



Winterbourne

PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 September 2022

P Kembery (in the Chair)

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

59.09/22 – Evacuation procedure – leave via the fire door and assemble in the play area – Noted

60.09/22 – Apologies for Absence

Cllr Serjent. Cllr Labuschagne had a previous commitment and arrived at 7.30pm.

61.09/22 – Chairman’s announcements

Cllr Kembery thanked Cllr Bowles and other members of the Council who helped him while he was in hospital.

62.09/22 – Notice of bereavement of a former councillor

David Fletcher sadly passed away on 25th August after a battle with cancer. David joined Winterbourne Parish Council in 1991 and retired in 2019, serving many years as Chair and Vice Chair and also as Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Committee. He was a South Gloucestershire Councillor for 4 years and always had an interest in planning. He was also the Chairman of Frenchay Preservation Society and a member for many years. He continued with this even after he moved to Mangotsfield. David was passionate about Frenchay and the wider surroundings and many residents and councillors will reflect on this and the wider roles in politics he was involved in. A Frenchay resident said to me a week ago he was ‘a real character’. His funeral will take place on Tuesday 20th September at Westerleigh Crematorium at 3.30pm, followed by refreshments in the adjoining Willow Tree Café. Councillors and the Clerks are welcome to attend and please liaise with Tim Bowles so numbers can be accommodated.

A 2 minute silence was held to remember David.

63.09/22 – Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

64.09/22 – Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011

Cllrs Jones and Labuschagne as South Gloucestershire Councillors. Cllr Brain as a member of Winterbourne Cricket Club.

65.09/22 - To approve the Minutes of Council Meeting held on 1 August 2022 -

Approved

To note the Minutes of:

Planning Committee Meetings held on 1 and 15 August - Noted

Finance and General Purposes Meeting held on 15 August - Noted

66.09/22 – To answer questions from Councillors

Cllr Dyer is going to help clear the area in Tuckett Field behind where the new wall has been built. There is a large patch under an Ash tree which may need some reseeding. It was noted 2 Horse Chestnut trees on Hambrook Common are not looking very good and this is thought to be due to the drought conditions which have affected Horse Chestnut trees badly.

The cancellation of the bus routes through Winterbourne was discussed. The Parish Council would like to raise awareness of how badly this will affect residents. Firstly Cllr Jones, in his role as South Gloucestershire Councillor, will qualify with South Gloucestershire Council what their position is on the subject.

Cllr Collins advised that there are 4 wild flower areas in Frenchay and the Duke of Edinburgh students he has been mentoring will cut these this year and then the contractor will clear the cuttings.

T Jones

67.09/22 – The Head of Elm Park Primary School to give an update on the progress of the new school building.

The Head was unable to attend and sent apologies. It is hoped they will attend the October meeting.

68.09/22 – To receive and consider the Clerk's Report

All items on the Clerk's Report were noted.

A query was raised in the last Council Meeting as to whether Councillors could opt out of being filmed in a meeting. The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings of Local Councils, committees and sub committees was established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The "Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014" became active legislation in August 2014. This is in addition to the rights of the press and public to attend such meetings.

Councillors do not have the right to refuse being filmed. Some further investigation will be done into how this affects members of the public.

The play equipment for the Recreation Ground and trim trail equipment for Hambrook has been ordered. A start date of the 3 October has been given for the Rec.

Before work can start at the Rec the area of land needs to be levelled. Cllr Dyer will liaise with the Clerk to determine the work involved in this.

Clerk

P Dyer
Clerk

69.09/22 – To approve the monthly accounts for July and August 2022.

Resolved to approve. Proposed by Cllr Amos, seconded Cllr Dyer – all members in favour.

70.09/22 – To consider recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee to provide the following grants:

All Saints Church Hall - £1980

Winterbourne Sports Association - £2242.50

Hambrook Sports Club - £900

Resolved to approve. Proposed by Cllr Amos, seconded Cllr Climmer. All members in favour.

71.09/22 – To consider the naming of a new road off Players Close as Herons Lea

Resolved to suggest the name of Harts Gardens. Cllrs with local knowledge advised this land was originally owned by the Hart family.

72.09/22 – To consider the option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor

appointment arrangement

Resolved not to opt out.

73.09.2022 – To consider the appointment of a Councillor as a representative to the Town and Parish Council Forum meetings

Resolved that Cllr Collins will be the representative.

74.09/22 – To consider passing a resolution to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge

Members considered the details of the pledge and feel the principles are already recognised within our existing Code of Conduct.

Resolved not to sign.

75.09/22 – To consider the WECA Bee Bold Pollinator Grant Fund

The aim of this scheme is to provide funds to do the following:

- To create and enhance the biodiversity in the area with the emphasis on improving pollinator habitats to contribute towards the regional ambition to increase the abundance of wildlife by 2030.
- To raise awareness and empower communities to take action to address the ecological emergency.

The Local Nature Action Plan (LNAP) currently being considered by the Council has already identified Tuckett Field in Frenchay, a Winterbourne Parish Council asset, as being a priority for this scheme.

Applications must have a level of at least 20% match funding / contribution. A substantial amount has already been pledged by local benefactors which could mean that there will potentially be no cost to the Parish Council.

Resolved that councillors give permission for the application to be made to WECA and that the Parish Council will underwrite funds if required to make up the shortfall until all funding is received.

Proposed Cllr Bowles, seconded Cllr Jenkins. All members in favour.

76.09/22 – To consider a solution to unlawful parking on the Small Common at Frenchay

There has been a problem with vehicles parking on the Common.

Resolved to put an additional sign there advising no parking is allowed according to the byelaws. The situation will continue to be monitored by the Frenchay Councillors. Clerk will to obtain.

Clerk

77.09/22 – To consider passing a resolution to proceed to obtain planning permission for the refurbishment of the sports pavilion at the Recreation Ground

As members of SGC planning committee Cllrs Labuschagne and Jones did not take part in this discussion or decision.

Resolved to proceed in obtaining planning permission.

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

78.09/22 Any other item considered urgent by the Chairman *(Members are reminded that an urgent item is one which requires a formal decision by Council which cannot possibly wait until the next meeting).*

Resolved to authorise the additional expenditure required to purchase a new aerator for the Winterbourne pond.

This was considered too urgent to be postponed until the next Finance meeting.

Meeting Concluded 8.40pm

