

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
4 October 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)
S Jenkins	(P)	M Newport	(P)
M Goodman	(P)	N Labuschagne	(A)
P Dyer	(P)	B Serjent	(P)

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

Also in attendance: Venish Bansal, Compliance Officer for St Elizabeth’s Hall. Catherine Sweeney and Charlotte Nickson from Bromford. Two members of the public were also in Attendance.

71.10/21 - Apologies – Cllr Labuschagne

72.10/21 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act
Cllr Jones, South Gloucestershire Councillor.

73.10/21 - To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th September 2021 – Approved.

74.10/21 - To note the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 6th and 20th September 2021 - Noted.

75.10/21 - To note the Minutes of the F&GP Meeting of 20th September 2021 – Noted.

The Chairman agreed to bring item 8 forward to this point in the meeting, for the purposes of the minutes the item will remain in agenda order.

The Chairman welcomed Brian Serjent to the meeting with congratulations on being elected a Parish Councillor.

The Chairman congratulated Cllr Watkins on completing his charity bike ride, cycling from John O’Groats to Lands End.

76.10/21 - Clerk’s Report and the monthly accounts up to 30th September 2021.

All items on the Clerk’s report were noted. The monthly accounts were approved. Cllr Dyer queried the amount to WT & RJ Jones for Slit, tine & aerate playing services (Whiteshill) Cllr Climmer advised that around 90 tonnes of sand was used. Cllr Dyer then agreed this was a fair price.

Matters Arising

Following the recent by election Brian Serjent was duly elected as councillor for the Winterbourne Ward.

The budget for 2022/23 will be discussed shortly so if councillors have any projects they would like to be considered please let the Clerk know over the next few weeks.

SGC has been contacted regarding a further road sign for Stone Lane. They have now confirmed that the path from the car park in Flaxpits Lane to the Post Office is their responsibility and they have been asked to rectify the uneven slabs. Following a query raised in the last meeting regarding dog bins in the Bradstone Road area, the clerk has checked and there are two in the immediate vicinity.

A further meeting has been held with the Trust regarding the handover of land at Frenchay.

They are still working on the issues to be finalised which include the boundary of the land with Frenchay Park House, possible movement of the wall by the black gate and removal of fly tipping from the museum car park.

It has been agreed the Parish Council will take on the land on the perimeter of the site which borders Begbrook Park so as to not hold up the transfer. A meeting is to be held with the Trust and Councillors to identify any possible risk areas here and for a clean-up before the handover.

BAM has offered funding for the renovation of the pond but WPC will still contact Redrow for contribution to the work.

Frenchay Tennis Club has submitted the application to SGC for funding towards toilet facilities.

Items for discussion

There has been discussion as to whether Councillors should have their own email addresses purely for council business. The website provider has advised this can be done through our website and the members area for free. To arrange this through our IT provider it would cost £3 per person per month. Some members advised they would not want to have another email address. It was agreed that new email accounts would not be created and that parishioners are asked to contact the Clerks office.

Following high winds on Sunday night, a great deal of destruction has taken place in Monks Pool. There are a lot of trees and branches down which will take a great deal of work to clear. Clerk advised quotes for repairs are being sought. Clerk advised the kissing gates have been locked and a 'no entry' sign put on the gates.

The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire, through SGC, is offering Town and Parish Councils two English Oak Trees to plant in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative. An application needs to be submitted by the middle of October. Agreed new trees should be located at Monks Pool following this week devastation.

The Grant for Green Community Travel for £583 was approved.

An updated plan for a wild flower meadow on Willow Rank had been circulated to members. It was felt that the original concerns regarding road visibility and shared use for residents had not been fully addressed. Cllr Dyer voiced concerns regarding the uneven ground of the site and to be mindful when agreeing the layout of how the grass

can be cut. Cllr Jenkins questions the choice of some of the plants. Clerk to contact WEG and update. Cllr Kembery suggested WEG contact Cllr Collins as he has been successful in Frenchay organising wild flower meadows.

77.10/21 – Overview from the compliance officer at St Elizabeth’s Hall

Venish Bansal provided an overview of the role of compliance officer at St Elizabeth’s Hall, Hambrook. It was asked how we work together to ensure they remain compliant. Cllr Watkins invited Venish to a Frenchay Village Hall meeting to view their procedures. Cllr Bowles advised Winterbourne Parish Council are not responsible for setting rules around the use of St Elizabeth’s Hall and suggested developing a relationship with South Gloucestershire Council – Cllr Jones. Clerk advised they often receive updates from The West of England Rural Network and would pass on anything deemed relevant.

80.10/21 – Items from the Public

None.

81.10/21 – Items from Members

Cllr Dyer advised of the massive limb that has fallen off the beach tree on Whiteshill Common and has concerns it could be unsafe. Clerk advised Simon Penfold from SGC has been contacted for advice.

Cllr Dyer was pleased to see the stretch of road by the old Crown Inn, Hambrook is being resurfaced.

Cllr Dyer advised the green temporary fencing along The Stream, Hambrook is now actually in the stream. Clerk to contact Streetcare

Cllr Goodman voiced concerns regarding continuing speeding. Cllr Jones advised the new PCSO has started and will be meeting her next week and will also discuss concerns regarding speeding in Cloisters Road.

Cllr Brain suggested trying to keep some of the wood from the fallen trees at Monks Pool for use in potential future children’s playgrounds.

Cllr Brain advised the road signs on Winterbourne Hill have only been installed one way and the old signs are covered in vegetation. Clerk to report to Streetcare.

Cllr Serjent advised dangerous foliage growth on Mill Road, Church Road and Damson Bridge. Clerk to report to Streetcare.

Cllr Whatley advised concerns from some Frenchay residents over the car park near the museum becoming used for illicit activity. It is hoped that the parish council will shortly take over the management of the car park can install CCTV, better lighting and keeping the bushes trimmed.

Cllr Collins advised he will be meeting South Gloucestershire Councillor Liz Brennan to discuss how the success of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme could be duplicated across South Gloucestershire.

Cllr Amos asked for an update on advertising in local publications as feels we need to promote the Parish Council and all the positive things they do. Clerk advised this is ongoing but in the meantime a newsletter will be sent out. Catherine Sweeney from Bromford advised they can assist with sharing items on social media.

Cllr Dyer voiced concerns regarding laurel bushes that have been planted outside the new houses which were the old Crown pub. It is felt laurels are a bad choice as will grow rapidly and spill over to the pavement and possibly effect road visibility. Cllr Jones will report to South Gloucestershire Council.

82.10/21 - AOB

None

Meeting concluded 8.13pm.

Clerk

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Cllr Jones

