

Winterbourne

PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

17 April 2023

T Bowles (in the Chair)

T Bowles	(P)	B Serjent	(P)
J Brain	(P)	D Marriott	(A)
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 – Cllrs Jones and Dyer and 2 members of the public.

109.04/23 – Apologies for absence – Cllr Marriott.

110.04/23 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011:

Cllrs Jones and Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Councillors. Cllr Brain, Winterbourne Sports Association.

The Chairman agreed item 9 on the agenda be brought forward to this part of the meeting but for purposes of the minutes, they remain in agenda order.

111.04/23 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20 March 2023

Resolved to approve the minutes.

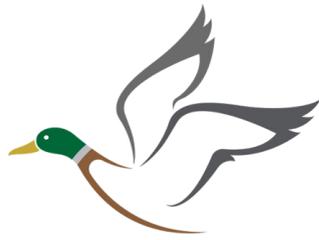
112.04/23 – The Clerk's Report

Thanks have been received from Frampton Cotterell Parish Council for the grant made towards youth services. They confirmed they will give more notice in future if they wish to make further grant requests for youth provision.

The three benches for the Coronation have been ordered. A quote has been requested to fit the one at the Recreation Ground as it needs to be put into the rubber mulch playground surface. Hopefully, the handyman can fit the ones for Frenchay and the Dingle.

An agreement has been sent to the metal detectorist wishing to detect in the parish, advising he can do so in the Dingle.

Following discussion over the safety matting for the new trim trail at Hambrook, it was confirmed to the contractor we wouldn't use the matting initially as the area looks much more natural without it. This can be looked at again in the future if the ground is worn away too much.



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Investigations into new blinds for the Council Room and a battery pack for the Greenfield centre solar panels are ongoing.

The new fencing in the Rec adjacent to the play area has been installed. There were further issues with anti-social behaviour there last week when a large amount of glass was smashed. Clerk will liaise with the local police beat team to look at the CCTV.

Clerk

Regarding the damage to the wall of the house which backs onto the small common at Hambrook by tree roots, we have been advised the claimant's solicitor is no longer going to pursue the matter. They have however requested we obtain a full arboricultural report of the area as the claimant's arboriculturist has advised there are several trees which need to be removed.

Clerk

113.04/23 – Grant Requests

Winterbourne Sports Association - £839.47

Salem Methodist Church churchyard - £350

Liz Ferguson (Remember Me Project) - £400

Resolved to recommend the above grants to full council.

South Gloucestershire Council (on behalf of River Frome Reconnected) - £568

Resolved to request further information as to how much other councils have contributed.

114.04/23 – To consider any action required regarding the flooding which occurs on the path at the Recreation Ground

The path between the pavilion and the school floods quite badly and this is an ongoing issue. It is hoped there will be works being carried out to extend the pavilion soon and it was decided it would be sensible to wait until these are done as it may involve increased drainage requirements.

115.04/23 – To consider agreement of additional work to be done to the wall on Beckspool Road by the black gate.

It was agreed work needs to be carried out to the section of leaning wall by the black gate. The contractor needs payment in advance to complete the work. Clerk will contact the Trust to request if they can arrange for the contractor to submit his requirements to them for payment in advance as he is not able to start the work until May.

Clerk

116.04/23 – To consider request that the Small Common at Hambrook be used as a permanent wild flower meadow

Kate MacDonald from the Frome Valley Growing Project attended the meeting. She outlined that they have combined with the Winterbourne Environmental Group to apply for a grant from the WECA Bee Bold fund. Their aim is to enhance the existing wild flower area on the small common at Hambrook by additional planting and scything. There are also working on other areas in the Parish which will help to create a Frome Valley Pollinator Pathway.

Several issues were raised:

- The Parish Council would want to undertake an annual review to ensure



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work is progressing satisfactorily

- The compost heap of grass on the site would be kept under control and removed if it is thought to be unsightly
- The group would like to hold scything workshops, possibly 2 a year and they will need to liaise with the Sports Club to ensure there is not a clash of events.
- The group will liaise with the Clerk's office with regard to planting.

It was emphasised that this is Parish Council land and it is important the group work with the Parish Council for the best outcome.

Resolved that all in favour to send a letter agreeing to the use of the small common to aid the grant request.

Clerk

117.04/23 – To consider support to local community travel following the withdrawal of bus services in the Parish

The local community bus travel operators have asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to support them in progressing the services they already offer to help the problem of lack of buses. They are planning to apply to WECA for funding and their application is more likely to be successful with extra support from local parishes.

Clerk

Resolved that the Parish Council would support working with local community travel.

118.04/23 - Reports from Members

Frenchay

Cllr Kembery has had a lot of correspondence regarding the removal of the build outs on Beckspool Road with South Gloucestershire Council. It is hoped that after considerable delay the work is now imminent.

There are still considerable problems regarding the building works in Malmains Drive. The site is very muddy which is causing contractors to park in the street and on pavements. This was also noted in the Planning Meeting prior to this. Clerk will contact South Gloucestershire Council.

Clerk

The level of Tuckett Pond is very good at the moment but it is still felt an application of Siltex could be beneficial in the future.

A suggestion was made that Tuckett Field could be used for parking or the Frenchay Flower Show. It was considered this is not necessarily feasible but it will be passed on to the Flower Show Committee.

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It was noted complaints are still being received from residents regarding the uneven flagstones by the Post Office in Flaxpits Lane. Clerk will contact South Gloucestershire Council.

Clerk

Electric charging points are being installed in Perry Close but work appears to have come to a halt over the last couple of weeks. Clerk will contact South Gloucestershire Council.

Clerk

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and Hambrook

An issue was raised of vehicles parking in the car parks at Whiteshill Common overnight. These vehicles are infringing our byelaws and this is being investigated further.

The issue of parking on Station Road and Harcombe Hill has been raised again and Cllrs Labuschagne and Jones have visited the area and have referred the issues to South Gloucestershire Council.



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The Greenfield Centre

The work is being carried out to update the nursery garden. Some bark may be needed to be laid at the top of the garden to stop it becoming too muddy. Authority has been delegated to the Clerk and Chair of F&GP to make a decision as required.

119.04/23 – 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

Meeting concluded: 8.25pm