



Winterbourne

PARISH COUNCIL

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

18 September 2023

P Kembery (in the Chair)

P Bruce	(P)	P Sykes	(P)
P Kembery	(P)	D Marriott	(P)
N Beebee	(P)	L Fogg Rogers	(P)
C Watkins	(A)	N Labuschagne	(A)

The Chair and Vice Chair were both absent from the meeting. Cllr Marriott nominated Cllr Kembery to chair the meeting in their absence, seconded by Cllr Bruce.

57.09/23 - Evacuation procedure – Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area – Noted

58.09/23 - Also in attendance – South Gloucestershire Councillors Jones and Brennan. Cllr Eldridge.

59.09/23 – Apologies for absence – Cllrs Labuschagne and Watkins.

60..09/23 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011: None.

61.09/23 – Public Participation
None

62.09/23 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21 August 2023
Resolved to approve the minutes.

63.09/23 – The Clerk's Report

The new defibrillator has been delivered. It has been ordered from our original supplier which does not include a training package. The office is looking into what training packages are available to be carried out in the community. It was noted that bleed kits are being made available in more areas which can be kept in the cabinet with the defibrillator. Clerk will investigate.

Regarding the Horse Chestnut tree on Hambrook Common which appears to have a lot of fungus, the tree surgeon has looked at it and advised following the work done it is structurally much safer. It is now going into its dormant stage, so he feels it is best to re assess next spring when it comes into leaf.

Clerk

The Clerk and Cllr Beebee met with the resident who wants a memorial bench at the Recreation Ground. A place has been decided near the tennis courts and the Clerk is checking with the clubs that it will not interfere with them.

SGC has been reminded about the walls which need repairing on Pearce's Hill and Mill Road.

64.09/23 – To consider the setting up of a Nature Committee

It was proposed the current LNAP (Local Nature Action Plan) group should be formalised into a separate committee. The committee will have at least 4 members and meet monthly.

Resolved to recommend to Council that a Climate and Nature Committee be set up.

65.09/23 – To consider the opening times of the public toilets on Flaxpits Lane

A resident has queried as to whether the opening times of the toilets could be extended. They are currently open 9am – 2.30pm Monday to Friday, 9am – 1am on Saturdays and closed on Sundays and bank holidays. These times are dictated by the amount of vandalism that has been experienced when they used to be open during times when the Academy pupils were going to and coming home from school.

Resolved to leave the opening times as they are due to the vandalism issue. Clerk will investigate if there is any way individual access could be obtained on demand when they are closed.

Clerk

66.09/23 – To consider quote for replacement of internal fire doors at the Greenfield Centre

A quote was forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting.

Resolved to agree the work to be carried out by The Conservatory and Window Company.

67.09/23 – To consider quotes for replacement of the guttering at the Tennis Pavilion

Quotes were forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting.

Resolved to agree the work to be carried out by The Conservatory and Window Company.

Clerk

68.09/2023 – To approve the revised Financial Regulations

Resolved that Clerk will add further information and resubmit next month.

69.09/23 – To consider quotes for 3 new noticeboards for display of byelaws

Quotes were forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting.

It was noted that a notice board at the Recreation Ground might be vandalised so it would be better here to fix a notice to the pavilion building. Clerk will check in the Council store as there may be a noticeboard which can be reused.

Resolved to order one board initially.

Clerk

70.09/23 – Reports from members

Frenchay

Nothing to report.

Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

Some anti-social behaviour at the Recreation Ground had been noted and referred to the local Police beat team.

No issues at the Duck Pond.

Clerk

Some damage appears to have been done to the fencing at the allotments which the clerk will investigate.

The 2nd Community Conversations event was held at the Winterbourne Library on 11 September. It was attended by 8 members of the public and 4 Councillors. Issues raised were potholes, unsuitable vehicles driving through Winterbourne Down, safety issues around Damson's Bridge, the ongoing closure of the right turn at Hambrook traffic lights, problems caused by the lack of buses and access and parking issues around St Michael's Church and the Medieval Barn. A summary of the meeting and any follow up action will be emailed to those attendees who requested a follow up. Clerk will keep a record of the notes taken at the meeting and also log any subsequent comments received.

Clerk

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and Hambrook

As noted in the last meeting the hedges and trees are overhanging on Mill Road. SGC has been requested to action.

Cllr Fogg Rogers has arranged a meeting with the resident who would like a memorial bench on Hambrook Common, together with the Cricket Club. Clerk will send the resident details of the Council's preferred benches.

It was noted there is still an issue with speeding along the Bristol Road through Hambrook even though the speed limit has been reduced to 30mph. Investigations are to be done into the costs of the Parish Council buying a speed visor for the Parish and also a sign to advise Down Road is not suitable for heavy vehicles. No signs can be erected on the Highway however without prior consent from an SGC Highways engineer.

Clerk

Greenfield Centre

Clerk will chase the roofing contractor for an appointment for them to inspect the roof. One of the lights in the main hall is flickering but it is a major job to get them replaced as scaffolding has to be hired. When there is a problem with a few they can be repaired.

The issue of Christmas lights in the village was raised. Although it is too late for them to be put up this year it was discussed if some sort of social Christmas event would be possible with cooperation from the local shops. Clerk will post on Facebook to gauge how residents would like Christmas to be celebrated as a Parish.

71.09/23 – A.O.B

None.

Meeting concluded 8.17pm