

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4 May 2021

T Bowles (in the Chair)

T C Bowles	(P)	P Kembery	(P)
J Brain	(P)	T Jones	(P)
R Climmer	(A)	D Marriott	(P)
A Collins	(P)	H Whatley	(P)
J Amos	(P)	C Watkins	(P)
P Hemmings	(A)	S Jenkins	(P)
M Goodman	(A)	M Newport	(P)
P Dyer	(A)	N Labuschagne	(P)

Following government recommendations regarding COVID-19 this meeting was held remotely by Zoom.

01.05/21 Election of Chair

Cllr. Bowles proposed P Kembery.

Cllr. Amos seconded.

All Members in favour, Cllr. Kembery was duly elected as Chairman.

02.05/21 Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Kembery declared he accepted the office of Chairman and will sign his Declaration of Office when COVID 19 restrictions have been lifted.

03.05/21 Election of Vice Chair

Cllr. Kembery proposed T Bowles.

Cllr. Brain seconded.

All Members in favour, Cllr Bowles was duly elected as Vice Chair.

Cllr Kembery advised he will continue to support staff and members over the coming year and thanked Cllr Bowles for chairing meetings in his absence. He passed over to Cllr Bowles to chair this meeting. Cllr Bowles sent best wishes on behalf of the whole Council to members who are currently dealing with difficult health issues.

04.05/21 Apologies – Cllrs Hemmings, Climmer, Goodman and Dyer.

05.05/21 – Composition of Committees

Resolved to remain the same.

06.05/21 – Bank Signatories

Signatories to remain as Cllrs Climmer, Hemmings, Marriott and the Clerk.

07.05/21 - Schedule of Meetings

The schedule for 2021/22 has been forwarded to all members.

08.05/21 – Appointment to Outside Bodies

Resolved to remain the same with wording for the Hambrook Commons Committee to be updated to reflect there are now only 2 wards in the Parish, Winterbourne and Frenchay. Should any further changes be required they can be done in a future Council meeting.

09.05/21 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act: Cllrs. Jones and Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Councillors.

10.05/21 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 April – Approved. These will be signed when restrictions allow.

11.05/21 To note the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings of the 12 and 26 April -Noted

12.05/21 To note the Minutes of the F&GP Meeting of 26 April – Noted

13.05/21 - Clerk's Report and monthly accounts up to 30 April and to approve any recommendations.

All items on the Clerk's report were noted and the accounts approved. It was confirmed to keep the zoom subscription as this could remain a way for sub committees to meet.

The following recommendations were approved:

M Lockett to carry out the repairs to Frenchay Village Hall wall.

Groundworks to be carried out on Hambrook Common.

A wildflower meadow to be planted on the area of land opposite The White Horse in Hambrook. The request for this to include 4 fruit trees was not agreed. It was decided the trees could be detrimental to the growth of the flowers and there are concerns regarding distraction on a dangerous stretch of road. Clerk will request a plan of the proposed planting area to be agreed by the Parish Council before work commences.

Members are keen to encourage orchards in other more suitable areas and it has been suggested Tuckett Field could be ideal. There will also be more areas available in the land at Frenchay when we have ownership, one suggestion being the walkway to the new school.

Clerk has contacted the solicitor regarding the possibility of liability from unauthorised play equipment in the Parish and is awaiting a response.

In the last Council meeting it was resolved that the Pilates instructor who used Frenchay Common last year would be able to do so this year only until indoor classes can resume. The Parish Council has been asked to reconsider and details of the request was sent to members.

It was agreed to extend the time by a month until July 21.

It would appear a fitness instructor is currently using the Common for classes and Clerk will investigate if permission has been given. The Commons are not open for business use unless consent has been granted by the Parish Council. It was agreed a list should be held to detail who has been given relevant permission to use the Commons. It is also itemised in the byelaws that permission needs to be sought to use the Common.

Land at Malmains Drive. We have been advised that the following commuted sums would be available for off site allotment provision.

- Contribution towards off site allotment provision £1418.64
- Maintenance Contribution £1808.87

In order for this sum to be included in the S106 agreement the Parish Council need to recommend a particular receptor site. This was previously suggested as an area in Tuckett Field. It was agreed that Tuckett Field would be a suitable area, behind the Village Hall towards the vehicular access gate. It is likely existing Frenchay allotment holders would be willing to help set up the site as it will ease the pressure on the existing allotments which are oversubscribed. The Parish Council also has previous experience of setting up allotments with the Jubilee Allotments in Winterbourne Down. Frenchay members will consider what will need to be done to the site such as land clearance and fencing.

The metal detectorist has a written agreement with us which is recommended by the National Council for Metal Detecting. He is keen to display the items he has found and has discussed this with Cllr Whatley. He would also agree to permanently donating a lot of the items to the museum. The James 1 shilling he found does have a value of around £400 and he would like to be able to keep this for his collection. He would also be willing to lend it to the museum for display. It was concluded the Parish Council will obtain an independent value of the coin before any decision is made.

Clerk

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Frenchay members

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The Winterbourne Down Carnival Committee have been given an idea of prices by the Clerk for a new 'Chatty Bench'.

Frome Valley has been advised which areas not to mow around Frenchay Hill to allow for the planting of wildflowers and Clerk has requested South Gloucestershire Council not to mow the area around Beckspool pond.

A liaison meeting was held with Winterbourne Academy. They advised they are looking into updating the all weather sports pitch. They also would like to close the path which currently runs from Flaxpits Lane to the Recreation ground for safeguarding reasons. They propose to open the lane by the library instead so there would still be access to the Recreation ground from Flaxpits Lane. Investigations are being carried out to check who owns the lane. Members are concerned this will affect residents who access the Recreation ground for exercise and leisure. A further meeting is planned for a month's time.

Clerk

The Regulatory Committee in South Gloucestershire Council has approved the commencement of a limited review in a small number of town/parish areas. This is an opportunity to review any changes to boundaries, creating or amalgamating parish areas. Anything to be considered needs to be sent to them by 10 May. It was concluded Winterbourne Parish Council currently have no issues to raise. When many of the new houses planned for the area have been built there may then need to be a review of boundaries.

A further meeting has been held with NBHT regarding the Frenchay handover of land. They are continuing to chase up outstanding issues. They advised there is most likely another 2-3 months work needed before the TVG land can be registered. New information has come to light regarding the area of land alongside Begbrook Park. Cllr Whatley will liaise with the Clerk to compose questions to put to our solicitor to get clarification before final transfer plans are drawn up. Another meeting with the Trust is scheduled for 15 June.

H Whatley
Clerk

There is a Town and Parish Council Forum which meets around 4 times a year. They have recently set up a website on <https://tandpcforum.org.uk/>. If anyone would like to view the agendas and minutes these are password protected so please contact the Clerk.

14.05/21 – Request from Frenchay School to use the Common for outdoor activities on 9 July
The school has requested to use part of the Common for some fun activities for the end of term. All members agreed and would be happy to help if required.

15.05/21 – Items from the Public
None.

16.05/21 – Items from Members
Cllr Marriott advised the main gates to the Recreation Field were open at 6.45 on Saturday morning although no one was there. She was concerned they may have been left open all night. It was suggested they could have been opened for the grass cutter to get in and Cllr Brain will investigate.

17.05/21 - A.O.B
It was noted future meetings need to be held face to face and not by zoom. Consideration needs to be given as to how to make these work and how to accommodate members of the public.

Meeting concluded at 8.15pm