



Winterbourne

PARISH COUNCIL

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

29th April 2024

P Kembery in the Chair

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

Also in attendance: One member of the public.

Evacuation Procedure: Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the car park – Noted

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Amos and Collins and SGC Cllr Jones.

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2023 were confirmed as a true record.

Winterbourne Charities: Cllr Marriott

Winterbourne Charitable Trust is a registered charity formed by the amalgamation of historical legacies to the church.

Consistent with the wishes of the original donors, the aims of the charity are to relieve poverty and help with education. The criteria for a grant is residency within the civil parish of Winterbourne, which includes Winterbourne, Winterbourne Down, Hambrook and Frenchay.

The Trustees include church members and nominees of the Parish Council.

Financially this is not a large charity:

- charities deposit account as of 31st December 2023 were £804.25
- charities investment account as of 30th September 2023 were £7642.75

End of year figures are still being finalized.

Gifts totaling £600 have been made to four local Primary Schools: Elm Park, Hambrook, Frenchay and St Michaels. These grants enabled disadvantaged children to attend summer camps.

The income of the trust comes from interest on the original legacies and occasional donations. Further donations would be gratefully received.

Chairman's Report: Cllr Kembery

Winterbourne Parish Council is the elected body that represents the interests of the parishioners who live in Winterbourne, Winterbourne Down, Hambrook and Frenchay.

We continue to operate two standing Committees. The Planning Committee meets on the first and third Monday of each month with occasional additional meetings being called should the need arise. The Finance and General Purposes committee meet on the third Monday of each month. We have added in the past year a new 'Climate and Nature Committee' which we will hear a summary of later. Agendas for all of our meetings are posted on public notice boards around the Parish and on the Council website.

I would encourage all Parishioners' to engage with the website which is regularly updated and is an excellent source of information. Our Facebook page is also a great way to see the latest items within the parish.

Winterbourne Parish Council has continued to invest in our community. We have refurbished areas within the Greenfield centre and recently had electrical and lighting works done to bring things up to the current standards required. These improvements benefit the many residents who enjoy a variety of activities here and also our staff and the Police who have an office here.

The Recreation Pavilion that we own needs major work to be done to upgrade and improve the building. We have employed a firm of architects to design the layout and improvements to meet the current requirements for sports activities and to refurbish the building. We have always been very keen to promote sports for all ages within the parish and we continue to do this with all the sports associations that we support.

The open spaces, woodlands and ponds are important parish assets that so many locals enjoy for moments of tranquillity and walking with family and friends. We have completed the handover from North Bristol Trust of open space and woodland in Frenchay for future generations to enjoy under the ownership and management of Winterbourne Parish Council. My thanks go to the hard work, particularly of the Frenchay councillors to get this over the line, it's taken over 10 years!

We have been successful with a substantial grant from WECA for the Frenchay Tuckett Field to enhance the biodiversity, nature and taking action to counter environmental effects within our parish. We are looking to make an orchard in an area of the Tuckett Field and are looking for other areas within the parish to do similar projects.

The solar panels we installed years ago on the roof of the Greenfield Centre which continue to provide an income for us as well as producing green energy I am proud as a Parish Council as I feel we have lead the way in embracing what we can do to help the environment.

I would also like to thank Sally, who was the clerk that retired this year. We are all delighted that Sarah has taken her role in the office, and Kim who has started in the clerk's assistant role has warmed to the job very well. The other members of staff they manage and all the many volunteers within our community I would like to thank as well. The recent volunteer litter picking group shows that some residents care about the area as much as we do. And lastly to all our Parish councillors who give up your own time to ultimately help the community, you are all a special breed of individuals!

Planning Report: Cllr Kembery

Cllr Kembery gave the planning report on behalf of Cllr Amos and Cllr Collins.

Cllr Kembery thanked all members of the planning committee for the time they have taken looking into each planning application. They are not always straightforward to understand and we also appreciate the notes from our SGC councillor Trevor Jones.

They are always looked at with a fair and objective view with the addition of the local knowledge gained over the years.

144 planning applications were considered across the Parish, some large scale developments were looked at as individual applications. Some WPC objected to and SGC approved and some we had no objection to they refused! The majority SGC were in agreement with ourselves.

The planning committee continue to look at each application with regard to energy efficiency and environmentally sound aspects which should be a big consideration in any development or individual new build. Many applications are for home improvements and extensions, and we would always consider these with regards to the potential over development and consideration on extra parking spaces.

The new council members have been encouraged to join planning training courses to gain more understanding on the process.

Members of the public often attend planning meetings to approve or disagree with applications which we continue to encourage in the community.

A breakdown of planning figures can be seen in appendix A

Finance & General-Purposes Committee Report - Including Grants: Cllr Watkins

The Finance and General Purpose Committee meets on the third working Monday of each month at the Greenfield Centre.

The Committee consists of eight Councillors – two from the Frenchay ward and six representing Winterbourne, Winterbourne Down & Hambrook wards.

Agendas for each meeting are published on the Parish noticeboards and the Parish Council website. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings to observe.

The main functions of the committee are the management of the finances of the Council; Setting the annual budget and precept; Monitoring all income and expenditure and ensuring compliance with financial regulations and good practice.

The Committee's responsibilities include The Greenfield Centre and all other Parish Council assets; Parish wide recreation, leisure and sport facilities and Environmental issues.

Finance & Projects

Parish Councillors take their responsibility for managing Parishioners council tax very seriously. We are responsible for ensuring an adequate and effective system of internal controls and publish agreed Financial Regulations that apply to how we manage our finances. We prepare an Annual Governance and Accountability Return that is audited each year.

Each year the Council agrees a budget that sets the annual charge to Parishioners known as the Precept. Through careful management of our finances and providing some of the best value for money in South Gloucestershire. Council agreed that there would be a small rise in the total precept that will be charged to Parishioners for the forthcoming year.

Local reporting confirmed that the lowest overall Band D bill in the area is for residents of Winterbourne parish.

Due to the careful management of the Parish Council finances we have continued to create Reserves that allow us to invest in projects without the need for imposing large rises in the Parish Precept. We are currently continuing to plan the much-needed renovation of the Pavilion at the Winterbourne Rec.

23/24 saw the renovation of the kitchens and some major maintenance work in the Greenfield Centre Main Hall; completion of the installation of new leisure/ play facilities at the Winterbourne Rec and on Whiteshill Common and to invest in the upkeep of our Nature Reserves and public open spaces.

In line with the *Local Government Act*, we have provided support to help manage burial grounds at Salem; St Michael's and St John the Baptist churches.

We have supported local organisations who deliver sports coaching to hundreds of young people; who manage our wonderful Whiteshill Common and Winterbourne Recreation Field; the popular Frenchay Flower show; and we have been keen to support local Community Bus operators given the recent cuts to our local bus services whilst All Saints Hall and St Michael's Rooms have benefited from our commitment to supporting local halls.

We have been working closely with the North Bristol NHS Trust regarding the transfer of the public open space areas of the old Frenchay Hospital site to the Parish Council. An important part of our work to improve our environment has seen the transfer of the Frenchay Parklands site which will be a culmination of many years work by current and past Parish Councillors.

The new Frenchay Parklands will be a great addition to the superb open spaces we enjoy and will add to the Parish Council's allotments, leisure facilities and nature reserves.

To close, may I add my thanks to our excellent hard-working staff and to my fellow councillors who all work so hard to make our Parish such a wonderful place to live.

Climate and Nature Committee Report: Cllr Fogg Rogers

Cllr Fogg Rogers gave a presentation on the amazing work of the Climate and Nature Committee and their future aims. The presentation can be seen in appendix B

AOB

- The closure of the bridge on A432 Badminton Road is causing issues in the village.
 - The Parish Council are aware of the issues, have discussed in previous meetings and have contacted South Gloucestershire Council regarding concerns
- A suggestion that Frank Smith, a parishioner that helped set up Monks Pool and Newleaze, is honoured by the Parish Council
 - Clerk will include this as a future agenda item
- Comment that the sports pavilion at the Recreation Ground, Winterbourne, needs updating
 - Clerk advised this is a current project and anyone is welcome to come to the office and get an update on future plans.
- Thanks were given by a member of the public for all the work the Parish Council do.

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm.

APPENDIX A

2024 APM Planning Figures

- WPC Consulted on 144 Applications
 - 42 are still awaiting a decision
 - 8 were withdrawn
 - 1 was a WPC Application (no comment made as no members of the public came to the meeting)
 - 2 we did not comment as insufficient details given in application
 - 82.4 % SGC agreed with WPC (previous year was 73.5%)
 - 17.6% SGC did not agree with SGC (previous year was 26.5%)

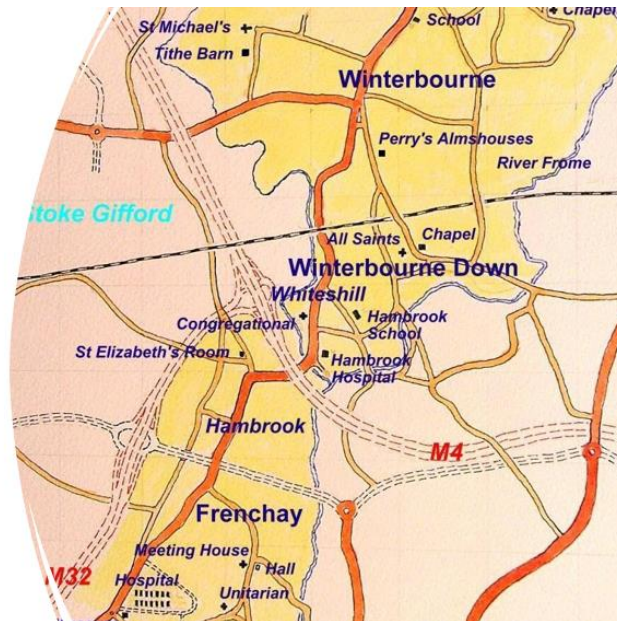
Row Labels	Count of PC Comments
F	39
No Objection	33
Objection.	4
Strong Objection.	1
WPC Application	1
FC	1
No Objection	1
H	29
No Decision can be made as insufficient information.	1
No Objection	22
Objection.	6
SG	8
No Objection	5
Objection.	2
Strong Objection.	1
W	54
No Decision can be made as insufficient information.	1
No Objection	41
No Objection.	1
Objection.	11
WD	13
Strong Objection	1
No Objection	9
Objection.	3
Grand Total	144

F=Frenchay, FC=Frampton Cotterell, H=Hambrook, SG=Stoke Gifford, W=Winterbourne, WD=Winterbourne Down

APPENDIX B

Winterbourne Parish Council

Climate and Nature Action Plan
Update 29th April 2024



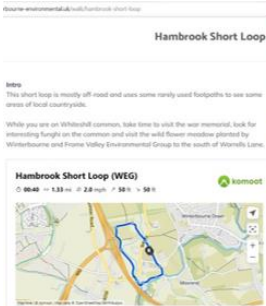
WPC LNAP was Launched September 2022

- Winterbourne Parish Council Local Nature Action Plan
- Designed to mirror SGC 'climate emergency' objectives
- Being 'upgraded' to follow SGC in becoming a Climate & Local nature Action Plan
- District & Parish Councils have a Biodiversity Duty under the Natural Environmental Rural Communities Act 2006
- Key driver is meaningful positive working partnerships with everyone we need to engage with and having willing support on the ground.



Local Success – FRA
Beckspool Restoration &
Tuckett Field

Local Success –
Frome Valley
Pollinator
Pathway &
Whiteshill Trees



Amazing Financial and
Resources Support Secured

- WECA grants secured of over £50,000 for Tuckett Field Bee-Bold Pollinator and Frome Valley Pollinator Pathway
- That has been more than matched by resources and time/expertise provided by One Planet Matters, SGC, Forest of Avon Trust, NHS
- Hundreds of volunteer hours have been put into projects with significant community engagement
- Supporting school curriculums & DoFE volunteers has been brilliant in engaging future generations and busy parents alike.



Community Engagement

- WPC C&LNAP shows desire and commitment to biodiversity
- Volunteers will follow if we take the lead with our willing partnerships



How do we Harness and Grow ?

- More engagement in Winterbourne with the Community Nature Reserve project which has been so successful in Emerson's Green.
- To start specific climate and nature events for our residents so they don't have to endure council meetings to discover what we are up to.
- To continue to develop and maintain our existing schemes with volunteer help plus more school and DoF engagement.
- To continue to highlight planning application biodiversity needs.
- To Prepare and install information and educational signage linked to the WPC web site hub, including social media engagement.
- Identifying private & SGC/Parish land for planting schemes.
- Promoting C&LNAP mindfulness and wellbeing benefits to residents.



What Have we Achieved ? - Feel The Benefits

- Tuckett Field, Pollinator Pathway, Walk to School Community Orchard, Community Nature Reserve, Securing 22 acres of Frenchay Parklands.
- Funding and Resource partnerships with WECA, SGC, One Planet Matters, Forest of Avon, NHS.
- Engaging and securing hundreds of volunteer hours to help us deliver.
- Over £60,000 secured in grants and seed/plant/tree resources.
- The Frenchay Parklands 22 acres, (secured through voluntary village green status after a 15 year battle), are worth over £250k p.a. in mindfulness and personal wellbeing benefits !



A Reminder of our Objectives



improve how we manage and connect public open spaces and strengthen green corridors;



support and enhance local initiatives for biodiversity in green and urban spaces;



enhance and maintain vital green space for nature to thrive in our communities;



create more attractive and healthier places to live for residents of the present and future;



to respond to the effects of climate change, taking actions to counter environmental harm on a local, Parish level.



Thank You for Your Support– Any Questions?

