



Winterbourne

PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 June 2023

P Kembery (in the Chair)

J Amos	(P)	P Kembery	(P)
F Arkley	(P)	J Kinsey	(A)
N Beebee	(P)	N Labuschagne	(P)
P Bruce	(P)	J Lloyd	(P)
A Collins	(A)	D Marriott	(P)
D Eldridge	(P)	L Fogg Rogers	(P)
M Goodman	(P)	P Sykes	(P)
S Hancock	(P)	C Watkins	(P)

21.06/23 - Evacuation procedure – leave via the fire door and assemble in the play area – Noted

22.06/23 - Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Collins and Kinsey.

Also in attendance South Gloucestershire Councillor Jones and 2 members of the public.

Two representatives from Community Travel.

Three members of the public.

23.06/23 – Chairman’s announcements

The Chair advised that it had been hoped the transfer of the land at Frenchay was going to take place last week, but the hospital trust’s solicitors had an issue which needs to be resolved before it can be completed. As a Parish, we have everything in place to proceed.

24.06/23 – A presentation from local Community Travel Representatives

Cllr Labuschagne declared an interest and left the room.

Two representatives attended, one from Green Community Travel and one from Four Towns Transport.

The companies run 16 seater buses and are keen to try and match the needs of the local community to the services they can offer. They want to put a grant request into the fund WECA has allocated for supporting local transport services. It was identified there are various sections of the community who are in need of bus services which are currently no longer in operation. Although these organisations cannot operate a commercial service, they can offer different solutions to ease the problems in areas where buses are lacking. In order to apply for the grant, they want to get as much information as possible regarding what is needed in the Parish. The Parish Council confirmed they are in agreement to use social media and our next newsletter to assess what the residents would want for additional local bus services. The two companies will advise the Parish what relevant information they would like to collect, and this will then be discussed again in the next Council meeting.

25.06/23 – Public Participation

Two members of the public attended to speak about traffic problems in the Parish.

The first resident raised the problem of speeding in Winterbourne Down. They currently take part in Community Speedwatch and around 50% of drivers exceed the 30mph speed limit.

They are restricted as to where they can carry out the Speedwatch as it has to be deemed

safe, so they cannot do it by Damson's Bridge where there are problems, especially with traffic coming from the Badminton Road side of the bridge. The signs leading to the bridge from this side are obscured by trees and the slow sign on the road is very faded. Clerk will raise with Westerleigh Parish Council as this is within their parish.

Cllr Labuschagne, as SGC (South Gloucestershire Council) Councillor advised officers are again looking at what options there are for road safety around the bridge and have requested 'Give Way' signs to be positioned there.

Cllr Fogg Rogers raised the issue of speeding on Harcombe Hill, which had been brought to her attention by a local resident. This leads to the issue of the possibility of further 20mph limits on local roads. Local councillors will assess the roads where they think this should be considered and it can be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

In areas where speeding is a concern a temporary speed visor can be requested from SGC who will then collate the data collected from it.

The second resident in attendance advised that the 'Stockholm Declaration' made in 2020 called for a mandatory 20mph limit in urban areas by 2030.

They also identified there are a lot of problems with cars parking dangerously which causes hazards for pedestrians and cyclists. Parking on the pavement is also an issue, but this is not necessarily illegal unless the vehicle is parked in such a way it obstructs the pavement. Following a recent survey of potholes the resident carried out, 77 dangerous ones were identified in Winterbourne and reported to SGC. This was around 3 weeks ago and so far only a couple have been fixed. It was also noted the quality of a lot of the repairs done is very poor. Anyone who notices a potentially dangerous pothole can report it to SGC on the 'report it' area of their website. They feel Winterbourne is very much an area for cars, not pedestrians and cyclists.

26.06/23 – Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Councillor and vice chair of green Community Travel.

27.06/23 - To approve the Minutes of Council Meeting held on 15 May 2023

Resolved to approve.

To note the Minutes of:

Planning Committee Meetings held on 15 and 22 May - Noted

Finance and General Purposes Meeting held on 22 May - Noted

28.06/23 – To answer questions from Councillors

The LNAP group has had its first a meeting to include the new members. They are working towards what their next project will be and once decided it will be brought to Council for discussion. They are setting up a digital board which can be used for futures sites and stakeholder mapping.

It was raised whether the Council has any ongoing plans for a play area in the south of the parish, as in Winterbourne Down and Hambrook. There is nothing planned currently as before this can be considered a suitable piece of land the Parish own would need to be identified. SGC councillors had tried to put forward a play area in Bradstone Road but residents there did not want it to be sited close to their houses.

It was suggested a consultation could be put out to residents to find out what they would like to see being done in their area over the next few years. The content of this would need to be agreed before being sent out.

The Council has received CIL monies this year, some of which have been generated by the development in Malmains Drive, Frenchay. One of the Frenchay Councillors would like to consult with the residents there to see how they think the money should be spent. The idea of a village plan was raised which is ongoing.

Clerk

29.06/23 – To receive and consider the Clerk’s Report

All items on the Clerk’s Report were noted.

There have been problems getting the aerator at the pond working. The electrician has attended a couple of times as water seemed to be getting into the join of the wiring. It has now been fixed and it is back in position and will be left on permanently for a while to get some oxygen back into the water. It will then be put back onto the timer so it comes on twice a day.

The annual safety inspections have been carried out on the equipment at the Greenfield Centre park and the Recreation Ground. Some of the fitness items at the Recreation ground have been marked as a medium risk due to corrosion but this can be corrected by the handyman. There is possibly one item to be replaced but this is currently being investigated.

All the other play equipment was rated as a low risk. Should anyone wish to see the full reports please let me know.

In respect of the year 22/23 the Council has received £20,402.30 in CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies. An explanation of the source of the monies has been circulated. This money can be spent on items of infrastructure in the Parish and has to be spent within 5 years. It was discussed whether a strategy plan should be put in place for allocation of the monies to different needs in the Parish.

30.06/23 – To approve the monthly accounts for May and the bank reconciliation.

The accounts and bank reconciliation have been circulated to all members.

A query was raised regarding a discrepancy in the payments amount so this has been deferred until the next meeting.

31.06/23 – To consider recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee

No items were recommended to Council from the previous meeting.

32.06/23 - To approve the Conflict of Interest form for BDO LLP

Resolved to approve there are no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP.

33.06/23 - To approve the Annual Accounts for 2023-2024.

Resolved to approve.

34.06/23 - To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2023-2024.

Resolved to approve.

35.06/23- To approve the Annual Accounting Statement for 2023-2024.

Resolved to approve.

36.06.23 - To consider setting up Parish Council emails for Councillors.

Resolved to approve following a majority vote.

37.06/23 - To consider the Council joining ALCA (Avon Local Councils Association).

This will include membership of NALC. For this year pro rata the cost will be £698.50 as membership runs from the 1st April.

Resolved to approve following a majority vote.

Clerk

38.06/23 - To consider removal of fencing at the Recreation Ground.

This is to remove the piece of fencing at The Recreation Ground by the tennis courts which serves no purpose and would need work to ensure it is safe. The contractors currently on site resurfacing the courts have advised they will remove for £550. Clerk to ensure this includes removal of the fencing from site and making the ground good.

Resolved to approve.

39.06/23- To consider a councillor visit to the local Brownies.

Cllrs Fogg Rogers and Hancock agreed they would be happy to visit.

40.06/23– Any other item considered urgent by the Chairman *(Members are reminded that an urgent item is one which requires a formal decision by Council which cannot possibly wait until the next meeting).*

None

Meeting Concluded 8.32pm

Clerk