



Winterbourne

PARISH COUNCIL

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

18 December 2023

C Watkins (in the Chair)

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

98.12/23 - Evacuation procedure – Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area – Noted

99.12/23 - Apologies for absence

None.

Also in attendance – Cllrs Kinsey and Eldridge, SGC Councillor Jones.

100.12/23 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011: Cllr Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Cllr.

101.12/23 – Public Participation

None.

102.12/23 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20 November 2023

Resolved to approve the minutes.

103.12/23 – The Clerk’s Report

All items on the Clerk’s report were noted.

The verges on Cleeve wood Road have been reported again to SGC. If it still isn’t done, it will be included in our list of jobs for the Streetcare team to carry out when they spend their week in the Parish.

SGC has advised they have noted the deterioration in the wall on Pearce’s Hill and they are hoping to start work on 5 February 2024. The road will need to be closed while the work is being done.

104.12/23 – To agree the budget and precept for 2024/25

Details of the proposals were sent to councillors prior to the meeting.

The options were discussed for the precept and the impact of any increases on the residents who pay council tax.

Resolved to recommend to full council by a majority vote, the budget and a 3% precept increase to £194,750 for the 2024/25 financial year, which results in a 0.35% increase to each household based on a Band D equivalent. An amount of £13,000 will be used from the general reserves to offset the remaining shortfall.

105.12/23 – To agree actions requested in the Hambrook Commons Committee Meeting

Resolved:

- to agree for a further 2 cycle hoops to be installed on the Common by the Sports Club. The Council already has 2 hoops in storage.
- To request Frome Valley Landscaping to regularly cut the area behind the trim trail on the Common, as this is difficult for the groundsmen to cut when using the large mowers.
- To arrange for the branch overhanging the cricket nets to be cut back.

Clerk

106.12/23 – To agree the purchase of 2 height barriers for the car park adjacent to the Museum in Frenchay

Exact quotes have not yet been received but the cost will be above the limit that can be authorised by the Committee

Resolved to recommend the purchase to full council once exact quotes received.

107.12/23 – To resolve whether an increase in room hire charges should be implemented next year

Resolved to raise room rates by £1/hr apart from Room1 charges which will remain at £15/hr.

108.12/23 – Reports from members

Frenchay

The level of Tuckett Pond is remaining high following all the recent rain.

The area at the top of Frenchay Hill has recently been cut back and residents have complimented our contractor on how well the area is kept.

Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

There were recent reports of a young person being stopped by someone in Winterbourne recently who demanded money. However, this has not been reported to the police.

It was noted the dogwood plants around the pond in Winterbourne are usually cut back around now, but if left will produce red stems. Clerk to contact contractor.

Clerk

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and Hambrook

The high water levels and floods are continually eroding the ground in the Dingle and the footings of the bridge. This has been previously reported to South Gloucestershire Council.

Greenfield Centre

Some interior painting is currently being done whilst the weather is not suitable for outdoor jobs.

109.12/23 – To note any other items

Winterbourne Library is facing potential cuts in funding and members were encouraged to complete the current SGC library consultation on line. This will be discussed further in the next Council meeting.

Meeting concluded 8.20pm

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