# FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

23 January 2023

T Bowles (in the Chair)

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J Brain (P) D Marriott (P)

R Climmer (P) P Kembery (P)

C Watkins (P) N Labuschagne (A)

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| Evacuation procedure – Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area – Noted 79.01/23 – Apologies for absence – Cllr Labuschagne.Also in attendance: Cllr Dyer. 80.01/23 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011: None.81.01/23 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19 December 2022 The minutes were approved. 82.01/23 – The Clerk’s ReportThe Streetscene team from South Gloucestershire Council has completed the tasks we asked them to do and members have been sent a list of the completed works. It was noted that the work on Begbrook Park hasn’t been done and South Gloucestershire Council has previously advised this is due to the costs involved as a road closure will be necessary. Clerk to contact Streetcare for an update There is still a broken flagstone on the path by the toilets in Flaxpits Lane and Clerk will report to Streetcare.Work has been scheduled by South Gloucestershire to repair the surface of Damson’s Bridge following more damage being caused by the recent heavy rain. A road closure is planned for up to 21 days commencing 27th January.A further reminder has been sent regarding the quote to remove the silt from Tuckett Pond, but as yet it still hasn’t been received. Clerk to chase.A meeting has been arranged with C&R Fencing at the Recreation Ground on Tuesday 24th to look at their suggestion for raising the level of the fence. South Gloucestershire ConsultationsMoving Traffic Enforcement Powers – open until 30 January Draft Clean Action Plan – open until 31 JanuaryDetails have been sent to members.83.01/23 – Grant RequestsGreen Community Travel - £194.20Resolved to recommend to Council.It was confirmed by the Chair there has been no discussion between Cllr Labuschagne, who is on the committee of Green Community Travel, and the other members regarding this grant request. Proposed by Cllr Climmer, seconded by Cllr Kembery. All members in favour.84.01/.23 – To consider the quotes for the required works following the tree surveys Two quotes were circulated to members prior to the meeting. A third quote requested by the Clerk has not been forthcoming despite several reminders.Members did not feel in a position to make a decision on the information provided. Clerk will forward copies of the tree surveys to all members. Any comments are to be sent to the Clerk by Wednesday 25th. 85.01/23 – To consider the reinvestment of monies from the Hodge Bank and Bath Building Society matured investmentsAs agreed in the previous Council meeting the funds from the Bath Building Society will be held in their Instant account. Resolved that the funds from Hodge Bank totalling £85,918.13 to be placed in a 95 day account with Redwood Bank.All members in favour.Clerk will draw up a schedule of Investments to detail when each investment matures. 86.01/23 - Reports from MembersFrenchay The 2 ‘no parking’ signs on the Small Common, and the ‘no overnight parking’ sign by the White Lion have been stolen. Clerk will obtain new signs and a post for the sign on the Small Common.South Gloucestershire Council has been reminded by the Clerk and Cllr Kembery regarding a start date for the replacement of the build outs on Beckspool Road, and the repainting of the white lines by Frenchay Hill. No response has been received. Clerk to remind again. There is a section of fencing by Tuckett Pond which needs replacing. Clerk to ask handyman to repair.Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and AllotmentsThe level of the water in the Duck pond seems very high. There is a leveller mechanism, and Clerk will ask the handyman to meet one of the councillors to check if it is working correctly and not blocked.Included in the regular grant claims from Winterbourne Tennis Club is an amount towards the cost of the electric used for the street lamps at the side of the courts which light the footpath. Cllr Brain has had a request from them that they should be allowed to increase this amount due to the to increase in fuel bills as their electric bill has risen from £1,800 per year to £4,000. It was agreed they should add this for consideration on their next grant request.The planning permission for the extension of the pavilion at the Recreation groundhas been approved. Cllrs Bowles, Brain and Climmer will arrange another meeting with the Sports Association. Cllr Brain is meeting with the Chairman of Hambrook Sorts Club to obtain clarification of the figures submitted on their recent grant claim, so it can be reconsidered by members at the next F&GP meeting. Another contractor has visited Monks Pool to assess the required tree work and we are waiting for a quote. The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and HambrookA photograph was brought to the meeting from 1965,which showed extreme flooding at Damson’s Bridge, and also showed a very clear sight line over the bridge to the road beyond as there were no trees at the sides of the road. It was noted that continuing monitoring of the trees there is necessary for safety reasons. A motorhome is continually being parked in the lay by on the Bristol Road at Hambrook Common. Clerk to investigate if the vehicle is taxed and insured. No overnight parking is permitted on the commons in accordance with the bylaws. A meeting was held with the contractor who is installing the trim trail on Hambrook Common to approve the layout. They are hoping to start work on 13th February. The Greenfield CentreThe refurbishment of the kitchens has started and should take 2 weeks to complete.86.01/23 *– 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: 8.20pm  | ClerkClerkClerkClerkClerkClerkClerkT BowlesJ BrainR ClimmerClerkClerk |