



FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

20 December 2021

T Bowles (in the Chair)

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

Actions

Evacuation procedure: Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the car park –
Noted

Apologies for absence: Cllr Labuschagne.

Also in attendance: Cllrs Dyer and Amos.

Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011: Cllr Marriott in respect of the item in the Clerk's report regarding St Michael's Rooms.

29.12/21 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15 November 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

Further to the question of installing a toilet at the allotments further consultation is being done with the allotment holders to see if this is something there is a big demand for.

Cllrs Bowles, Marriott and the Clerk have inspected the kitchens in the Greenfield Centre with a view to carrying out some refurbishment. Hall users have been contacted to assess how much the kitchens are used and Clerk will update with their comments at the next meeting.

Our handyman has cleared the vegetation in the bus shelter on Mill Road and also swept all the other shelters.

The contractor who dealt with the rebuild of the wall at the back of the Small Common at Hambrook has advised the work has been completed. He advised the underlying ground across the common area around the wall is lots of loose stone from the old quarry. This is normally covered by leaf mulch, ground weeds, plants, and extensive brambles. In the next 6 months, they expect the weeds, plants, and undergrowth to recover and works should not be visible. However, if we feel it is still a problem he would be happy to have a site visit.

SGC has been contacted to advise the lines painted on the junction of Frenchay Village Hall are not sufficient and a site visit has been suggested.

The farmer has been contacted regarding the cutting of the brambles in Tuckett Field.

Items for discussion

Two invoices from last year remain outstanding despite many attempts to obtain the money. It was resolved to write off the total amount of £137.50.

Following the annual inspection in Winterbourne it's noted the bench on Flaxpits Lane by the shops is in a bad state of repair and needs replacing. Cllrs were provided with a couple of examples of seats and decided on a steel one which should last for a considerable time. Clerk will order and arrange for installation. A suggestion was made a plaque could be added at a later date to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Clerk

Elm Park Primary school has asked if the Parish Council would have a couple of projects the children in key stage 2 could carry out in January. This could something along the lines of litter picking as they are working towards a project of 'How to look after our world for future generations'. It was agreed that the Parish Council are always keen to engage with local schools and Clerk will check with the school how any such activities would be supervised. Litter picking in enclosed areas such as the recreation Ground or Newleaze were suggested.

Clerk

The Parish Council previously promised an amount of £5000 towards the refurbishment of St Michael's Rooms. They have asked if we can now forward the funds. The project hasn't commenced yet but they would like as much of the promised money now to boost their funds before they apply for further funding. It was resolved that members do not want to forward the funds until the work has taken place but are happy to provide a letter of comfort confirming the sum to be given.

Clerk

Landwell Ltd has advised to desilt the pond the only viable option is to empty the pond and if we wish to do this they will give a quote. Members would like to explore any other possible options to get the desilting done without completely emptying the pond. Clerk will investigate.

Clerk

30.12/21 – Grant Applications

The following grant was recommended:

Hambrook Sports Association - £4,188.28

It was resolved to increase the amount to £4268.88 to allow for 50% contribution for the general ground maintenance. Item v on the grant request.

31.12/21 – Annual Budget and Precept for 2022/23

The budget was discussed. A couple of items were highlighted. Staff costs have been increased to take into account the national increase for this year and next. This year's rise is still under discussion. Also staff appraisals are going to be carried out in the New Year to review staff contracts. The grass cutting figure has increased significantly to take into account the extra costs of maintaining the areas at Frenchay once the Parish Council take ownership of the land on the old hospital site. It was noted the number of homes in the Parish has increased by 2.4% this year. A further meeting of the budget committee will be held in the New Year to discuss the earmarked reserves, to take into account projects which are currently being planned. There is also CIL money available which can be allocated for projects within the next 5 years.

The committee agreed the budget and that the precept for the 2022/23 should not be raised. To be ratified in the next full council meeting.

32.12/21 - Reports from Task Groups:

Frenchay

The water level in the Tuckett Pond remains low and Cllr Kembery will continue to monitor it. The tree which was in the pond has been removed and at the moment it appears it has not caused damage to the liner. The tree which had fallen into the neighbouring farmers field has also been removed, but the trunk cannot be taken away until the ground is drier. There is some walling there which will also need to be repaired.

A date has still not been received from the contractor for the commencement of repairs to Frenchay Village Hall wall. Clerk/Cllr Watkins will chase.

No action has still not been taken over the path by Frenchay Primary School. Clerk will contact the SGC Councillors for Frenchay to see if they can chase this up.

Also to be chased is the issue of the debris at the sides of Cleevewood Road and Begbrook Park, and the current usage of the Holiday Inn in Filton which appears to be housing refugees. Clerk to also contact the local beat officer regarding the Holiday Inn.

Work has started on the wall by Cedar Hall on the commencement of the new walkway to school. This will improve the connectivity of the whole village.

Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

It was noted at some point the fencing around the allotments will need updating.

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down, Hambrook and Whiteshill

The fallen branch on Hambrook Common has been removed. Clerk will try to get clarity on who actually owns logs and wood that is on the commons.

It was advised the railings by the Stream in Hambrook have been replaced but repositioned incorrectly. Clerk will contact SGC.

The field in Hambrook close to the traffic lights still appears to be being used for football and a shipping container has now been sited there. Clerk will contact SGC Enforcement regarding the change of use.

SGC has given a revised date for the installation of the new 30mph signs from Winterbourne to Hambrook. This is now planned to be carried out on January 10th.

Greenfield Centre

Nothing to report.

33.12/21 – A.O.B.

None.

Meeting concluded 8.30 pm

Clerk

C Watkins

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