

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

18 October 2021

T Bowles (in the Chair)

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

Actions

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

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Labuschagne, Kembery and Brain.

Also in attendance: Cllrs Amos, Dyer and Jones and 2 members of the public.

Cllr Bowles and Chairman Cllr Kembery, wished to recognise the tragic event which led to the murder of Sir David Amess. The Parish Council would like to convey sympathy to David's family, friends and associates. It was also noted that many public servants give up their time to selflessly serve their local community and yet can sadly be subject to abuse both online and in person.

Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011: Cllr Jones as SGC Councillor.

21.10/21 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20 September 2021 and the Clerk's Report.
The minutes were approved. All the items on the Clerk's report were noted.

Matters Arising

Items for Noting

A further FIT payment of £1,613.46 has been received in respect of the solar panels.

Prior to the current price rises in energy, both the gas electric contracts for the Greenfield Centre were fixed until 2026, so the current increases will not affect us at the moment.

The new signs for the Recreation ground have been fitted and the also the additional dog bin.

The latest newsletter is being printed and for Winterbourne and Winterbourne Down it will be distributed with the Frome Valley Voice, and Frenchay Residents Association will distribute it with their newsletter in Frenchay.

The resurfacing of the car parking area by Frenchay Church has been completed.

The company who were originally going to quote for the silt removal from the duck pond, has advised they have too much work to take on the project. They have suggested Landwell Ltd may be able to undertake this and they have been contacted and I am waiting for a response.

Our contractors have commenced work to clear the fallen trees and debris at Monks Pool and are hoping this will be completed by the end of the week. The area can then be reopened to the public. Once done, an arboricultural survey will be arranged to check if any further works are required to the trees and ensure there are no safety issues.

The overhanging trees along Church Road and Mill Lane have been reported, along with the loose stones by Camp View. The verges along Church Lane Winterbourne have been cut back.

Items for discussion

Winterbourne Sports Association has submitted their expenditure plans for 2022/23. Apart from the refurbishment of the pavilion, the football club would like the PC to consider funding to purchase a small tractor/sit on mower as a matter of some urgency. It was agreed Clerk will contact the WSA to ascertain what the mower is used for and if details can be provided as to the make/model and price.

Clerk

Cllr Watkins queried the detail of funding given to the sports clubs by the Parish Council. Clerk will send him a document which details this.

Clerk

The Tennis Club has requested monies towards court resurfacing, replacement of floodlights and fencing, and installation of a weed brake path around the courts. The Tennis Club are also to investigate the possibility of other grant funding towards this. Consideration to their requests will be made at the Parish budget meeting.

Cllr Brain has drawn up an initial plan for the new pavilion and this has been emailed to members. This was discussed at the WSA AGM and was approved as a starting point for the rebuild. Other issues to be taken into account are the possibility of a lift for disabled access to the upstairs and for a renewable energy source to be used. The next step is for the draft to be turned into a scaled drawing before an architect is employed.

There is still ongoing discussion regarding the payment of the SIM card to enable the CCTV on the cricket pavilion to be viewed. The Tennis Club are already paying for the whole cost of the SIM themselves. I Spy has been contacted to double check what specification of SIM is needed. An arrangement can then be made with WSA to ensure all clubs make equal contributions.

22.10/21 – Grant Applications

The following grant was recommended:

WSA - £2356.96.

Also a 50% contribution of £917.75 towards a junior storage shed for use by the Cricket Club.

23.10/21 - Reports from Task Groups:

Frenchay

Several areas were raised to be reported to SGC:

- Overgrown verges alongside Begbrook Park and Cleeve Road
- White lines to be repainted at the junction of Beckspool Road and Cleeve Road
- The Parish Council is still waiting for an update to what action will be taken to fix the path by Frenchay School.

The brambles around Tuckett Field still haven't been cut back but our tenant has an ongoing leg injury.

The trio of benches opposite Clic Cottage still need attention. Clerk to remind handyman.

Clerk

The tree surgeon is to be contacted for quotes for the removal of the tree stumps by Frenchay Village Hall wall, and Clerk is still waiting for a date for the commencement of the works to repair the wall. Contractor is to be reminded again.

The level of the water in Tuckett Field appears rather low. Frenchay councillors will monitor and report back to Parish if this becomes too concerning,

Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

Work has commenced at Monks Pool to clear the debris. It is hoped most of this should be completed before the end of the week. A full tree survey is being arranged to ascertain if any further works are required. Cllr Dyer will keep Council updated on the progress.

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down, Hambrook and Whiteshill

The loose stones on the corner of Camp View have been reported to SGC.

There is a tree on Hambrook Common which also needs to be surveyed following the incident where large branch broke off.

The retaining wall that was being rebuilt at the back of the copse on the Small Common at Hambrook appears to have been finished but Clerk will check with the contractor as the finish has left a few rough areas.

Clerk

Greenfield Centre

The annual risk assessment of the Greenfield Centre is to be done in the next couple of weeks.

It was noted that bookings have been very busy over the last few months.

24.10/21 – A.O.B.

None.

Meeting concluded 8.00 pm