



# Winterbourne PARISH COUNCIL

## FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

18 July 2022

T Bowles (in the Chair)

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

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

19.07/22 – Apologies for absence – Cllrs Marriott, Labuschagne, Kembery and Watkins.

In their absence, Cllrs Labuschagne and Watkins nominated Cllrs Dyer and Collins respectively to the committee.

Also in attendance 3 members of the public, Cllrs Whatley and Jenkins.

20.07/22 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011:  
None.

21.07/22 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20 June 2022 and the Clerk's Report

The minutes were approved.

All the items on the Clerk's report were noted.

### Matters Arising

Following a query in the last meeting, our insurance company has confirmed councillors would be covered under both the Employers and Public Liability sections of the policy, whilst carrying out duties for the Parish Council. Employees are covered under the Employers Liability.

It has been confirmed to the metal detectorist that he can work on the triangular green at the top of Frenchay Hill and the small common off of Church Road.

A contractor has been identified to look at Tuckett Field to see if he can identify the reason for the lack of water and should be making a site visit shortly.

The installation of the cycle hoops at Frenchay by the White Lion has been delayed due to a parked car which hasn't moved for some time. There are still 2 more hoops allocated to Frenchay and 5 to be sited in Winterbourne. Can councillors give some thought to where these are to go.

Clerk is still chasing for a second quote for the refurbishments of the kitchens in

Members

Clerk

the Greenfield Centre.

Cllrs Marriott and Newport attended a meeting at Elm Park School regarding the new building. The headteacher would like to attend the full Council meeting in September to give councillors an overview and update of the scheduled works.

Using data from Energy Saving Trust, South Glos has identified 8 priority locations for public charging points in residential streets and car parks. They are asking residents in the areas identified to take part in the online survey and the results of the survey will help ensure suitability of these locations ahead of implementation later this year. All locations will be funded using their recently awarded grant from the On-Street Residential Charge Point Scheme funded by the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV). Two of the potential locations are in our Parish, and there is an online survey which can be completed.

The consultation is at

<https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/EVchargers/consultationHome>.

The survey closes on Thursday 21st July 2022.

If we would like to suggest more locations for electric vehicle charging points there is more information on [www.travelwest.info/electric-vehicles/charging-points](http://www.travelwest.info/electric-vehicles/charging-points)

#### 22.07/22 – Grant Request

All Saints Church Hall - £3,000

Concern was raised as the application does not refer exactly to what the funds are to be used for. Resolved that Clerk will contact All Saints Church Hall for clarification.

Clerk

#### 23.07/22 – Members of the Committee to discuss the future of Tuckett Field

In the Council meeting of 6 June it was resolved to discuss the future of the field at future Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings.

The field was given to the Parish Council by the Tuckett family to be kept for the recreation and benefit of the residents of Frenchay. The Parish Council now want to discuss the best way forward for the future management of the field.

The Chair of the Council has spoken to the current tenant. He has previously also used the adjoining National Trust field. However, they have now placed a limit on the number of cattle who can graze there which has made it less worthwhile for him to use solely Tuckett Field. Although there has been some dissatisfaction with our tenant not honouring his verbal agreement to carry out maintenance, he has not broken the terms of his written agreement.

Members were asked if they wished the field to remain for grazing. Resolved that all agreed they did not think this was the best option for the future.

Clerk will contact the current tenant to advise the Parish Council will not be giving him the option to renew his grazing tenancy next year.

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The Parish Council are currently putting together a Local Nature Action Plan (LNAP). It is an opportunity to use the evolution of Tuckett Field as a launch for the LNAP where we could also work with other local organisations and neighbouring landowners. It was agreed that the existing LNAP working group would work towards finding the best way forward and then report back to this committee.

The field is held in a charitable trust, the sole trustee being Cllr Richard Climmer. The Council will look to add further trustees. Cllr Collins will investigate.

A Collins

It was agreed there will need to be an open and non-predetermining consultation through the Parish Council to agree the future of the field. It will need to take into account that the field was left for the benefit of the residents of Frenchay.

#### 24.07/22 - To consider the purchase of new chairs for the Greenfield Centre Hall


There was a new style chair available in the meeting for councillors to try and see if it would be suitable. Overall, members were not impressed with the chair so

Clerk will make further investigations.	Clerk
<u>25.07/22 - To consider quotes for the professional valuation of the Greenfield Centre and Pavilions</u> Clerk is waiting for a second quote. It was decided to delegate the final decision of which supplier to use to the Clerk and Cllr Bowles, Kembery and Brain.	Clerk
<u>26.07/22 - To consider the 12 month fixed term deposit maturing with Bath Building Society</u> Resolved to keep the funds with Bath Building Society and put into a fixed 6 month fixed term deposit account. It is possible some of the funds could be needed for our ongoing projects this year. Also it is likely interest rates will rise and a better fixed term rate can be found in after 6 months.	Clerk
<u>27.07/22 - Reports from Members:</u>	
<u>Frenchay</u> South Gloucestershire Council has advised the litter bin by the BBQ area on the Common is needing to be emptied about 3 times a week. It was Resolved to replace the single bin with a double one and the single bin can be relocated. Frenchay members will agree a suitable site for it. It was noted that the recent Frenchay Flower Show was a great success and thanks were extended to Cllrs Dyer and Bowles for their help on the day.	Frenchay members
<u>Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments</u> Cllr Brain advised we should be receiving draft plans for the cricket pavilion in the next week. Alternative methods of heating the water are also being investigated. The aerator in the pond appears to have moved position and also keeps tripping out. Clerk and Cllr Climmer will investigate. The gate at the allotments has been fixed and is now closing properly. A contractor has been to look at the fencing to assess what needs to be replaced. The working party for the new play facilities has decided on a final design. This is to be sent to F&GP members with a view to it being agreed in the next council meeting. Cllrs Bowles, Brain and Climmer met with the tennis club to discuss new floodlights and courts. They have been advised to liaise with the LTA to ascertain what grant funding would be available.	Clerk R Climmer
<u>The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and Hambrook</u> It was noted there is ragwort growing in the wildflower area on the Small Common. This needs to be removed as soon as possible. Clerk will contact the Winterbourne Environmental Group. Gates have been installed on the Bromley Heath Road in place of the concrete barriers. Residents were previously advised they would be supplied with keys if gates were put in but so far have not been. This was also raised in the Planning Meeting of today's date and is being investigated through that meeting. Vegetation around the stone bus shelter on Mill Road needs to be cut back. Clerk to request handyman to carry out. The working group for the play facilities has arrived at a solution to install some recycled plastic nature trail equipment on Hambrook Common. The Parish Council will purchase this and a contractor will who is familiar with the site, and soil depths will install. The School and Commons Committee will be consulted.	Clerk  Clerk
<u>Greenfield Centre</u> As previously noted the garden at the back of Big Bears nursely needs some attention. Clerk and Cllrs Climmer and Brain will assess.	Clerk J Brain R Climmer

28.07/22 – A.O.B.

None

Meeting concluded: 8.45pm



Handwritten signature and date: 15/08/22