

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

15 November 2021

T Bowles (in the Chair)

T Bowles	(P)	J Brain	(P)
D Marriott	(P)	P Kembery	(A)
R Climmer	(P)	C Watkins	(P)
N Labuschagne	(P)	B Serjent	(P)

Actions

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Kembery.

Also in attendance: Cllrs Dyer and Jones..

Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011: Cllrs Labuschagne and Jones, SGC Councillors. Cllr Brain, president of Winterbourne Cricket Club.

25.11/21 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18 October 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

The Clerk and Cllr Brain met a contractor from Landwell Ltd to discuss options for desilting the pond. He is preparing several quotes to take into account the different ways this could be carried out.

A survey has been carried out at Monks Pool and some work identified to be carried out. The area can now be reopened. The surveyor also checked the large Beech tree on Hambrook Common where a limb recently came off. He has advised a couple of top branches need to be cut back.

Positive feedback has been received from several residents regarding the latest newsletter and it would appear much more efficient for it to be distributed with the Frome Valley Voice, and also thanks to Cllr Collins for arranging the distribution to Frenchay residents with the Resident’s Association newsletter.

A reminder has been sent regarding the lane by Frenchay School. The verges on Cleeve Road and required line painting by the Village Hall have been reported to SGC.

GCB has contacted to find out necessary specification required for a cricket provision at Frenchay. This follows interest expressed by Frenchay Cricket Club.

The contractor dealing with the rebuild of the wall at the back of the Small Common at Hambrook has been contacted to check if they have completed the work.

I am still chasing M Lockett for a start date to the wall at Frenchay and the contractor for the removal of the tree stumps.

Items for discussion

There has been much correspondence regarding the issue of overgrown vegetation along Worrells Lane and Mill Road. Cllr Jones has been in contact with SGC who has advised the issue on Mill Road lies with the landowner. SGC has now advised that work will be carried out to cut back the growth in the winter, and they will also try to resolve the issue of the walls with the landowner as they are in a state of bad repair.

It was also advised the 30mph signs for the Bristol Road to Hambrook will be installed week commencing 29 November.

The bus shelter on Mill Road needs tidying and the vegetation cut back. Clerk will instruct handyman.

Clerk

Our handyman is of the view the trio of benches on Frenchay Common cannot be repaired as they are, as he is unable to obtain a new matching leg to replace the broken one. However, Cllr Watkins knows of someone who may be able to make a copy of the leg so this will be investigated.

In the Allotment AGM it was suggested investigations could be made into a compostable toilet for the allotments. It would appear that costs for the toilet and installation could be up to around £10,000. Further investigation is to be done into costings and also consultation with allotment holders as to whether they definitely would like to proceed with this idea.

Clerk

Cllrs Bowles, Climmer and Brain have had a meeting at the Recreation field to discuss plans for the pavilion. A suitably qualified/ experienced football club supporter is going to set out what he feels are the realistic options for updating and expanding the pavilion. Initially plans will be done using the existing footprint, but adding a second storey. Once completed they can be assessed to determine the best way forward.

They also felt the strip of land earmarked for the table tennis table could maybe be put to better use, so further discussions are being held to determine what would best suit the changing demographic of the area.

26.11/21 – Grant Applications

The following grants were recommended:

St Michael's Churchyard - £1103

Salem Methodist Church - £325

27.11/21 - Reports from Task Groups:

Frenchay

Cllr Watkins has inspected Tuckett Field and identified the areas where the brambles need to be cut back. It was resolved that Clerk will ask the tenant if he can do this and if he is not able to quotes will be obtained for the Parish Council to carry out the work. Any work needs to be completed by the end of February at the latest due to the nesting season.

Clerk

It was noted that plans are being developed for the allotments in Tuckett Field together with the possibility of a community growing area and an orchard.

The level of the water in the Tuckett Pond appears to have dropped further and there is concern that the fallen branch that is in the water has punctured the lining. It is hoped that when the branch is removed it can be determined if this is the case.

Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

At a recent board meeting of Winterbourne Medieval Barn, their chair advised they would like to invite the Parish Council to have a look around now the renovations are complete. Invites will be sent out in due course.

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down, Hambrook and Whiteshill

SGC has queried the ownership of the stone bus shelter on the Bristol Road. It was rebuilt by them in 2012, but there has been a question over the ownership as no records can be found. It was resolved that the Parish Council will take ownership as otherwise it will be an added cost to our Special Expenses.

Concern was raised at the trees overhanging the road on Damson's bridge. The local councillor will try to speak to the householder who is the owner of the trees.

The railings have still not been replaced by the Stream in Hambrook and the Clerk will chase.

Greenfield Centre

The annual risk assessment of the Greenfield Centre has been carried out.

Major items in need of attention are the 2 large cupboards in the Hall which need repainting, the Hall floor needs to be resanded and the kitchens are very outdated and in need of refurbishment. A further inspection is to be done of the kitchens to ascertain exact requirements.

28.11/21 – A.O.B.

None.

Meeting concluded 8.15 pm

Clerk