

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**2 August 2021**

T Bowles (in the Chair)

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

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

Also in attendance: B Serjent.

49.08/21 - Apologies – Cllrs Kembery, Marriott, Dyer and Collins.

50.08/21 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act  
Cllrs. Jones and Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Councillors.

51.08/21 - To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 July. – Approved.

52.08/21 - To note the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 5 and 19 July - Noted.

53.08/21 - To note the Minutes of the F&GP Meeting of 19 July – Noted.

54.08/21 - Clerk's Report and the monthly accounts up to 31 July.

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

Matters Arising

Items for noting

South Gloucestershire Council has been contacted to cut back the verges along Cloisters Road and the shrubs in Flaxpits Lane alongside the toilets.

They have advised there is a delay in erecting the 30mph signs for Bristol Road from Winterbourne due to staff shortages.

There also appears to be a restriction on how long employees can use strimmers which is causing a back log of jobs.

It was agreed Clerk will remind monthly to get an update on the outstanding works.

Our handyman has fenced off an area by the river in Bradley Brook which was highlighted as possibly being a hazard in the annual risk assessment.

Everyone has been sent logins to access the members area on the website. Please let the Clerk know if you have any problems.

Clerk

The metal detectorist has been contacted to advise we would accept half of the value of the James 1 shilling but as yet no reply has been received.

### Items for discussion

Our insurance broker has contacted our insurer again about the rope swings etc. The advice was the same and as follows:

*'It is difficult for us to comment on how they police their own premises, however we would suggest that inspections are undertaken regularly and as frequently as possible and any Rope Swings removed as soon as they are found'.*

The broker has commented that any swings we are aware of should be removed and documented.

It was note that some trees are very high so it could be difficult to remove any swings that have been put up. However, members were advised that if any swings, or other items of unauthorised equipment are seen, the Clerk should be notified so removal can be arranged.

All members  
Clerk

As it is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year can members were prompted to start to think of ways that the Parish Council can commemorate this.

Cllr Whatley advised Frenchay Museum will most likely put on a special exhibition.

All members

#### 55.08/21 – Request for ashes to be scattered on Whiteshill Common.

A local resident has requested if their Father's ashes could be scattered on the Common. Members were in agreement for this but will request it is done away from the football and cricket pitches.

Clerk

#### 56.08/21 – Items from the Public

None.

#### 57.08/21 – Items from Members

A request was put forward for the Parish Council to support an application to declare the Cross Hands public house an Asset of Community Value. This enables the community to protect, save, or manage a community space or community asset, such as the Cross Hands, in their local area. There are already a number of these in South Gloucestershire Council, and quite a few are pubs.

The pub is a very important part of the local community being involved in the local Carnival events and also Mummers plays at Christmas.

It was agreed that as a Parish Council we will proceed to start the process for this as a security for the future by completing and returning the relevant form to South Gloucestershire Council. When at some point the current landlord retires it would be an opportunity for the local community to come together and buy the property if they wished to. There could possibly be scope for it to be used for different purposes in the future such as a Post office or tearoom.

Cllr Jenkins advised Frampton Cotterell Parish Council has a page in the Frome Valley voice promoting their activities and asked if Winterbourne Parish Council should do something similar. Downend and Bromley Heath also do this so Clerk will investigate what the costs would be.

Members  
Clerk

Cllr Watkins raised the issue that he feels Frenchay Councillors are not getting adequate support from the South Gloucestershire Council Councillors who represent Frenchay, as they do not attend Winterbourne Parish Council meetings. However, it was discussed that this has always been the case as the South Gloucestershire Council councillors for Frenchay are not members of Winterbourne Parish Council. The Frenchay councillors need to arrange regular catch ups with their South Gloucestershire Council councillors and

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recent correspondence from Councillor Burton has promoted this. It is proposed that going forward these meetings can be formalised so any issues can be raised.

Cllr Watkins also asked members what their thoughts were regarding the transfer of the Frenchay Parklands to Winterbourne Parish Council if there were still issues which hadn't been resolved. It was discussed whether the Parish Council have an estimate of the potential costs going forward. However, the financial liability will be a long term one which will be included in the Parish's financial planning, it will not be one large immediate cost. There is also still scope for negotiations before the handover is finalised. Ongoing discussions regarding the financial side will continue between the Clerk and F&GP Committee.

Cllr Whatley confirmed he hoped a Frenchy Parklands task group will be formed in due course to look after specific issues in this area, which can then be separated from Frenchay Common and Tuckett Field.

There is a further meeting with the Trust to discuss the handover next week. A potential follow up meeting between councillors was suggested.

58.08/21 - AOB

None

Meeting concluded 8.40pm