



FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

17th October 2022

T Bowles (in the Chair)

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

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

51.10/22 – Apologies for absence – Cllr Watkins.

Also in attendance: Cllr Jones.

52.10/22 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011:

Cllrs Jones and Labuschagne South Gloucestershire Councillors.

Cllr Marriott in respect of the grant request for St Michael's Churchyard.

53.10/22 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 26th September 2022

The minutes were approved.

Proposed by Cllr Serjent, seconded by Cllr Brain.

54.10/22 – The Clerk's Report

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

The next treatment of Siltex for the duck pond is going to be put in on 27th October.

A couple of councillors from Frenchay are meeting a contractor at Tuckett Pond on Tuesday 18th October to discuss the possible silt removal.

The installation of the play area at the Recreation Ground is well under way and should be finished in a couple of weeks. The seat which was to go around the tree cannot be fitted due to the extensive tree roots. Clerk is investigating options with the contractor for a different seat. The contractor laying the rubber mulch surface was not happy that the prepared surface was level enough so our contractor has gone back to rectify it. The fencing around the adjacent MUGA court is quite low and when football is being played the ball can tend to go over the fence onto the play area site. Clerk will investigate options for raising the height of the fence.

Streetcare has advised the Street Scene Team are hoping to be in our area some time in December to carry out any specific jobs we prioritise. Clerk has sent

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details of the sort of jobs they could do to members for suggestions. It can then be decided in the next full council meeting in November which jobs we will request. The Chair encouraged members to consider which areas they would like to be considered and the Clerk will circulate them before the next Council meeting.

The chairs have been ordered for the main hall at the Greenfield Centre and should arrive in 3-4 weeks. The Clerk and Cllr Marriott have had a meeting with Downend Kitchens to discuss further details of the installation and we have been given a start date of 23rd January.

The survey regarding the change in the bus routes has been completed by the Parish Council and returned.

The forms for the outdoor risk assessments in the Parish were distributed to councillors in the meeting.

55.10/22 – Grant Requests

St Michael's Churchyard Trust - £600

Agreed to recommend to Council. Proposed by Cllr Brain, seconded by Cllr Kembery. All members in favour.

St John the Baptist Churchyard - £2220

Agreed to recommend to Council to pay 50% of the request. Proposed by Cllr Brain, seconded by Cllr Climmer. All members in favour.

56.10/22 - Reports from Members:

Frenchay

It was confirmed a couple of councillors are meeting with a contractor tomorrow to discuss the problems with Tuckett Pond.

Regarding the uncovered manholes which have been discovered in Tuckett Field, it was advised these could potentially belong to South Gloucestershire Council and if that is the case Clerk will contact them to request they are made safe as soon as possible.

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Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

The Council has received a couple of queries in respect of the access to the Recreation Ground for double buggies and wheelchair users. The current barriers were installed in response to motorcycles getting onto the field and causing damage. Clerk will investigate if any other form of barrier would be more suitable. The new aerator for the pond has been ordered and we are waiting for delivery.

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and Hambrook

Cllrs Jones and Labuschagne, in their capacity as South Gloucestershire councillors, have succeeded in obtaining new road markings to be installed on Damson's Bridge. These don't allow the facility for two way traffic and approximately half a metre has been gained at the side for footpath users. There is still a need for some further signage and the subject of a pedestrian footbridge is on the South Gloucestershire Assess and Decide list. Cllrs Jones and Labuschagne are also working with South Gloucestershire Officers to review the speed limit around the bridge as they are keen to see this reduced.

Cllr Serjent confirmed the issue with the River Frome by Damson's Bridge is a lot of vegetation in the river not debris.

The Greenfield Centre

A date of 23rd January has been given as a start date for the kitchen

refurbishments. The main kitchen will be done first so Room1 kitchen will be still be available for use by any hirers.

The Chair issued a reminder that a budget meeting will be held in November to look at next year's budget. Clerk will arrange.

The Clerk and Cllrs Marriott and Climmer attended a liaison meeting on 14th October with Winterbourne Academy. The school offered to reserve some tickets for the Christmas production of Mary Poppins. Clerk will liaise with her PA.

Meeting concluded: 7.55pm

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