

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
1 November 2021**

T Bowles (in the Chair)

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

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

As covid case rates are currently very high, Cllr Bowles reminded everyone to be more mindful of covid restrictions to protect themselves and their colleagues..

83.11/21 - Apologies – Cllrs Kembery, Amos, Goodman and Whatley.

84.11/21 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act  
Cllrs Jones & Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Councillors.

85.11/21 - To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 October 2021 – Approved.

86.11/21 - To note the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 4 and 18 October 2021 - Noted.

87.11/21 - To note the Minutes of the F&GP Meeting of 18 October 2021 – Noted.

88.11/21 - Clerk's Report and the monthly accounts up to 27 October 2021 and to approve any recommendations:

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

Following the changeover of the accounts package to a new system the accounts will be presented in a different format going forward. Any questions regarding this can be forwarded to the Clerk.

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

WSA – £3274.71

Matters Arising

Items for Noting

Councillors have been sent details of the Community Governance Review which SGC has commenced, initially for four areas in South Gloucestershire. This does not affect Winterbourne Parish Council.

SGC are also consulting on their annual budget. Details have been emailed to councillors.

The works at Monks Pool are ongoing and it is now hoped it can reopen by the end of the week ending 5 November. Two quotes have been received for a full tree survey and it was confirmed to ask Phil Dye from Wotton Tree Consultancy who can carry this out on 12 November.

Further emails from the Clerk and Cllr Jones have been sent to SGC to chase the installation of the new 30mph speed limit signs from Winterbourne to Hambrook. This work should have taken place on 18 October but was postponed for a so far unknown reason.

Photos have been sent to SGC to show the work that still needs to be done to the hedge by the public toilets on Flaxpits Lane.

The fencing along the Stream at Hambrook is being repaired and being dealt with by the Environment Agency and we are waiting for a further response. Clerk will remind.

Clerk

#### Items for discussion

The two oak trees for the Queen's Green Canopy Jubilee planting scheme have been ordered. It is recommended that once planted, the Parish Council might wish to appoint a guardian for the trees to keep an eye on them until they are fully established. It was suggested to ask Wotton Tree Consultancy if they have any suggestions of where the trees could be best planted, when they carry out the tree survey next week.

Following discussions regarding the siting of a 'Chatty Bench' in the Parish, the Winterbourne Carnival Committee has now suggested it might be best to put plaques on some existing benches. They are suggesting the one at Damson's Bridge, one at the Duckpond and Whiteshill Common, and possibly a bench in one of the churches. They would like approval from the Parish Council. If agreed, they would like to have a Christmas event to launch the plaques. Clerk will forward a picture of the suggested plaque to Councillors and if there are no objections, Clerk will contact the Carnival Committee to establish what sort of event is planned.

Clerk

It was noted having these signs on some benches could restrict some of them being used potentially as memorial benches.

In the previous Finance meeting a request from the Football Club for a £2,000 contribution towards a new sit on mower was discussed. Further details obtained advise this will be for use by all the clubs. It will be kept in the garage and its main use is not for grass cutting but ground maintenance, light rolling and chaining. Despite several requests, they have not advised the make or model so this will not be progressed until further information is received.

A resident has contacted the office to ask if the Council will be providing any Christmas lights this year. They feel that in comparison to neighbouring areas the village compares poorly in this respect. It was noted that following detailed investigations into prices earlier this year, to provide Christmas lights was considered cost prohibitive.

#### 89.11/21 – Items from the Public

None.

### 90.11/21 – Items from Members

It was confirmed with Cllr Dyer that Monks Pool is still closed to the public until the whole area has been cleared.

The planned meeting with the Hospital Trust tomorrow (9<sup>th</sup>) has been postponed until 23 November.

It was discussed that some organisations which approach Cllrs Jones and Labuschagne for funding could approach the Parish Council instead.

Cllr Dyer advised that in spite of the recent heavy rain, the level of Tuckett Pond is still low. This may need further investigation and will be discussed further in the Finance and General Purposes meeting if necessary.

Meeting concluded 7.40pm.