



FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

19 December 2022

T Bowles (in the Chair)

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

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

67.12/22 – Apologies for absence – Cllrs Marriott and Labuschagne.

Also in attendance: Cllrs Goodman, Newport, Jenkins and Dyer. One member of the public.

68.12/22 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011:
None.

The Chairman agreed to bring the grant request for Hambrook Sports Club (item 6 on the agenda) forward to this point in the meeting but for the purpose of the minutes the item will remain in agenda order.

69.12/22 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21 November 2022

The minutes were approved.

Proposed by Cllr Serjent, seconded by Cllr Climmer. All members in favour.

70.12/22 – The Clerk's Report

Regarding the issue of the debris in the river by Damson's bridge, SGC has contacted the Environment Agency, who has advised this is outside of the EA maintenance area which means it would fall on the riparian landowner to maintain as necessary. It would appear some of the vegetation has moved and the remaining is not considered a flood risk.

After checking on the trees by the bridge, they are not currently obscuring the sight line, following the cut back they had a little while ago.

A meeting was held with SGC to tidy up the localism contract we hold with them for emptying of the dog bins. This has resulted in the extra empty of ad hoc litter bins being added onto the contract bringing the overall cost down slightly.

The new chairs for the Hall have been delivered and the old ones collected after being advertised on Facebook.

71.12/22 – Grant Requests

Hambrook Sports Club- -£5,432.29

An updated request was received from the club prior to the meeting amending the amount from £4,188.28 to £5,432.29. Cllr Brain will liaise with the club to discuss further.

Resolved to recommend in principle upon clarification.

Fromside Gymnastics Club - £1000

This amount was approved to be given to the club on completion of works to the floor. Evidence of completion has been provided.

Resolved to recommend to Council.

72.12.22 – To consider quotes for the resurfacing of the floor of the main hall at the Greenfield Centre

Three quotes were circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Resolved to recommend the most detailed quote to full Council.

73.12/22 – To consider quotes for raising the height of the fence around the MUGA court at the Recreation Ground.

Two quotes were circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Resolved that Clerk will arrange a site meeting with one of the contractors before a final decision is made.

Clerk

74.12/22 – To consider the Budget and Precept for 2023/24

A discussion was held regarding the proposed figures for the precept. It was noted the amount of dwellings for the next tax year will have risen by 7.4%. Resolved to recommend the budget and a total precept rise of 2% to full council. Proposed by Cllr Brain, seconded by Cllr Kembery. All members in favour.

The movement of monies in the Earmarked Reserves was discussed. Due to spending on certain projects, we will experience a shortfall in our Asset Management budget for 2022/23, therefore a virement, in line with our Financial regulations is required from the Earmarked Reserves. Monies also to be moved from the Whiteshill Contingency Reserve to make up the additional costs to deliver the new leisure provision and tennis court improvements.

Proposed by Cllr Bowles, seconded by Cllr Climmer.

Resolved to recommend the virement and movement of monies, following a vote. All members in favour except one.

75.12/22 – To consider the reinvestment of monies from the Hodge Bank matured investment bond

It was acknowledged that finding suitable means of investments for Parish Councils is difficult.

Members suggested some options were suggested and it was the Clerk and two councillors from this committee will investigate further.

J Brain
P Kembery
Clerk

76.12/22- To consider a request to allow a metal detectorist to detect on Frenchay Common and Frenchay Moor

Resolved to allow the recent applicant to detect on Tuckett Field for a limited time initially. Clerk will contact them and our current detectorist to advise.

Clerk

77.12./22 - Reports from Members

Frenchay

Clerk to chase contractor who is preparing a quote to remove the silt in Tuckett Pond. It was suggested that Siltex could be applied as has been done in the Winterbourne pond.

Clerk

Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

The next phase of the work with regard to the rebuild of the pavilion will be to

appoint a Quantity Surveyor. Quotes for the relevant services required are to be obtained.

One of the councillors is going to meet a tree surgeon at Monks Pool to obtain a further quote for work to the fallen tree over the river.

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and Hambrook

Concerns have been raised by a resident regarding the amount of traffic on Harcombe Hill and its use by large vehicles. This is an issue to be taken forward by our South Gloucestershire Councillors, Cllrs Jones and Labuschagne.

Clerk will remind South Gloucestershire Council that the trees on the land at the side of Damson' bridge have still not been removed. If these are left they will damage the wall and affect the sight line on the bridge.

Members have been sent the results of the recent survey done on the Frome Valley Walkway. This allows anyone to pinpoint areas on the map and make suggestions or observations. All members were encouraged to look at the survey. Investigation will be made as to whether a bench can be sited in the area by Bury View.

It was discussed that work to the Horse Chestnut on Hambrook Common may require a road closure. Clerk will investigate further.

T Jones
N
Labuschagne
Clerk

Clerk

The Greenfield Centre

An incident occurred on Sunday at the Greenfield Centre when an unknown person entered the building while one of our regular groups were using the Hall, and stole the money which had been taken on the day. The CCTV has clear pictures of them and also the registration of the car they were using. The police have been informed and are investigating. All our users will be sent an email advising them to be extra vigilant, and to keep the outer doors closed.

78.12/22 – Any other items considered urgent by the Chairman. (Members are reminded that an urgent item is one which requires a formal decision by the Committee, that cannot possibly wait until the next meeting).

None

The Chair wished everyone a Happy Christmas and thanked them for their hard work during the year.

Meeting concluded: 8.40pm