



Winterbourne

PARISH COUNCIL

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

27th April 2026

J Amos in the Chair

P Kembery	(A)	F Arkley	(A)	D Marriott	(P)	P Bruce	(P)
L Fogg Rogers	(P)	P Sykes	(P)	J Kinsey	(P)	C Watkins	(P)
A Collins	(P)	D Eldridge	(P)	J Amos	(P)	S Hancock	(A)
		N Labuschagne	(A)	J Lloyd	(P)	N Beebee	(P)

Also in attendance: Three members of the public.

Evacuation Procedure: Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the car park – Noted

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2025 were confirmed as a true record.

Chair welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

Winterbourne Charities: Cllr Marriott

Winterbourne Charitable Trust is a registered charity formed by the amalgamation of historical legacies to the church.

Consistent with the wishes of the original donors, the aims of the charity are to relieve poverty and help with education. The criteria for a grant is residency within the civil parish of Winterbourne, which includes Winterbourne, Winterbourne Down, Hambrook and Frenchay.

The last AGM of the Winterbourne Charity was on 12th March 2025. Due to the retirement of the Rector, Malcolm Strange, in November 2025 there has been no meeting so far in 2026. It is hoped to arrange a trustees meeting in due course.

As agreed at the meeting in 2025, the local primary schools have been contacted asking for request for summer camp. Frenchay and Elm Park responded. Frenchay was sent a cheque for £150, Elm Park was sent a cheque for £300 as they had not presented the cheque for the previous year.

There has been a donation of £200 and interest of about £240. This is subject to confirmation when the bank statement is received. This income just about balances the expenditure, so subject to the bank statement the current account should be about £1,000.

The balance at the end of March 2026 on the Charities deposit account was £889.69 and the investment account was £7,359.04.

Chairman's Report: Cllr Amos

Winterbourne Parish Council is the elected body that represents the interests of the parishioners who live in Winterbourne, Winterbourne Down, Hambrook and Frenchay. We operate Committees for Planning, Finance and Climate & Nature and Staffing, in addition to a monthly Full Council meeting. This year we have had over 60 meetings. All parishioners are welcome to any of our meetings. We always have public participation on the agenda.

We have, again, worked hard this year to provide many free community events and are committed to carrying this on. Our first ever photography competition had some amazing entries received with a calendar being produced and given to the winners. We have worked closely with local groups, including The Frome Valley Environmental Network, One Planet Matters, Frome Valley Growing Project, The Frenchay Residents Association. And UWE.

Chair thanks all Councillors and staff for their hard work and commitment.

Planning Report: Cllr Amos

Cllr Amos noted that there are challenging times ahead, especially with the planning application for Hicks Common.

The committee always try to include adequate comments to be added to all applications so that conditions can often be added to decisions. We continue to encourage developers to consider sustainability, biodiversity and the environmental impact and stress the importance of designing a sustainable building.

161 planning applications were considered across the Parish.

It should be noted that the percentage increase in the number of decisions that South Gloucestershire Council disagreed with us on, also reflects their efforts to resolve our objections.

A breakdown of planning figures can be seen in Appendix A

Finance & General Purposes Committee Report - Including Grants: Cllr Watkins

The Finance and General Purpose Committee meets on the third working Monday of each month at the Greenfield Centre. The Committee consists of eight Councillors.

Agendas for each meeting are published on the Parish noticeboards and the Parish Council website. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings.

The main functions of the committee are the management of the finances of the Council; Setting the annual budget and precept; Monitoring all income and expenditure and ensuring compliance with financial regulations and good practice.

The Committee's responsibilities include The Greenfield Centre and all other Parish Council assets; Parish wide recreation, leisure and sport facilities and Environmental issues.

This year we invested over £10,000.00 to provide a hogging path in Frenchay to help with the walk to school.

Winterbourne Parish Council is empowered to award grants to non-profit groups running projects which benefit the parishioners of Winterbourne, Winterbourne Parish Council are proud to have given around £15,000.00 in support to many local organisations.

Winterbourne Parish Council is responsible for managing, maintaining and financially supporting some sports facilities including, Winterbourne Tennis, Cricket and Football Club and Hambrook Cricket and Football Club. In addition, we have given grants to other local sports associations (See Appendix B).

Winterbourne Parish Council maintain three local parks. One at the Greenfield Centre, one at The recreation Ground and one in Frenchay Parklands. There is a Trim Trail at Whiteshill Common and exercise equipment at The Recreation Ground. There are also chess tables on Frenchay Common. We have invested nearly £10,000.00 on upgrading some of our play area equipment.

Winterbourne Parish Council own the Pavilion at The Recreation Ground. This facility is enjoyed by over 500 children and many adults. This year saw an investment of over £400,000.00 to improve the sports facility and ensure it remains a valuable asset for many years to come. Feedback has been incredible.

Winterbourne Parish Council own and maintain The Greenfield Centre. We believe this is a great community building which houses an Early Years facility. This year we have invested in upgrading windows, flooring and decorating.

Winterbourne Parish Council funded a Youth Club in Winterbourne during 2025-2026. The Youth club took place every two weeks during term time. The club has been growing with many regular young people attending. 2026-2027 will see the same provision offered in Frenchay at Frenchay Village Hall starting in May.

Climate and Nature Committee Report: Cllr Collins

The aim of our Climate and Nature Committee is to protect our local biodiversity and reduce the impact of climate change whilst raising awareness within the community and engaging with the community in all its activities. Some of the recent initiatives include:

With some funding from Avon Wildlife Trust and with the help of a fantastic team of volunteers and councillors, 11 trees have been planted on Whiteshill Common. This is in addition to the eight that were planted two years ago. The planting of these trees will replace those that have previously been felled or died and will continue to provide vital shade for local residents and users of the space. They will also provide essential habitats for wildlife and will help fight climate change by absorbing CO2. Five of the trees are fruit trees so, in time, local residents will be able to enjoy apples and pears straight from the tree!

WPC successfully ran a Halloween Community Litter pick to help tidy up after the festivities on the 31st October. Lots of volunteers of all ages took to the streets of Winterbourne to pick up 11 bags of rubbish/recycling in total. They were all rewarded with cake afterwards! Our Spring Clean was also a great success.

Working in partnership with One Planet Matters and Frenchay Residents Association on Frenchay Parklands. WPC have been working with OPM and FRA to enhance the parklands at Frenchay. Not only is this initiative aiding the biodiversity of the parklands but it is also providing an opportunity for students at nearby UWE to learn and be involved in this exciting project. Volunteers have been doing a wonderful job with lots more planned as the year goes on.

Following on from the success last year of the initial planting of the planters around Flaxpits Lane a keen group of volunteers, lead by one of our councillor's and with help from FVEN, spent a morning tidying the planters and adding more bulbs/plants. This was a great effort to keep our very own little high street looking amazing! Keep your eyes peeled for the bulbs making an appearance.

We estimate that with all the volunteering that has happened across the parish in the last year we have had the benefit of approximately 850 volunteer hours! We are so grateful for this and have achieved so much already but there's still lots more to do.

AOB

- It was asked if the audio equipment could be improved both for larger meetings and in the Council room. Clerk advised this is being investigated.
- Agreed that the Parish Council need to make it clear on their role in the planning process and it was felt members of the community assume we are the people that make the final decision.
- A member of the public thanked Councillors and office staff for the work they do.

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm.

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APPENDIX A

- WPC Consulted on 161 Applications
 - 22 are still awaiting a decision
 - 2 were withdrawn
 - 3 was a WPC Application (no comment made as no members of the public came to the meeting)
 - 1 we did not comment as adjoining parish
 - 1 Spilt Decisions
 - 77 % SGC agreed with WPC (previous year was 86%)
 - 23% SGC did not agree with SGC (previous year was 14%) (Should be noted that some of these the WPC objections were excepted and acted on).
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Row Labels	Count of Ward
AP	2
No Objection	1
Objection	1
F	44
No Comment	1
No Objection	30
Objection	12
Split decision	1
H	28
No Objection	18
Objection	10
HS	1
No Objection	1
SG	3
No Objection	3
W	79
No Comment	3
No Objection	54
Objection	22
WD	4
No Objection	4
Grand Total	161

F=Frenchay, FC=Frampton Cotterell, H=Hambrook, SG=Stoke Gifford, W=Winterbourne, HS – Harry Stoke

APPENDIX B

