



FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

15 August 2022

T Bowles (in the Chair)

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

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

29.08/22 – Apologies for absence – Cllr Kembery who nominated Cllr Dyer to the Committee. P Dyer left the meeting at 7.15pm.

Also in attendance Cllrs Jones and Dyer. A Kilfoil attended in respect of the grant request for Hambrook Sport Association.

30.08/22 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011: Cllrs Jones and Labuschagne South Gloucestershire Councillors. Cllr Brain as a member of Winterbourne Cricket Club.

31.08/22 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18 July 2022
The minutes were approved.

The Chairman agreed to bring item 10 on the agenda (To consider Tree Works at Monks Pool) forward to this point in the meeting but for the purpose of the minutes the item will remain in agenda order.

32.08/22 – The Clerk's Report

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

A contractor has visited the pond in Tuckett Field regarding the lack of water. He agrees with the suggestion that there is possibly a puncture in the clay lining. This could be caused by the fallen tree or existing roots which have forced their way through. It is difficult to judge the water level currently due to the very dry conditions, and any action to try and replace the lining or to do further investigations would be very costly. Clerk will circulate the contractor's response to all members.

A letter has been sent to the current tenant of Tuckett Field advising the Parish Council will not be offering a renewal of the current lease.

Following issues with the aerator at the Winterbourne Duck Pond an electrician visit has been scheduled for 11th August.

Clerk

Cllrs Climmer and Brain have inspected the Big Bears Nursery garden and are in agreement that improvements need to be made. Costings will be investigated to be brought to the committee for discussion.

Councillors have been forwarded copies of the information from South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) regarding Ragwort which is in the wildflower meadow on the small common at Whiteshill.

Plans for the pavilion extension have been drawn up by Your Design and sent to members. Copies will also be in the meeting.

Latest FIT payment received from the solar panels is for £791.83.

33.08/22 – Grant Requests

All Saints Church Hall - £3030 comprised of £1980 for project A, new flooring, and project B, £1050 redecorating.

Agreed to recommend a grant of £1980 for project A.

Proposed by Cllr Serjent, seconded by Cllr Climmer. All members in favour.

St John the Baptist, Frenchay - £2000

Resolved that Clerk will contact St John the Baptist for clarification of the specific use for the funds.

Bristol & Weston Hospitals Charity - £250

Resolved not to recommend as according to the council's grant policy grants are not given for General Appeals.

Winterbourne Sports Association - £2242.50

Agreed to recommend
Proposed by Cllr Climmer, seconded by Cllr Watkins. All members in favour.

Hambrook Sports Club - £900

Agreed to recommend
Proposed by Cllr Climmer, seconded by Cllr Watkins. All members in favour.

34.08/22 – To consider the purchase of new chairs for the Greenfield Centre

Councillors were sent details of two options for new chairs prior to the meeting. Resolved that the Clerk will try and obtain a couple of samples of suggested chairs to ensure they are suitable before a full order is placed.

Clerk

35.08/22 - To consider the future of funds currently being held in Hodge Bank

The one year investment with Hodge bank has matured and they have advised they are no longer accepting business investments. Three possible options for a new investment bank were circulated to members and it was resolved to open an account with the Cambridge and Counties Bank.

Clerk

36.08/22 – To consider the positioning of a new waste bin in Frenchay

As a new double bin is being purchased for the BBQ area on Frenchay Common, there will be a spare waste bin. Resolved that this could be used as a replacement for the bin opposite the White Lion as this is in a bad state of repair. Clerk will check if this bin belongs to SGC or the Parish.

Clerk

37.08/22 – To consider tree works at Monks Pool Nature Reserve

A quote has been received for works to be carried out in Monks Pool following the tree survey. Works are also required to a large Willow and a couple of other branches which are hanging over the river.

It was resolved to obtain a further quote. It was agreed that the work will be paid for out of the earmarked tree work reserve.

It was noted there is a tree branch overhanging the cricket nets on Hambrook Common. Cllr Dyer will investigate.

Clerk

P Dyer

38.08/22 - Reports from Members:

Frenchay

There has recently been concern over the parking of vehicles on the Small Common at Frenchay. It was discussed as to whether some preventive measures should be put in place to stop this happening. Frenchay members will investigate and consider options.

Frenchay members

Clerk will remind handyman to attend to the pennant stone slab on the Common which is uneven.

Clerk

Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

There have been problems with the aerator at the pond which keeps cutting out. A replacement aerator has been loaned to the Parish and fitted and is working well.

Clerk

A new aerator will be needed and the Committee delegated authority to the Clerk, Cllrs Climmer and Bowles to obtain a replacement up to the amount of £2000.

R Climmer
T Bowles

Gordon Blight and Bob Drew, who have raised the flags on the green by the Coop for many years are retiring. They have found suitable replacements to take over from them. The Parish Council is extremely grateful for all the time spent on raising the flags to suit every occasion and it was suggested to have a picture of the retiring flagmen for the next newsletter.

Clerk

The plans for the pavilion refurbishment have been shared with the councillors.

The next step will be to obtain detailed costs and prepare and submit a planning application.

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and Hambrook

Due to problems with the noticeboard on Hambrook Common being in a very windy position, it has been suggested it could possibly be sited on the school railings. Clerk will contact the school to ask permission.

It was noted there are a lot of overgrown brambles on the road side of the wall of All Saints Church Hall in Church Road. Also, on the corner of the road with Mill Road. Clerk to contact SGC.

Clerk

Greenfield Centre

Clerk

Cllrs Climmer and Brain have looked at the Big Bear's garden and further investigations are being made as into the costings of the replacement planters. Only one quote has still been received for the refit of the kitchens and it was concluded a time limit of the end of the month would be given for receipt of any others.

Clerk

39.08/22 – A.O.B.

None

Meeting concluded: 8.45pm