

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

12 April 2021

T Bowles (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)
P Hemmings	(A)	S Jenkins	(P)
M Goodman	(P)	M Newport	(P)
P Dyer	(A)	N Labuschagne	(A)

Following government recommendations regarding COVID-19 this meeting was held remotely by Zoom.

A 2 minute silence was held at the beginning of the meeting to remember HRH Prince Philip who passed away on 9 April with a reminder that various online Books of Remembrance are available.

129.04/21 Apologies – Cllrs Hemmings, Labuschagne and Dyer.

130.04/21 Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act: Cllrs. Jones South Gloucestershire Councillor.

131.04/21 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 March – Approved. These will be signed when restrictions allow.

132.04/21 To note the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings of the 1 and 15 March -Noted

133.04/21 To note the Minutes of the F&GP Meeting of 15 March – Noted

134.04/21 - Clerk's Report and monthly accounts up to 31 March and to approve any recommendations.

All items on the Clerk's report were noted and the accounts approved.

Cllr Brain asked if there were any problems with the items PAT tested in the pavilions.

Clerk confirmed all was in order.

The following grant was approved in accordance with Section 137 of the Government Act of 1972:

St John the Baptist - £1,500.00.

Matters Arising

A further discussion was held regarding what actions should be taken regarding the issue of unauthorised rope swings and play equipment in the Parish. It was agreed that if anything of concern is seen it should be removed as soon as possible. Cllr Whatley and the Clerk will work towards a suitable procedure of how best to proceed with the issue.

H Whatley
Clerk

The government has decided it will not be extending the legislation for councils to hold remote meetings. The current legislation expires after the 6th May. In view of this the

members were in agreement to hold its Annual Meeting on the 4th May so it can still be held remotely and allow for the election of the Chairman.

The Pilates instructor who was given permission to use Frenchay Common last year has asked if she is able to continue with classes again this year. It was agreed that as this was a measure to help during Covid restrictions, these can continue until June 21. After that time classes should resume inside. Clerk will advise.

Clerk

The consultant dealing with the builders for 30 Malmaims Drive has contacted us to advise they have a requirement to provide circa 100sqm of allotment space in the form of an offsite financial contribution. They are aware there are already allotments in Frenchay but would like to know if the money could be put to use by them. The allotments in Frenchay are in great demand so Members concluded a patch of land we already own might be able to put to allotment use. A suggestion was made this could be a small area by Frenchay Village Hall. Clerk to confirm to consultant.

Clerk

South Glos has been asked to do an extra weekly empty of the bin at Moorend just after the bridge which is always very full on a Friday. The bins are normally emptied on a Tuesday.

135.04/21 – Presentation from Frampton Cotterell Parish Council regarding youth provision

David Godwin, Frampton Cotterell Parish Councillor, and Debbie and Dawn from FACE (Foundation for Active Community Engagement) attended to update the Parish Council on the youth and community services they provide. They currently have a contract with Frampton Cotterell Parish Council and also work in Filton, Little Stoke and Kingswood. Activities had to be curtailed due to Covid, but they have continued to engage as many children as possible online and they hope face to face activities will be able to resume. They also work closely with the local PCSO. It was noted that although they work with FCPC, they also engage with children from surrounding parishes like Winterbourne, Coalpit Heath and Westerleigh. They aim to try and connect with disengaged children who would not be likely to join other groups such as the Scouts. Members were very much in support of FACE and feel this will continue to be an important service as the area expands with new housing. The Parish Council advised they would look favourably if FPFC were to submit a grant request for some funding. Cllr Godwin concluded his aim was to highlight what is happening in their parish with youth provision and that he would welcome any member of Winterbourne Parish Council if they wanted to join the committee. In time he would like to see rather than local parish provisions, there would be a Frome Valley provision to cover the whole area.

136.04/21 – Request from a metal detectorist to detect in Frenchay

A further request has been received to carry out metal detecting in Frenchay, in addition to the detectorist who has already been given permission to work in the area. Members concluded that at present they would prefer to have the one person carrying this out. He has made a lot of finds which he has itemised and advised the Parish Council of. Several items need to be valued professionally and this value will then be split 50/50 with the Parish Council as stated in the agreement he holds with us. Clerk will ascertain from the current detectorist what are his intentions towards the items he has retrieved.

Clerk

137.04/21 – Items from the Public

John Turner from the Winterbourne Down Carnival Committee joined the meeting to put forward the idea of a 'Buddy Bench' for Winterbourne Down. They would like to help towards the supply and fit of a bench which can be used for anyone to sit and chat and which also helps to support mental wellbeing. It is an idea which has been used in other parts of the country and it would have a plaque on to advertise its purpose. Members agreed this was a promising idea and the Clerk will liaise with John regarding costings.

Clerk

Neil Falango and Chris Winsor attended to further discuss areas in Frenchay which have been proposed for planting of wildflowers and not to be mowed.

They advised around 800 residents in Frenchay were consulted regarding the proposals and all were in favour. There are 3 areas which are being considered initially. These are:

- Beckspool Pond verge
- Frenchay Hill Embankment by phone box
- Frenchay Hill triangle

The area on Frenchay Hill has been promised to the Frenchay Flower Show for use for the vintage cars, although the show won't be going ahead this year. It was suggested that contact should be made with the Flower Show team before any action is taken.

The height of the flowers should not interfere with visibility for vehicles as they will not be any higher than the bunding.

Members were in favour of the proposals and Clerk will liaise with Frome Valley to advise which areas should not be cut.

A discussion was also held regarding Tuckett Field. Ideas have been proposed for the cattle not to be allowed to graze in the Summer, but to keep the field for recreational use and to encourage biodiversity of plants and wildlife. It has already been confirmed that grazing will continue on the field this year but that consultation could be carried out with residents to see what they would like in future years. The field has been used for grazing for many years and if it is not grazed the grass needs to be cut during the summer. The Parish Council has also spent a considerable sum of money over the last few years replacing the fencing to ensure it is secure for the cattle. The needs of the farmer would need to be considered and it was noted there are many other open areas in Frenchay for recreation, including the new parkland which the Parish Council will be taking ownership of.

Clerk

138.04/21 – Items from Members

Ben Burton gave an update on various issues.

Grants are still available for local businesses if they have been affected by Covid.

The new school for Frenchay has been granted planning permission with the aim to open in 2022.

Although there are none in Winterbourne, there is an online feedback form if anyone has any comments about the Voi scooters in surrounding areas.

Money has been allotted from the Capitol Programme for an investigation into the safety of the cycle path from Bromley Heath to the traffic lights at Hambrook and repair of potholes in various roads in Frenchay. Cleevewood Road is to be resurfaced and given new improved signage.

Ben is happy to receive any correspondence from councillors regarding the land the Parish Council is taking over at Frenchay.

Cllr Newport reported there are a lot of very large potholes on the Westerleigh side of Damson's Bridge. Cllr Jones will report to Mark King.

Cllr Whatley confirmed the Frenchay Councillors have a meeting with the Hospital Trust tomorrow to follow up on outstanding issues.

T Jones

139.04/21 - A.O.B

None

Meeting concluded at 9.42pm