



**FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

24 January 2022

T Bowles (in the Chair)

T Bowles (P)  
D Marriott (A)  
R Climmer (A)  
N Labuschagne (P)

J Brain (P)  
P Kembery (A)  
C Watkins (P)  
B Serjent (P)

Actions

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

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Marriott, Climmer and Kembery.

Also in attendance: Cllrs Dyer, Amos, Goodman and Jones.

Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011: Cllrs Labuschagne and Jones (non-committee member) as South Gloucestershire Councillors.

34.01/22 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20 December 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 new bench has been ordered for Flaxpits Lane as agreed at the last F&GP meeting.

The children at Elm Park school carried out a litter picking session at the Recreation Ground as part of a school project.

The farmer has confirmed he will cut back the brambles in Tuckett Field and the areas of concern have been emailed to him.

Further investigations are being made into whether we can desilt the pond without moving the fish. I am waiting for updates.

A further FIT payment of £355.41 has been received in respect of the solar panels.

A couple of quotes have been received for some play equipment on the recreation ground and I am currently waiting for third. (Quotes received so far sent to councillors).

Cllrs Marriott, Newport and the Clerk had a further meeting with SGC regarding the rebuild of Elm Park School. They confirmed how the site will be accessed while the build is taking place and it should start sometime before the Summer.

A further reminder has been sent regarding the debris at the sides of Begbrook Park and Cleevewood Road and the path by Frenchay School. The beat officer in Frenchay has been contacted regarding the Holiday Inn.

### South Gloucestershire Council

They have advised the missing white lines by Frenchay Village Hall will be installed at the next available opportunity.

The 30mph signs have been fitted from Winterbourne through to Hambrook and the cutting of overgrown vegetation on the bend of Winterbourne Hill should also have been carried out.

Mill Road is due to be closed 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February to allow work on the narrow parts of the road.

SGC had a meeting with the resident of the Stream who has been affected by replacement of the railings. It has been concluded to their satisfaction that the railings have been put back as they were previously. No further action required.

A reminder has been sent regarding the wall on Pearce's Hill which needs repairing.

### Items for discussion

In response to how well the kitchens are used at the Greenfield Centre, regular users have responded to advise they very much appreciate the facilities and make good use of them. They are also used by ad hoc hirers for parties. A comment was made that it would be useful to have a microwave in Room1 as well as the one in the main hall kitchen. Cllrs Bowles, Marriott and the Clerk will look further into what work needs to be done and report back to the Committee.

Clerk  
T Bowles  
D Marriott

The contractor has confirmed he is hoping to commence work to repair the wall by Frenchay Village Hall around the end of April/beginning of May. He would like a meeting beforehand to discuss details and payment plan again. Cllrs Watkins, Bowles and Kembery and the Clerk will meet to discuss this. Once a set date is received, our contractor needs to remove the tree stumps to allow for the wall work to be done.

Clerk  
C Watkins  
T Bowles  
P Kembery

SGC has a new street enforcement team in place. This is being run for 12 months to see how effective they are. They can issue fixed penalty fines on the spot for issues such as dog fouling, littering and discarding cigarette butts. They will operate on SGC land but can operate on land we own if we give them permission. The Committee agreed to recommend to Full Council that permission is granted for all areas in Winterbourne and Frenchay owned by the Parish Council.

Some suggestions have been given to SGC for road names on the new building at Harry Stoke. These were the 3 main landowners of the area and they are also considering the field names of Gilby, Cains and Gorrige. A further suggestion is to use names from the Hambrook War Memorial. This will be proposed to SGC.

Clerk

### 35.01/22 – Grant Applications

The following grant was recommended:

Paul's Place - £140

### 36.01/22 – Reports from Task Groups:

#### Frenchay

The water level in the Tuckett Pond remains low despite the dry weather.

The GCB (Gloucester Cricket Board) are to be reminded again regarding specifications required for a cricket pitch in respect of the area at Frenchay.

Cllr Labuschagne confirmed the Holiday Inn is being used to house asylum seekers.

Clerk

Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

A suggestion was made to donate cakes to various organisations in the Parish, such as care homes, schools and churches for the Platinum Jubilee, the same as was carried out for the Diamond Jubilee. This is to be recommended to Full Council and Clerk will investigate details from 2012.

Clerk

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down, Hambrook and Whiteshill

The overgrown vegetation from Damson's House which is hanging over the bridge has still not been cut back. Clerk will write to the homeowner.

Clerk

Greenfield Centre

The Greenfield Club has reported issues of water getting into the building when it's raining. Clerk will arrange for investigations to be carried out by a builder.

Users of the Greenfield Centre have queried if it would be possible for the lock on the external doors by the Council Room to be changed. This would be to enable the door to be opened from the inside, but not from the outside so stopping anyone from entering who shouldn't be in the building. Clerk will investigate costs.

Clerk

The oak trees being sent in connection with the Queen's Green Canopy should be delivered on the 25<sup>th</sup> January. Cllr Dyer will collect. As previously agreed they are to be planted at Monks Pool.

Meeting concluded 7.45pm