

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4 January 2021

P Kembery (in the Chair)

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

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

Also in attendance A Giles and D Porter.

101.01/21 Apologies – Cllr Brain. Cllr Bowles joined the meeting at 7.26pm.

102.01/21 Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act

Cllrs. Jones and Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Councillors.

103.01/21 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 December – Approved

These will be signed when restrictions allow.

104.01/21 To note the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings of the 7 and 21 December -Noted

105.01/21 To note the Minutes of the F&GP Meeting of 21 December – Noted

106.01/21 - Clerk's Report and monthly accounts up to 31 December.

All items on the Clerk's report were noted and the accounts approved.

Matters Arising

Regarding a previous request for an exercise class to be held on the Common, the current byelaws appear don't allow for use of the Common without consent of the Parish Council. The applicant would run the classes himself as a sole trader but is delaying a decision on whether to pursue this until the Spring when circumstances may be more favourable.

South Gloucestershire Council has been reminded about the 2 new dog bins but as yet no response has been received. To be reminded again.

Clerk

South Gloucestershire Council has advised that it is not possible to site a speed visor in Church Road, Winterbourne Down as there are no lamp columns to attach it to. The site does not appear to have a general issue with speeding but they will ask for it to be added to the list for speed surveys and find out how sites like this one are prioritised against other

outstanding speed survey works at priority sites. Cllr Goodman advised he will pass on the reports he gets regarding speeding to members for information. Cllr Kembery requested if a speed visor could be sited at Beckspool Road again as traffic is still travelling too fast. Clerk will request.

Clerk

The issue of the parking outside the shops in Flaxpits Lane has been highlighted again. As previously discussed the shops own the immediate frontage of their property and South Gloucestershire Council are responsible for the first metre of the pavement adjacent to the road. It was agreed that the area can look quite messy but there is no obvious solution. There is usually adequate parking in the car park at the rear of the shops. Not all the cars parked belong to visitors as often some of the cars parked outside the shops belong to the shop keepers. Members of the public have expressed concerns regarding the car emissions in the area and as to how safe it is for children. It was proposed that Cllrs Brain and Labuschagne could initially try to speak with the shop keepers and get some feedback from them.

J Brain
N Labuschagne

Following a query regarding the ownership of the layby next to Damson's Bridge South Gloucestershire Council Property Services have confirmed this is unregistered land. It would appear likely that the question of ownership precedes South Gloucestershire Council. This query arose following a meeting between Duncan Porter and Streetcare staff to discuss the possibility of traffic lights being installed there. South Glos advised if this was to happen they would need an area for service vehicles. Any possible scheme will be rated by South Glos in accordance with their procedures.

Further to the question of why the Parish Council pay Wessex Water £10 per year for land at Winterbourne Viaduct - they have advised an agreement was made in 1992 that for the sum of £10 per year, the Parish Council can use the land as a nature conservation area.

The St Michael's Churchyard team has sent a message of thanks to the Parish Council for the recent grant payment of £851.

107.01/21 – Budget and Precept for 2021/22

The proposed precept has an increase of 1.98%. All members agreed the budget and the precept.

108.01/21 – Items from the Public

Alan Giles advised he was looking forward to seeing the Winterbourne Parish Environment Plan and hoped this would encourage a lot of local interest. The Plan is still under consideration and will be shared when agreed.

Duncan Porter advised he was dismayed to see a lot of people ignoring the road closed signs for Down Road last weekend. People were driving around the signs and over the footway to get through. He challenged a couple of people who were quite rude to him and he will send information regarding this to Cllr Jones who will contact South Gloucestershire Council.

Cllr Hemmings advised people were also going through the road closure notices in Bury Hill which was dangerous when you were not expecting oncoming traffic.

It is not known how long Down Road is due to be closed for and Cllr Jones will investigate.

T Jones

109.01/21 – Items from Members

Cllr Climmer advised the bench outside the shops in Flaxpits Lane has been damaged and Clerk will ask the handyman to look at this as soon as possible.

Cllr Goodman advised that a big problem in Church Road Winterbourne Down is not always speed but people parking on the pavements. This is not currently illegal providing there is room for a double buggy or wheelchair to pass through, although this is not always adhered to. This may change as the issue is currently being looked at nationally. However, in certain places, such as at the bottom of Frenchay Hill which has been previously

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discussed, it can be more prudent to park to the pavement due to the narrow road. Cllr Collins advised residents in Frenchay, in conjunction with the Frenchay Residents Association are embarking on a litter pick campaign. He asked for some guidance from anyone who has previously done this. It was confirmed South Gloucestershire Council have the resources to support litter pick initiatives. Duncan Porter advised he would be happy to assist Cllr Collins. He is currently planning a campaign which will highlight which items from which companies cause the most litter. Alan Giles advised he uses his own equipment and then sorts the litter afterwards so he can recycle as much as possible. South Glos Council usually organise a Spring Litter Clean but this was cancelled last year due to Covid. Clerk will investigate if anything is planned for this year.

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Cllr Whatley raised his concern regarding the narrow width of the road in Frenchay by the old A and E entrance of the former hospital to the Museum entrance. Large vehicles such as buses struggle to keep to their side of the white lines. Unfortunately, as vehicles seem to get larger it is unlikely 2 vehicles can pass each other at the same time and this is true of much of the road.

Cllr Hemmings advised one of the 3 barrels of concrete blocking the Bromley Heath Road has been moved and cars can now get through by going over the grass verge. These are due to be replaced by barriers at some point. Cllr Jones will report to South Glos.

110.01/21 - A.O.B

Cllr Kembery advised that following discussions on the local Facebook page regarding play areas in the Parish, this will be discussed in detail at the next Finance and General Purposes meeting.

He also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Meeting concluded at 7.42pm