

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7 June 2021

P Kembery (in the Chair)

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

Evacuation procedure – leave via fire door and assemble in the car park – Noted.

18.06/21 - Apologies – Cllrs Hemmings, Labuschagne and Dyer.

19.06/21 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act
Cllr. Jones, South Gloucestershire Councillor.

20.06/21 - To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 May – Approved.

21.06/21 - To note the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 4 and 24 May - Noted.

22.06/21 - To note the Minutes of the F&GP Meeting of 24 May – Noted.

23.06/21 - Clerk's Report, monthly accounts up to 31 May, quarterly accounts up to 31 March and Annual accounts. To approve any recommendations.

All items on the Clerk's report were noted. The monthly and quarterly accounts were approved. Due to problems finalising the annual accounts approval was postponed.

The following grant was approved in accordance with Section 137 of the Government Act of 1972:

Winterbourne Sports Association - £3,198.77

Matters Arising

Items for noting

WEG has advised it will supply a plan for the wildflower area opposite the White Horse but as yet this hasn't been received.

South Gloucestershire Council has advised the path from Flaxpits Lane to the Rec is a public right of way and was added to the Definitive map as a result of a claim by residents a few years ago. The Academy has been advised and is arranging a further meeting with the Parish Council.

The solicitor has been contacted to see if he has received any further contact from the

Trust's solicitors, and to make him aware of the piece of land alongside Begbrook park which the Parish Council do not wish to take ownership of. Clerk will remind.

Clerk

Clerk has arranged an online demonstration of the RBS Omega accounting system on June 8. Cllr Brain will attend if he is able to.

A member of the WEG has agreed to be a BART (Bristol and Avon Rivers Trust) Beacon for the river at Bradley Brook Nature Reserve and has also taken over the map pin at Huckford Quarry which was previously designated as the Winterbourne Countryside Group. Bart Beacons keep an eye on the area for the Rivers Trust and can report back to the Environment Agency or local authority with any concerns.

Items for discussion

Our solicitor was contacted regarding the possibility of liability from unauthorised play items but he has advised he is unable to help as he only deals with property matters. He recommended another solicitor if we wish to pursue this.

Other local parishes have been contacted to see if they have experience of any similar issues but they have not had a problem with this.

It was concluded the Parish Council needs to ascertain precise information regarding liability and it was agreed to contact the solicitor recommended to us.

Clerk

The metal detectorist has been contacted to find out the best way for the Parish Council to obtain an independent valuation of the James 1 shilling. He has sent some pictures that were forward to a valuer who advised the value to be £100. Two more valuations are to be obtained. It was suggested to get an auction estimate, and also Bristol Museum may provide one.

Clerk

The Winterbourne Down Carnival Committee have advised they would like to site the 'Chatty Bench' by the metal bridge over the Frome Valley walkway if this is acceptable. Clerk will determine which side of the bridge this would be. One side is privately owned and will need permission from the landowner.

Clerk

A resident in the Cloisters has requested some Slow Down Horse signs at each end of Cloisters Road. Cllr Labuschagne has been investigating this. Cllr Labuschagne was not present at the meeting and Clerk will investigate what progress has been made with this.

Clerk

A representative of the Winterbourne Environmental Group has requested if Council meetings can be recorded to be shared with parishioners. A member of the public or a journalist is within their rights to record a council meeting.

Although South Gloucestershire Council and larger organisations record their meetings they have teams who arrange this for them. The Parish Council operates with the equivalent of one full time member of staff and does not have the necessary equipment or availability of time to manage this. Every opportunity is given to the public to take part in meetings and engage with the Parish Council if they wish to do so. Agendas and minutes are published which detail business transacted.

Should a member of the public wish to come and record the meeting they are within their rights to do so, but it must be made known to attendants of the meeting it is being recorded and the recording would also need to be made available to members of the meeting.

Individuals at the meeting must have the opportunity to give their permission to be recorded, and this would apply especially to any other members of the public present.

Following the vandalism of a memorial tree by the new Frenchay play area, residents are currently fund raising to plant a replacement by November. This will be a flowering Cherry tree. There are a lot of grants available for tree planting and Cllr Collins will investigate if something would be suitable for this. The Parish Council will be undertaking considerable

tree work in time in the new Frenchay area and funds have been earmarked for this purpose.

As queried in the last Council meeting no authority has been given for anyone to hold fitness classes on Frenchay Common, apart from a Pilates instructor. Clerk will contact the person who is holding classes to investigate further.

This issue will be included in the new byelaws when they are updated as well as the problem of BBQs being used on the grass, even though a designated area is provided. This badly scorches the grass which takes a considerable time to repair itself.

The Forest of Avon Trust has advised of a new scheme called Trees for Climate. This will be available for the next 4 years and the grant provided can pay 100% of the approved costs. The minimum area to qualify for this is 0.1 hectares. This is a large area which would be difficult to accommodate in the Parish. Although Tuckett field could be considered, the Frenchay Local Plan notes the open vistas in the area should be preserved and the planting of a lot of trees would hinder this.

There are large areas of trees in the land at Frenchay the Parish will be taking over and a community orchard is being considered on the new route to the new primary school. The Head Teacher is very keen for the pupils to use the nature Reserve area as a learning facility.

It was concluded it would be a better option to decide what we would like to plant in the Parish and then see if the proposed scheme could accommodate this.

24.06/21 – To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21 – postponed until Annual accounts finalised

25.06/21 – To approve the Accounting Statements for 2020/21 – postponed until Annual accounts finalised.

26.06/21 – Request from Beaver leader in Frampton Cotterell to use Newleaze for activities on 21 July

All members were in agreement. However, the pond is looking a bit murky and it was suggested WEG could be contacted to see if they would be willing to undertake some work there cleaning it up.

27.06/21 – Request for a memorial bench on Hambrook Common

The bench has been requested by the daughter of a previous parish councillor who lived by the Common for many years. Members were in agreement and the Clerk will try to arrange a meeting between her and Cllr Climmer to look at the most appropriate location.

28.06/21 – Items from the Public

None.

29.06/21 – Items from Members

Cllr Climmer advised there had been a recent allotment inspection and some of the plots recently vacated had been left in a sorry state. It may be the new plot holders will need assistance to get them in order and the Parish Council will cover the cost of rotavator hire if required. An Allotment Committee meeting is planned for June and the question of how plots are left for future plot holders will be discussed.

The aerator at the pond is only working rather feebly. The handyman is going to take the dinghy out later in the week to check if it is stuck on a bed of silt.

It could be the Parish Council will need to look at the removal of silt and Clerk will investigate possible costs. Funds are available for this if it is deemed necessary.

Cllr Watkins advised the new noticeboard is ready for Frenchay Village Hall. One side of it is for use by the Parish Council and it was decided it would be useful to have the telephone number and email address of the Parish on there.

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Cllr Whatley requested if there was a possibility the Museum can use the old gas shed in the car park by the Museum. Cllr Kembery confirmed this had previously been agreed by Phil Morgan from the Trust.

Cllr Kembery is going to remove the locks that have been superglued on the bollards by Frenchay Church before an event which is being held at the Church next month.

Cllr Goodman asked if anyone was interested in joining Community Speedwatch.

He operates with a team in Winterbourne Down and there is also one in Frenchay being set up. It's hoped to increase this over more of the Parish in time.

Cllr Jones advised there has been a problem with motorcycles joyriding on land which is going to be developed at Highbrook Park. Our local PCSO has been dealing with this but she will be on leave for the next 3 weekends. If anyone has any concerns that need escalating to the Police in that time can they let Cllr Jones know.

Cllr Collins requested permission for a picnic day in Frenchay on 18 July on the green space at Frenchay the Parish Council will be taking over. It will be a community day with various activities but can only go ahead if Covid restrictions allow for groups of more than 30. Members agreed providing all relevant precautions are taken, such as possibly requesting visitors to do a lateral flow test and providing a QR code on site.

Meeting concluded 8.25pm