

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

6 September 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	(A)
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.

59.09/21 - Apologies – Cllrs Dyer and Watkins.

60.09/21 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act
Cllrs. Jones and Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Councillors.

61.09/21 - To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 August. – Approved.

62.09/21 - To note the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 2 and 16 August - Noted.

63.09/21 - To note the Minutes of the F&GP Meeting of 16 August – Noted.

64.09/21 - Clerk's Report and the monthly accounts up to 31 August.

All items on the Clerk's report were noted. The monthly accounts were approved. Cllr Brain queried the amount for J Roper in respect of tree work at Frenchay. It was confirmed this was in respect of work to clear the area near to the Village Hall where the wall is to be repaired.

Matters Arising

South Gloucestershire Council has cut back the shrubs in Flaxpits Lane alongside the toilets, but only to head height. It appears the cuttings were left in the hedge and also a lot of ivy is growing up the wall of the flats almost up to window height. They have been requested to return.

A further reminder has been sent regarding the erection of the 30mph signs for Bristol Road from Winterbourne.

There was a recent enquiry regarding the status of the land on the corner of Grange

Park in Frenchay, opposite Tuckett Field. South Glos has confirmed this was designated an area of Local Green Space in 2017 which advises, apart from a few exceptions, the construction of new buildings on the site is inappropriate.

The metal detectorist has agreed to pay the Parish Council £200 as the 50% share of the James 1 shilling which was found in Tuckett Field, in order to keep it as part of his collection.

The scheduled meeting with the Trust on the 10th August regarding the land at Frenchay has been put back until 7th September.

Following the advertisement of a vacancy on the Parish Council, an election has been called and there are 5 candidates. This will be held on 23rd September.

Items for discussion

The Jubilee Allotments are holding a get together on Saturday 11th September at the allotments at 11am to discuss how things can work going forward and for other allotments holders to meet up and get together. The Parish Council agreed to provide some refreshments and Cllr Climmer will liaise with the Clerk.

R Climmer
Clerk

One Planet Matters have advised they have some money to plant a community orchard in the Hambrook area and would like the Parish Council to allocate some appropriate land. As previously discussed, there is not currently a suitable location in Hambrook, however the Parish Council would be looking at provision for the Parish as a whole. The NHS has also offered to set up a community orchard on the Frenchay Parklands so it may be that One Planet Matters offers of help will be best directed towards the new allotments that will hopefully be set up in Frenchay.

65.09/21 – Overview from the compliance officer at St Elizabeth's Hall

The compliance officer sent their apologies due to illness.

66.09/21 – Request to plant a memorial tree in Frenchay Parklands

A request has been received for a memorial tree to be planted in the memory of member of the public who spent many years working at Frenchay Hospital. Although the land is still owned by the Trust, this was agreed in principal. Frenchay members will discuss this. It is important that in such cases the right species of tree is planted in the correct location. It was suggested that going forward a protocol should be put in place for requests of memorial trees and benches.

Frenchay
members

67.09/21 – External Audit Report

No issues were raised by the external auditor.

68.09/21 – Items from the Public

None.

69.09/21 – Items from Members

Cllr Brain has been asked by a resident what the laws are on working from home as there has been an issue with untidiness in a front garden from what would appear to be a business running from the residential address. It was advised they should contact

Planning Enforcement and Environmental Health.

Cllr Climmer requested if South Gloucestershire Council could be contacted regarding the road sign for Stone Lane. The sign is placed in such a position that drivers cannot see that the road branches off to the left. Clerk will contact SGC.

Clerk

Cllr Jenkins raised the issue of the uneven pavements by the toilets in Flaxpits Lane. SGC has previously advised this is not their responsibility. Clerk will investigate who should be responsible.

Clerk

It was confirmed the meeting with the Trust should still be taking place tomorrow (7th). Cllr Collins advised the picnic afternoon at Frenchay on the 29th August was a great success. Cllr Liz Brennan attended and she is very keen to promote work around environmental projects in the area and to bring community together.

Plans will shortly be discussed for the no mow areas in Frenchay for next year. Most residents have been supportive of the areas which were not mown this year.

Cllr Labuschagne advised he was interested to see a report about the no mow areas in Frenchay as there is an area in Bradstone Road where this is being considered.

He also noted there did not seem to be many dog bins in this vicinity. Clerk will check the location of bins to see if an extra one is required.

Clerk

Cllr Goodman was concerned at the still high rates of covid in the area and asked if Winterbourne should be doing anything as a Parish. It was noted that rates might increase here more as there is a large university population. SGC work closely with directors of public health and it is down to each individual act responsibly to avoid the spread as much as possible.

Following on from this, it was suggested full council meetings continue to be held in the main hall for the time being.

Cllr Jones advised together with Cllr Labuschagne, they have written to the director of transport at SGC regarding traffic controls on Hambrook Lane. They are keen to ensure traffic speeds are kept low while so much development is taking place and also in the future.

Cllr Amos asked what the position is regarding the possible action to have the Cross hands public house declared an Asset of Community Value. Cllr Bowles confirmed work is in progress on this and an update will be given in due course.

Cllrs Kembery and Bowles thanked the Clerk and Cllr Brain for such a good report from the external auditor.

70.09/21 - AOB

None

Meeting concluded 7.58pm.