

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

16 August 2021

T Bowles (in the Chair)

T Bowles (P)
D Marriott (P)
R Climmer (P)
N Labuschagne (P)

J Brain (P)
P Kembery (P)
C Watkins (A)

Evacuation procedure: Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area – Noted

Apologies for absence: Cllr Watkins.

Also in attendance: Cllrs Jones and Collins. One member of the public.

Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011: Cllrs Jones and Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Councillors.

14.08/21 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19 July 2021 and the Clerk's Report.
The minutes were approved. All the items on the Clerk's report were noted.

Matters Arising

Items for Noting

Liz Brennan has offered to help to try and establish the wildflower meadow on Bristol Road and Clerk has contacted her and is waiting for a response.

The information from the previous silt analysis of the duck pond has been sent to the contractor. He has advised he is currently on holiday and will have a look on his return.

The new computers for the office have been ordered and should be set up in the next couple of weeks.

Community Spaces at South Glos has advised Ultra Running Ltd are holding a running event through South Glos on 28 August. This starts from the White Horse in Hambrook at 11am and works its way through the Parish and across Bristol to end up in Ashton Park School at 8pm.

Items for discussion

Two revised quotes have been received for the car park at Frenchay Church. Clerk was unable to get the third company to requote but due to the amount, 3 quotes are not mandatory. Both quotes were based on the same specification and members agreed to ask Apre Surfacing to carry out the work as their quote was lowest.

One of the fixed one year bonds we have with Hodge Bank matured on 12 August and this has been reinvested with them for another year at a rate of 0.25%. Rates still continue to be low. Cllr Kembery agreed to be an authorised signatory as a replacement is required following the sad loss of Cllr Hemmings.

The Carnival Committee would like to reconsider a different place for the Chatty Bench, which is in the Dingle about 50 metres downstream of Damson's Bridge. It's felt this is a better location as it is not so isolated. Clerk will liaise with Cllr Climmer and forward the photo which was supplied for the suggested place.

Our local PCSO is looking for support from the Parish Council to raise funds to buy Parking

Clerk

Clerk
RC

Buddies for the 3 local schools. These are special bollards which raise extra awareness to discourage parking around schools. Members are in favour of obtaining these as they may be effective to help the inconsiderate parking around school entrances. Both Cllr Jones and Labuschagne are willing to be involved and use some of their Members Award Funding for the project. The next step will be for the Parish Council to apply to them for the funding. Cllr Labuschagne will advise Clerk of the procedure to do this. Once obtained this can be promoted on the website and social media.

NL
Clerk

South Gloucestershire Council has advised S106 funding will be available from the development at Frenchay. Details have been sent to members. The deadline for our application is the 17 September. The funding would be for projects at Frenchay Parklands. Members would like to consider the possibility of some funding towards toilets for use by the Tennis Club, possibly incorporating some sort of changing facilities. There would be many implications if they were Parish owned toilets, including the cleaning of them and possible vandalism. Cllrs Collins and Kembery will arrange to speak with the Tennis Club as soon as possible to ascertain what would be a realistic expectation for some toilets. In order to be considered for the monies, the relevant form needs to be sent to South Gloucestershire Council by the deadline.

PK
AC

In the last meeting it was agreed to take another look at the ideas that were put forward for the Recreation Ground around the time Covid took hold. The suggestions included levelling off the area of grass to the rear of the skateboard area with possibly space for an outdoor table tennis table and picnic style bench. The provider of the concrete table tennis tables has advised prices will still be the same as quoted in 2019. Members agreed this was something that they would still like see put in place. They are keen to provide extra facilities. However, due to vandalism and safeguarding issues it is not suitable for a play area for small children. As a table tennis table is also required for Frenchay, they both need to be ordered at the same time, so it will be done when the land takeover is complete. Frenchay members are also considering a concrete chess table and chairs for the area.

15.08/21 - Reports from Task Groups:

Frenchay Common and Tuckett Field

Cllr Collins confirmed he has sent members an email which details the support he and other Frenchay members are receiving from local residents and organisations who are willing to help with working in the Frenchay Parklands, to the benefit of the whole community. The cattle are no longer in Tuckett Field and were only in there for a short time. Clerk has been requested to contact the farmer to ask what his intentions are regarding the field going forward.

Clerk

Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

A second contractor has been to the Allotments to quote for clearing the 2 plots which were left in need of attention before the new tenants can work on them. Clerk will chase for his quote.

The Allotment AGM took place a few weeks ago and a new Chairman has been appointed.

There was a meeting of Winterbourne Sports Association which Cllrs Brain, Climmer and Bowles attended. It was decided in the meeting the cricket and football clubs need to put forward plans and ideas for the upgrade of the pavilion, and find an architect who can draw up the plans. The Parish Council is committed to upgrading the facilities as they are no longer fit for purpose. It was noted at the meeting that there is anti-social behaviour at the Rec but a police presence is not often seen. Winterbourne has been without a local beat officer for a while but a new one has been appointed and is starting on 10 September.

The notice board at the duck pond on the Flaxpits Lane side is looking very shabby. Clerk will find out if the Angling Club own it and if they do not want to replace it, suggest the Parish Council should replace it with their own board. There are still occasions when bread is being fed to the ducks so it would be useful to have extra signage to advise against this.

Clerk

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down, Hambrook and Whiteshill

Cllr Climmer and the Clerk met with 3 members of Winterbourne Environmental Group to discuss the possibility of setting up a nature trail in the wood at the back of the small Common. It is quite overgrown, but paths could be made and bird boxes put up. WEG will

consult with the school to see if they would also be interested in supporting this.

A small play area was also discussed on the corner of the large Common on the area of land towards the crossroads with Worrells Lane. Clerk will contact the Commons Officer at South Gloucestershire Council to see if it permitted for play areas to be installed on commons. Cllr Climmer will also raise this in the next Commons Committee meeting which should be held in the next couple of months. The Parish Council is always keen to explore further facilities for the Parish, but would want users of the Common to be in agreement with any suggestions.

Greenfield Centre

Our cleaner has been suffering with Covid and has an operation scheduled in the near future. Also, the Clerk's Assistant is on 2 weeks leave. It was agreed the Clerk will obtain help from a cleaning contractor if required.

The external area outside the Parish Council door is looking overgrown and needs tidying.

There are also a couple of uneven paving slabs. Clerk will ask handyman to attend to these.

16.08/21 – A.O.B.

None

Meeting concluded 8.30 pm

Clerk