



# Winterbourne

## PARISH COUNCIL

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6 December 2021

T Bowles (in the Chair)

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

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

91.12/21 - Apologies – Cllrs Kembery, Amos and Marriott.

92.12/21 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act  
Cllrs Jones & Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Councillors.

93.12/21 - To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 November 2021 – Approved.

94.12/21 - To note the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 1 and 15 November 2021 - Noted.

95.12/21 - To note the Minutes of the F&GP Meeting of 15 November 2021 – Noted.

The Chairman agreed to bring item 9, Items from the Public, forward to this point in the meeting, but for the purposes of the minutes the item is in agenda order.

96.12/21 - Clerk's Report and the monthly accounts up to 30 November 2021, 6 monthly accounts April to September and to approve any recommendations:

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

Points raised were that the cost of clearing the trees at Monk's Pool was less than first anticipated and it was confirmed that the strimming of the wild flower meadows will be done annually.

The following grants were approved:

St Michael's Churchyard – £1103

Salem Methodist Church - £325

## Matters Arising

### Items for Noting

The fencing along the Stream at Hambrook has been repaired and SGC are looking to schedule in the fitting shortly.

SGC has advised the hedge by the toilets in Flaxpits lane will be cut when they are in the area carrying out winter maintenance works.

A further meeting was held with the Trust last week regarding the land at Frenchay. The PC is trying to arrange a meeting with Redrow and also with Cameron Developments to discuss the approach to the new school and its surroundings.

An email has been sent to all councillors with suggested dates of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> pm for a visit to the Barn. All councillors were reminded to respond. It was also noted to extend the invitation to previous councillors.

Clerk

The responses received regarding the Winterbourne Carnival Committee putting plaques on benches was mostly supportive and I am waiting for an update as to what sort of event is planned to launch the plaques.

### Items for discussion

This year the Annual Parish Meeting did not take place due to Covid restrictions. It was agreed this will be scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> next year.

The two oak trees for the Queen's Green Canopy should arrive some time from December onwards. It was agreed the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Dyer when they arrive.

Clerk

### 97.12/21- Request to hold a Carol Service on Frenchay Common

Frenchay members requested permission for an outdoor carol service to be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> on the Common opposite the Church. This was agreed subject to sensible covid restrictions being put in place.

### 98.12/21 – Items from the Public

Two residents Laura Fogg-Rogers and Jamie Lee attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of new leisure facilities in Winterbourne.

They have conducted a survey via Facebook regarding parks and leisure facilities in the area and they shared the results with the Councillors.

Councillors advised that the Parish Council have already been looking at ideas for an area at the Recreation Ground and possibly on Whiteshill Common. It is important that whatever is installed is appropriate for the area and that proper consultation is held with neighbours and other stakeholders. The Parish Council owns a limited amount of land and have been looking for many years to find additional land for use for a wide range of leisure facilities.

Several Councillors, including our SGC Councillors, have been investigating if there are any other pieces of land in the Parish, currently in third party ownership, which we could acquire for the purpose of leisure facilities.

It was clarified that the new play area in Frenchay was financed by S106 contributions from the housing developments on the old hospital site. Similarly, further facilities will be provided within the East of Harry Stoke development.

LFR and JL queried the amount of reserves that are held by the Parish Council and if

they could be used to fund new facilities. Councillors clarified any potential misunderstanding about the Council's reserves and explained that reserves need to be built up over several years to fund major projects and to mitigate financial risks to Parishioners for the management and upkeep of the Council's assets. It was agreed to forward details of earmarked reserves to LFR.

In conclusion the Parish Council will continue with the work they have commenced in looking at providing new facilities and consult with residents in due course.

#### 99.12/21 – Items from Members

Cllr Serjent confirmed he has ascertained the land adjacent to Damson's Bridge where the overgrown trees overhang the bridge, belongs to Wessex Water. Clerk will contact them.

Clerk

Cllr Brain asked if the silt report from the pond had been shared with Cllr Dyer who might be willing to take the silt from the pond, if it is desilted, to go on his land. Clerk will share the report that was done a couple of years ago.

Clerk

Cllr Dyer advised now that Hambrook Lane is now effectively a dead end, the amount of fly tipping has increased considerably. Cllr Jones confirmed it is very important to report any issues to SGC as they will clear it very quickly. SGC has a very good record of prosecuting fly tippers. Clerk will contact SGC to see if there are any possible preventative measures to deter fly tipping here, which could be put in place until the new road layout is opened up.

Clerk

A large branch has come down from a Horse Chestnut tree on Hambrook Common. This has been cleared off the road and Frome Valley will take a look and see what action needs to be taken when they carry out the required works to the Beech tree on the Common.

The branch which had fallen into Tuckett Pond has now been removed. The water level remains low and is still being monitored.

A large oak tree at the back of the pond has fallen into a neighbouring field and this should be removed on Friday. There will be some slight damage to the fence to be repaired.

Cllr Watkins advised the white lines by Frenchay Village Hall have still not been correctly repainted. Clerk to advise SGC.

Clerk

There is still a lot of debris/fallen leaves at the sides of the road on Begbrook Park and Cleewood Road which Clerk will also report.

Clerk

Cllr Watkins suggested the Conservation Areas in the Parish could be put onto the website which was agreed. Clerk to action.

Cllr Collins has been working on the proposed allotment project at Tuckett Field. He has been researching the idea with One Plane Matters and a couple of SGC officers. It is likely there could be a lot of support from local groups. The idea is to have traditional allotments along with a community growing area incorporating disabled access.

His preliminary plans have been circulated to all members. He is attending a further meeting next week and Cllrs Bowles and Kembery are keen to be involved.

The plans include making Frenchay Village Hall a hub for the allotments and it will therefore be important to involve all stakeholders of the Hall, to include the Parish Council and the Church.

Cllrs Kembery and Bowles conveyed best wishes to everyone and their families for a Happy Christmas and thanked everyone for all their hard work during the year.

Meeting concluded 8.15pm.