



# Winterbourne

## PARISH COUNCIL

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

### FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

20 November 2023

C Watkins (in the Chair)

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

86.11/23 - Evacuation procedure – Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area – Noted

87.11/23 - Apologies for absence

None.

Also in attendance – Cllr Kinsey.

88/11/23 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011: Cllr Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Cllr.

89.11/23 – Public Participation

None.

90.11/23 – Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16 October 2023

**Resolved** to approve the minutes.

91.11/23 – The Clerk's Report

All items on the Clerk's report were noted.

The overhanging brambles on Flaxpits Lane and the uneven surface of the footpath at the end of Watleys End Road have been reported to South Glos. They have responded to advise no action is needed on the footpath. Cllr Labuschagne will follow up on this.

South Glos are granting us a licence for the planting of crocus bulbs in several verges. These are the area opposite the Coop and by the sorting office on the Bristol Road. We do own the area opposite the Duck Pond on Flaxpits Lane so they can be added there too.

The South Glos Streetcare team will be carrying out extra jobs in the Parish as they did for a week last year. These can be jobs that tend not to get completed on a

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normal basis e.g. there may be a hedge which needs cutting back, as in Flaxpits Lane by the toilets. Can councillors send any possible jobs to the Clerk, so a list can be compiled to be agreed in the next Council meeting. It should be jobs that are on South Glos land.

South Glos has advised that the issue of the trees overhanging Begbrook Park is with the Tree team, however they are suffering from shortfalls in staff/resource, so any actions may be delayed. They believe the developer is responsible for the land and trees in question, so any work is their responsibility to action. This means therefore that the responsibility will now lie with the Parish Council.

92.11/23 – To consider the following grant request:

St Michaels Churchyard - £720

**Resolved** to recommend to full Council.

93.11/23 – To consider the extension of the current grass cutting contract to include Frenchay Parklands

**Resolved** to approve.

94.11/23 – To consider youth provision for 2024/24

The Clerk and Cllrs Marriott and Bruce attended a meeting at Frampton Cotterell Parish Council with FACE who run their youth services. Information from this meeting was shared with councillors.

**Resolved** to recommend to full Council that £18,000 be added to the budget for youth provision, to enable a trial period in 2024 for 3 months. This also includes an annual fee to Frampton Cotterell Parish Council as payment towards Winterbourne youth who attend their sessions. Should Winterbourne commence permanent provision of youth services the payment to Frampton PC will cease.

95.11/23 – To consider budget items for 2024/25

The budget working group met on Friday 17 November and put suggestions from the meeting forward. Also, suggestions from some councillors for additions to be considered in the budget were circulated to all councillors before the meeting and also discussed.

**Resolved** that additions of £10,000 for play equipment, £18,000 for youth provision, £1,000 for community engagement and £500 towards picnic benches will be considered. Clerk will add these figures to the budget and report back on how this will affect the precept.

Clerk

96.11/23 – Reports from members

Frenchay

It was noted that the car park next to the museum is listed on a parking website. There is a need to keep out unwanted vehicles and it was suggested a height restriction barrier could be installed. Clerk will investigate costs.

Clerk

Due to the A432 bridge being closed there is a big knock on effect of extra traffic through Frenchay as well as Winterbourne. This isn't helped by the verges on Cleevewood Road which are very overgrown. Clerk to request again that they be cut back.

Clerk

The wall on Pearce's Hill which is partly collapsed appears to be getting worse. Clerk to be sent a photo which can be sent on to South Gloucestershire Council. It was noted that the £5,000 contribution made by Redrow towards the pond in the nature reserve at Frenchay Parklands, will be added to the Earmarked Reserves.

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Winterbourne to include the Recreation Field, Duck Pond and Allotments

The aerator at the pond has been switched off now the weather is cooler.

The lock at the allotments broke and has been replaced with a combination lock.

This will result in multiple requests for a refund of the key deposits paid, £10, but will be easier to administer going forward.

The Dingle, Winterbourne Down and Hambrook

The partially collapsed wall on Mill Road has now been fixed.

There are currently speed visors on Down Road and also on the Bristol Road by the White Horse.

Greenfield Centre

It was noted there seemed to be a problem with the lights in the main hall last week and that also some of the spotlights in the foyer need replacing. Clerk will investigate.

Clerk

97.11/23 – A.O.B

None.

Meeting concluded 8.41pm