weeks to consider the plans submitted.

David Fletcher advised that the Parish Council are only able to comment on applications.

A total of 151 plans were submitted between 1st April 2018 and 31st March 2019. The breakdown of the plans is as follows:

	Approved	Refused	Withdrawn	Awaiting Decision	Application entered in error	Total
Winterbourne	46	7	0	5	0	58
Winterbourne Down / Hambrook	25	5	3	5	0	38
Frenchay	49	2	1	2	1	55
						151

David advised of his future concern regarding the Land East of Harry Stoke development and the likely resulting increase in the amount of traffic.

Paul Kembery thanked all members of the Planning Committee for taking the time to look at all the plans. Carol Thorne advised plans appear to give less information than in the past which makes decisions more difficult.

Finance & General Purpose Committee Report by Paul Hemmings

The Finance & General Purposes Committee consists of 2 members from Frenchay, 2 from Winterbourne Down and Hambrook and 4 from Winterbourne.

The Committees main functions are:-

1. To monitor the Parish Councils spend on a monthly basis.
2. To monitor the condition of the Parish Councils many assets and to recommend and cost any remedial or improvement works to the Full Council.
3. To consider any Grant requests and to recommend action as appropriate.
4. To examine tenders for various projects as and when they arise.
5. Finally, to recommend to the Full Council the budget for the coming year.

Grants

We have given grants to numerous organisations, amongst those are:

	£
Citizens Advice	400
Frenchay Flower Show	250
Greenfield Club	200
Hambrook Sports Club	5,230
Perry Alms Houses	1,000
Salem Methodist Church	325
St John the Baptist	1,000
St Michaels Churchyard	730
St Peter's Hospice	250
Winterbourne 2 nd Brownies	300
Winterbourne Down Carnival	300
Winterbourne Down Golden Circle	200
Winterbourne Sports Association	6,569
Winterbourne War Memorial	1,500
Winterbourne Down Memorial	75
	<u>£18,329</u>

Projects

No major projects have been undertaken during the past year. The Parish Council has been trying to resurface the car park at Hambrook Common without success due to waiting for South Gloucestershire Council to produce a plan.

I would like to thank Sally for her efficient management of funds and projects. I would also like to thank the members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for their collective expertise and their time which they give freely.

Cllr. Kembery extended these thanks to those who give up time to help with the accounting and the general running of the council in the office and out in the community. I have no reservation in confirming that you are all a very special breed of the human species. Lastly, I would like to give special thanks to Councillors David Fletcher, Eurof Lewis, Carol Thorne, Pam Willis and Martin Manning who are leaving us after over jointly decades of service to the community.

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After looking at the web site, Alan Giles concluded the Parish Council has 15 major assets and they are all in good order. He gave many thanks to all at the Parish Council for their hard work. Paul Kembery also thanked Alan Giles and others who, in particular, go out and do litter picking and Michael Goodman for his work with speedwatch.

Brian Serjent, as a member of the public, thanked everyone for their hard work and also thanked all those retiring councillors who have given so much time to the Parish Council. In return, Cllr. Kembery thanked Brian Serjent for his support and input over the last year.

The meeting concluded at 7.24pm.