

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

16 October 2023

N Labuschagne (in the Chair)

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

<u>72.10/23 - Evacuation procedure</u> – Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area – Noted

73.10/23 - Also in attendance – Councillors Eldridge, Collins and Goodman.

74.10/23 - Apologies for absence - Cllrs Watkins and Marriott.

<u>75..10/23 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011</u>: Cllr Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Councillor.

76.10/23 – Public Participation

None

77.10/23 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18 September 2023 **Resolved** to approve the minutes.

78.10/23 – The Clerk's Report

The new defibrillator and cabinet outside the Cross Hands has been installed and is now registered on the Circuit.

SGC has been contacted regarding out of hours access to the toilets in Flaxpits Lane. It was felt the best option would be to not padlock the disabled toilet so it remains accessible by radar key at all times. Clerk will post on Facebook to advise it is open to all who have a radar key and ensure the disabled toilet is not padlocked. Also South Gloucestershire Council to be contacted for a new sign with up to date opening hours.

Clerk

A site has been agreed on for the resident who requested a bench on Hambrook Common. He is ordering the bench to be delivered to the Parish Council. Further to the meeting with the resident who wanted a bench at the Recreation Ground, nothing further has been heard as yet.

Polling Districts and Places Review - Details have been sent to councillors. Any responses need to be submitted by 30 October.

Budget meetings will shortly take place to set the budget for 2024-2025. If any councillor has any projects they would like considered in next year's budget please email the Clerk within the next 3 weeks. The budget working group will comprise of the Clerk and Cllrs Kembery, Amos, Watkins and Sykes.

It was noted that the CIL money received this year was an amount of £20,402.30. Councillors can forward suggestions for how this should be spent, although previously it was noted this would help towards the refurbishment of the pavilion.

79.10/23 – To consider the following grant request:

Winterbourne Sports Association - £1101.90

Resolved to approve and recommend to full council.

80.10/23 - To approve revised Financial Regulations

Resolved to approve and recommend to full council.

81.10/23 - To consider the West of England Cycle Hangar Project

Resolved to share the information on Facebook. The hangars take 6 bikes and no obvious position can be identified for them in the Parish.

82.10/23 - To consider quote for tree works on Hambrook Common

The quote was forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting.

Resolved to agree that the work be carried out by Redland Tree Services.

83.10/23 - To consider the purchase of bleed kits

Resolved to purchase bleed kits to go in the defibrillators, a total of 7.

84.10/23 – Reports from members

Frenchay

Frenchay Residents Society are in advanced talks with South Gloucestershire Council to retain the old Frenchay School building for use as nursery provision and a café.

Thanks were given to Cllr Collins, the Frenchay Residents Society and members of the public who helped with the recent planting in Tuckett Field. Planting is now complete and some of the seeds are already germinating.

Work has finally commenced on Beckspool Road to remove the build outs and install the speed ramps.

Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

The majority of the damage done to the allotment fencing has been repaired by the homeowner in Down Road.

Concern was raised regarding the lane from Flaxpits Lane to the Recreation Ground which has been narrowed by overgrown vegetation. The lane however is still quite easily passable.

There are a lot of overhanging brambles on Flaxpits Lane on the left hand side as you go past the Library. Clerk will report to Streetcare.

The footpath from Watleys End Road going towards Frampton Cotterell has a very uneven surface which recently caused a resident to fall over. Clerk will report to Streetcare.

Downend Rotary have a large amount of crocus bulbs they would like to donate to the Parish Council. It is hoped they can be planted in the verges around Winterbourne. Clerk will check with South Gloucestershire Council this is acceptable.

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The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and Hambrook

Cllr Fogg Rogers has been in discussion with a tree officer at South Gloucestershire Council regarding the possibility of planting more trees on Hambrook Common. Avon Forest Trust can potentially supply the trees for free. The plan for this will be presented at the Next Council meeting.

The missing fence along the footpath in the Dingle has still not been replaced and as the footpath is getting slippery in the bad weather is quite dangerous. Clerk will raise with South Gloucestershire Council again.

Down Road is going to be closed on the 23rd October for a temporary pedestrian crossing to be installed. Clerk will forward the notice received from South Gloucestershire Council.

A request for more play equipment at the Recreation Ground was noted in the last Community Conversations meeting. Facilities supplied for the community are always under review and where necessary money will be set aside in the earmarked reserves if it is decided any further equipment should be added.

Greenfield Centre

The new blinds in the Council Room and also the replacement fire doors have been fitted.

85.10/23 - A.O.B

None.

Meeting concluded 8.30pm

L Fogg Rogers

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