



Winterbourne

PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10 January 2022

P Kembery (in the Chair)

T C Bowles	(P)	P Kembery	(P)
J Brain	(A)	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	(A)	N Labuschagne	(P)
P Dyer	(P)	B Serjent	(P)

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

Also in attendance 4 members of the public.

100.01/22 - Apologies – Cllrs Brain and Goodman.

101.01/22 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act
Cllrs Jones & Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Councillors.

102.01/22 - To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 December 2021 – Approved.

103.01/22 - To note the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 6 and 20 December 2021 - Noted.

104.01/22 - To note the Minutes of the F&GP Meeting of 20 December 2021 – Noted.

The Chairman agreed to bring item 11, Items from the Public, forward to this point in the meeting, but for the purposes of the minutes the item is in agenda order.

105.01/22 - Clerk's Report and the monthly accounts up to 30 December 2021.
All items on the Clerk's report were noted and accounts approved.

The following grant was approved in accordance with Section 137 of the Government Act of 1972:

Hambrook Sports Association: £4268.88.

Matters Arising

Items for Noting

Clerk is in correspondence with Streetcare regarding the refitting of the railings by The Stream which appears to have been done incorrectly. Clerk will arrange a site meeting between SGC and the resident who is affected by this.

Clerk

Cameron Developments have agreed to a meeting with the Council to discuss the approach to the new school and its surroundings which Clerk is arranging. There has been no response from Redrow as yet regarding meeting with them.

The barn visit has been agreed for 18th January pm. Councillors are asked to let the Clerk know if you will be attending as the barn would like an idea of numbers.

Details of the Conservation Areas in the Parish have been added to the web site. Councillors are asked to let the Clerk know if anyone feels there is other information which would be useful to have on the site.

SGC has been contacted to highlight the ongoing problems in Hambrook Lane and have also been reminded regarding issues previously raised about the white lines by Frenchay Village Hall.

Ex councillor Carol Thorne has provided an update on the book exchange in the old phone box at the top of Frenchay Hill which has been circulated to councillors. Clerk will arrange for our handyman to repaint as necessary when the weather is good enough.

Items for discussion

SGC has asked if the Parish Council would like to suggest some road names for part of the new development at Harry Stoke which lies in our Parish. They have advised ideally it would be useful if a certain theme could be decided on. Initially, they are looking for suggestions for about 5 roads, but in due course there will be a lot more. The idea was proposed that maybe the names of the 3 landowners and their ancestors could be used. Members were asked to send any other ideas to the Clerk.

Clerk

The Greenfield Club has advised it is not willing to sign the Security of Tenure for the lease. A letter of comfort was sent to them a year ago to which they have just responded. Clerk is waiting for an update from the solicitors. Once an update is received this will be discussed further.

A Winterbourne resident has asked if the issue of road safety on Winterbourne Hill can be discussed. He doesn't feel the speed limit being lowered to 30mph will make a great deal of difference and has asked if there could be additional measures such as solar powered speed warning signs for traffic going down the hill. Also the current chevron signs are often overgrown. Cllr Jones has forwarded this to the appropriate officer at SGC for consideration.

T Jones

An observation has been made by a resident that it is difficult to access the defibrillator at the Greenfield Centre when the main gates are closed. It was agreed to leave the side gate open as a trial. The Circuit, who administer the defibrillator locations, has been advised access to the defibrillator when the main gates are closed, is via the small gate opposite the shops.

Clerk

106.01/22- To approve the budget and precept for 2022/23

Following detailed discussion in the last F&GP meeting this was recommended to Full Council for approval.

Due to the Council's careful management of funds and efficient management members were all happy to agree there would be no increase in the Parish Council budget for the year 2022/23 and approved the breakdown of the current earmarked reserves..

Proposed by Cllr Watkins to accept the budget and precept.

Seconded by Cllr Collins.

All other members were in favour.

107.01/22 – Permission requested for outdoor fitness class

A request was made to the Parish Council for an outdoor fitness class to be held either at the Recreation ground or Frenchay Common.

It was resolved that while the Parish Council were in agreement to classes being held on our assets during lockdown, now halls and community centres are open again it is not felt appropriate for instructors to charge clients and run a business on Council owned land. Members felt this is consistent with previous recent decisions for similar commercial applications.

Clerk

108.01/22 – Permission for filming at Monks Pool

A request has been made to the Parish Council for Monks Pool to be used for filming. It was resolved to agree to this on condition of all correct liability cover being in place and for the area to be left as it's found. A fee comparable to what has previously been charged on similar occasions will be requested.

Clerk

109.01/22 - Items from the Public

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

When will the Council will report back on findings regarding the play area/leisure facilities?

It was confirmed options are being explored currently and site visits are being held with equipment providers. It was agreed to give regular updates on the progress.

How was the decision made to fund the pavilion as the best option for leisure choice in Winterbourne?

It was advised the pavilion which is owned by the Council is approximately 60 years old and the last refurbishment was carried out approximately 25 years ago. The pavilion no longer meets the needs for the local clubs that use the facility. The pavilion is an important asset for all the community and more than 100 juniors can attend on Friday evenings. Money has been put aside into the reserves as the council has been aware that work will need to be done.

No formal decision has been taken yet as investigations into potential costs are being made before it is definite decision is made on how to proceed.

What is being done by the Council regarding the following concerns in the Parish regarding health and safety.

The following issues affect this important through-fare that is the main access to Hambrook School, and further afield in and around Winterbourne Down village

1. Worrells Lane. Overgrown vegetation on the pavements.

The Chair reaffirmed the care and upkeep of the pavements are the responsibility of South Gloucestershire Council and adjoining walls are the responsibility of the relevant landowners. The Chair reminded everyone that it is the responsibility of SGC and that

the Parish Council has entered into many conversations with them in order to get this cleared. The member of the public would like it recorded that if someone gets injured (which they already have but fortunately not seriously) they can take appropriate legal recourse.

It is to the benefit of the whole community to keep paths and footways cleared.

2. Mill Steps vegetation clearance and maintenance of the steps/route.

As above this is an area which the Parish can request SGC to clear and have done so.

3. Mill Road where the dry stone walls have collapsed adjacent to footway. The footway has been entirely covered in leaves meaning people are walking on the road.

Cllr Jones has pushed through an investigation to be made into a scheme for road safety along Mill Road and Worrells Lane which should be reviewed this year.

Some planned maintenance has had to be postponed by SGC due to many absences caused by covid.

4. Volume of HGVs using Harcombe Hill despite a 10t weight limit on the structure on Hicks Common Road. Who is policing this? What is being done?

The Chair confirmed that enforcement of weight limit is now the responsibility of Trading Standards and Highways England. SGC has also been requested to change the positioning of the signs to make them more obvious.

5. Speed issue on Harcombe Hill in both directions.

The Chair confirmed breaking speed limits and other traffic offences is a matter for the police and that the Clerk and Councillors regularly liaise with the Local Neighbourhood Beat Team when residents raise concerns. The Parish Council does have a Community Speedwatch team which can be a good deterrent and would welcome more volunteers to be trained and to join the team..

6. Parking issues outside Hambrook School - Parking on double yellow lines. Parking on and blocking pavements. Parking on the tactile papers at the crossing of Worrells Lane.

This is a longstanding problem and many meetings have taken place with police/SGC Officers and Councillors also trying to engage with the school.

Our SGC councillors are looking for funding to provide some special child shaped bollards which have been shown to help with unauthorised parking around schools.

Health and Safety is really important for this thorough-fare that is the main access to Hambrook School, and further afield in and around Winterbourne Down village.

Our SGC councillors are continuing to pursue these issues and updates will be made when available.

109.01/22 – Items from Members

Cllr Watkins gave an update on the planned refurbishments of Frenchay Village Hall of which the Parish Council is a custodian trustee. These are being carried out following the receipt of a substantial amount of Section 106 monies from the Redrow development. It is hoped to future proof the Hall for at least the next 25 years.

Improvements include better disabled access, storage and the possibility of an internet café upstairs. It has also been recommended that improved insulation is required and possibly solar panels.

Plans were shared at the meeting. It was advised approval will be needed from the conservation officer.

Cllr Marriott raised an item regarding potential plans for the Platinum Jubilee. It was

agreed for this to be discussed in detail at the next F&GP meeting.

Cllr Jenkins advised there is a scheme called Yellow Fish whereby a stencil of a yellow fish is sprayed by drains to highlight that anything put down a public drain goes directly into the river/sea system. Members were happy to learn more about the scheme and then consider if it would be appropriate to implement in the Parish.

Cllr Whatley advised the planning application for Frenchay Museum had appeared on the Circulated Schedule but he is working with Cllr Burton to get it removed if possible as it is hoped a previously requested meeting with SGC officers will now be able to take place.

Cllr Watkins advised residents are still looking for answers regarding residents in the Holiday Inn. Clerk has contacted Cllr Burton with no response and will contact the local police.

Cllr Collins confirmed a grant of £99,000 has been received from Section 106 monies to build toilets and changing rooms at Frenchay Tennis Club which will greatly enhance the facility for residents. The Chairman expressed his thanks for all the hard work done to obtain the monies.

Meeting concluded 8.33pm.