

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

19 June 2023

C Watkins (in the Chair)

P Bruce	(P)	P Sykes	(P)
P Kembery	(P)	D Marriott	(A)
N Beebee	(P)	L Fogg Rogers	(P)
C Watkins	(P)	N Labuschagne	(A)

15.06/23 - Evacuation procedure – Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area – Noted

16.06/2023 - Also in attendance – Cllrs Eldridge and Kinsey.

17.06/23 – Apologies for absence – Cllrs Marriott and Labuschagne.

18.06/23 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011: None

19.06/23 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 22 May 2023

Resolved to approve the minutes.

20.06/23 – The Clerk's Report

The presentation at Yate library scheduled for 5 June was cancelled, but they have advised they are planning on setting another date later in the year.

SGC Councillor Liz Brennan has followed up on the issues with the area around Malmaims Drive where the new houses are being built. Improvements have been made but work to improve the overall situation is ongoing.

The additional tree work at Frenchay is planned for w/c 19th June. They will also look to remove the hanging limb from the tree by Frenchay church.

SGC has been contacted regarding the flooding by the iron bridge in the Dingle. They have advised their last routine inspection was in 2021 and they recorded some scour to the abutment that was not considered very extensive at the time of inspection. They will check it again in the summer while water levels are low. SGC also advised the tipping from a house at the back of the Dingle would not be pursued further as the debris is being tipped onto their own their own land. The only debris entering the water course is sub soil stone caused by natural bank erosion.

I am waiting for a response from SGC regarding the collapsed wall on part of the Frome Valley Walkway at the Dingle and a hole in the footpath that needs to be filled.

Bath Building Society had advised the interest rate on our Instant Saver Account has increased to 2%.

Each year risk assessments are carried out by the councillors to check for any issues on our assets which could be considered as a potential hazard and needs attention. The relevant forms for this year were distributed in the meeting. The LNAP group are currently working on an interactive map which will show all our assets.

21.06/23 - To consider the purchase of Sodium Bentonite Granules for the pond at Tuckett Field

The water level in the pond has remained good despite the dry weather.

Resolved to defer at present but to keep monitoring the water levels.

22.06/23 – To consider an extra bin collection at Frenchay (BBQ area) for the summer

Resolved to agree to an extra collection during the summer months.

23.06/23 – To consider quotes for the installation of the Coronation bench at the Recreation Ground and tarmacking of the adjacent area.

Quotes were shared with the councillors ahead of the meeting.

Resolved to request Wotton Tarpaving to carry out the work.

24.06/23 – To consider approval of the Investment Strategy Policy

It was noted that an additional point could be added to advise the Council will look to invest in ethical companies, where possible, who do not support fossil fuels.

Resolved to recommend to Council with the addition as above.

25.06/23 – To consider agreement to delegate authority to the Clerk for an approved spending limit on the Parish Council debit card.

Resolved to agree to a monthly limit of £100. This amount will be kept under review to ensure it is sufficient.

26.06/23 – To consider permission for a metal detectorist to detect in the Parish, and extend the permission previously given to another detectorist.

It was determined that there should only be 2 detectorists operating in Frenchay at the same time.

Resolved to give permission to a new detectorist to detect in Tuckett Field, for an initial period of 6 months, subject to them fulfilling the requirements laid out in the Parish Council metal detecting policy.

Resolved that the permission for the existing detectorist is not renewed.

27.06/23 - Reports from members:

Frenchay

Some fly tipping has been noted in Frenchay which Cllr Kembery will report.

It was raised that the collection point for the Voi scooters is going to be the driveway of one of the new houses in Malmain's Drive. Clerk will report to South Gloucestershire Councillor Ben Burton for investigation.

It was noted at some point if the weather continues to be very dry, it might become necessary to put warning signs on the Commons to highlight the risk of fire.

Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

It was reported there were no issues at the allotments or Duck Pond. Some bullying had been reported at the Recreation Ground but it was quickly resolved.

Cllr Bruce is investigating potential sites for future play areas in the Parish.

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and Hambrook

It was advised the Countryside Code has been relaunched in conjunction with Shaun the Sheep. Cllr Fogg Rogers will investigate if they could carry out

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anything in the Parish to benefit the rural areas.

The vegetation along Worrells Lane is getting overgrown again. Clerk will highlight to SGC. Clerk

Also the verges on Cleevewood Road and Begbrook Park in Frenchay need cutting.

Greenfield Centre

Clerk advised that the clothes collection was held at the Centre last week. It did not generate a very big response and might not be worth considering again.

28.06/23 – A.O.B

None.

Meeting concluded 8.15pm