



Winterbourne

PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

20 February 2023

T Bowles (in the Chair)

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

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

Also in attendance – Cllr Jones

87.02/23 – Apologies for absence – Cllr Serjent.

88.02/23 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011:
Cllrs Jones, South Gloucestershire Councillor. Cllr Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Councillor and director of Green Community Travel.

89.02/23 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 23 January 2023
The minutes were approved.

90.02/23 – The Clerk's Report

Work carried out by the South Gloucestershire Streetscene team: The officer in charge of the Street scene team is going to chase the ground supervisor regarding the outstanding work on Begbrook Park. He will also investigate what can be done about the broken slabs on Flaxpits Lane.

It was noted the Parish Council has been trying to get the works on Begbrook Park completed for a considerable amount of time. Clerk will diary an action to remind every couple of months.

A further reminder has been sent regarding the quote to remove the silt at Tuckett Pond and the contractor has apologised for the delay and advised he will prepare a quote.

New signs for Frenchay Common have been obtained and are ready to be put in place. Clerk will arrange for handyman to contact the Frenchay councillors.

A response has been received from South Gloucestershire Council regarding the outstanding works on Beckspool Road. It has been referred to another officer for further investigation.

Our handyman has repaired one damaged piece of fence at Tuckett Field but there is still a further piece needing attention.

Clerk

The motorhome being parked in the car park on Hambrook Common belongs to a resident in the area. There are several vehicles which belong to locals which are parked either in the car park on the main road or by the Sports Club.

The new aerator has been fitted at the pond. Following concern over the high water levels, Cllr Climmer has checked the flow coming out of the pond which seems to be working but it seems likely the pipe taking the water under the road may be broken at some point. It also would appear that due to the collection of water that occurs in the field opposite the pond, that the drain which runs under the field may also be damaged. Clerk will contact South Gloucestershire Council to advise there are potential issues and ask who has responsibility for the drains.

Clerk

The Parish van has had its MOT and there were no issues.

91.02/23 – Grant Requests

Green Community Travel - £269

Although the Parish Council greatly appreciate the work Green Community Travel do, it was decided it was not appropriate for Parish funds to be used for the purchase of umbrellas.

Resolved not to recommend to Council.

Cllr Labuschagne left the room when this application was discussed.

Hambrook Sports Association - £5368.20

Resolved that a further investigation will be made into one of the amounts being claimed.

Winterbourne Sports Association - £1,599.18

Resolved to recommend to full Council.

92.02/23 – To consider the commemoration of the Coronation in May

A suggestion was proposed to install one or two benches in the Parish with some hedging round to make a seating area. Clerk will obtain some potential costs.

Clerk

93.02/23 – To consider if any amendments are needed for the proposed new byelaws

It was discussed if any additional wording might be required for the section covering overnight parking. Clerk will investigate.

Clerk

94.02/23 - Reports from Members

Frenchay

The rebuild of the wall by Frenchay Village Hall has been completed and councillors are very pleased with the result. There is an area next it which needs to be levelled off and reseeded in the Spring. Clerk to investigate contractor to carry out the work.

Clerk

Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

Some road markings have been sprayed on the road on the junction of Flaxpits Lane and Dragon Road, but it is unclear why. Clerk will contact Streetcare.

Clerk

The rotted fencing posts at the Allotments have been replaced.

A further meeting was held at the pavilion with the structural engineer and specifications are being determined for a formal tender document to be drawn up.

Clerk

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and Hambrook

A Hambrook Commons Committee Meeting was held on 9th February. An issue was raised regarding a tree overhanging the cricket nets. Clerk will request a quote for this to be cut back.

Clerk

The Greenfield Centre

The refurbishment of the kitchens has been completed and they are now being painted. The hall floor has also been resanded.

95.02/23 – 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

96.02/23 - To resolve: "That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw".

Resolved. No members of the public were present.

97.02/23 – To agree revised staff contracts

Resolved to approve the new staff contracts that reflect the pay rates and revised hours for two members of staff that were agreed at the March 2022 Council meeting. Contracts and wage rate increase were agreed for three other employees.

Meeting concluded: 8.10pm