

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

#### P Kembery (in the Chair)

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

# 140.01/24 - Evacuation procedure – leave via the fire door and assemble in the play area – Noted

#### 141.01/24 - Apologies for Absence

Cllr Lloyd

Also in attendance South Gloucestershire Councillor Jones.

#### 142.01/24 - Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Labuschagne, South Gloucestershire Councillor

#### 143.01/24 - Chairman's Announcements

It was announced that the Greening of the High Street has been approved. Cllr Hancock will produce a project plan, which would help with sponsorship. Thanks were given to Cllr Hancock for her work on this project.

#### 144.01/24 - Public Participation

None.

# 145.01/24 - To approve the Minutes of Council Meeting held on 4 December 2023 **Resolved** to approve.

#### To note the Minutes of:

Planning Committee Meetings held on 4 and 18 December 2023- Noted Finance and General Purposes Meeting held on 18 December 2023 – Noted Staffing Committee Minutes (Revised) held on 13 November and meeting held on 4 December – Noted

Climate and Nature Committee meeting of 18 December did not proceed as it was inquorate - Noted

#### <u>146.01/24 – To answer questions from Councillors</u>

Noted that the response was very poor from Bristol Water regarding many residents not having water on Christmas Day, including the Care Home. The Clerk will contact Bristol Water with concerns and to ascertain improved plans for future incidents and to also enquire how residents can claim their rebate. Suggested a couple of points could be

discussed in the Climate and Nature Committee Meeting: Emergency Response Facilitation and explore grant funding from Water Companies.

Thanks was given to the Clerk, Sally, for her years of service as she is leaving at the end of the month.

Advised that the wall rebuild had started at on the Frome Valley Walkway at The Dingle.

#### 147.01/24 - To receive and consider the Clerk's Report

All items on the Clerk's Report were noted.

There has been a good response to the job advert for the Assistant Clerk and interviews will be hopefully be held in the next few weeks.

The bleed kits have now been put into the defibrillator cabinets and registered so if anyone calls 999 they will be directed to the nearest one and given the code to open the cabinet.

#### <u>148.01/24 – To consider recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes</u> <u>Committee</u>

An alternative option was proposed in addition to the recommendation from the F&GP. This proposal was rejected by a majority vote (8,7).

**Resolved** to approve the F&GP recommendation (a 3% precept increase to £194,750 for the 2024/25 financial year, which results in a 0.35% increase to each household based on a Band D equivalent) by a majority vote (8,5 – with 2 councillors abstaining)

A third quote is being obtained for the height barriers for Frenchay Museum Car Park. **Resolved** to bring the quote to the next F&GP for discussion.

## 149.01/24 – Climate and Nature Committee update and to agree the planting plan for trees on Hambrook Common

Resolved to approve the planting of the trees.

Advised that One Planet Matters will provide match funding for environmental projects. C&N Committee are currently identifying schemes to utilise this opportunity.

Advised potential sites have been found for the Winterbourne WI to plant two memorial trees.

150.01/24 – To agree the publication of a questionnaire for the Winterbourne Ward. **Resolved** to approve a parish wide consultation. Cllr Fogg-Rogers to take forward in conjunction with the Clerk.

151.01/24 - To consider the setting up of a Community Speed watch

**Resolved** that Cllr Goodman in conjunction with other, established, community groups to set up Community Speed Watch.

152.01/24 - To agree the Parish Council's response to the current library consultation **Resolved**, members agreed for an amended letter, first drafted from Cllr Bruce, to be sent in opposition to the cuts. Now to include local groups that use the facility.

Cllr Labuschangne encouraged members to complete the South Gloucestershire wide consultation.

153.01/24 – To agree further road names for the new development at Lower Hambrook. **Resolved** to agree the name of 'Ferguson' in recognition of all the work that Liz Ferguson has done with the Remember Me project and 'Sweetapple' in memory of a local woman who, despite having numerous disabilities, would knit for the troops in WW1.

Cllr FR & Clerk

Cllr Goodman

Clerk

Clerk

### 154.01/24 - To approve the accounts and bank reconciliation for December Resolved to approve.

### 155.01/24 - To approve the accounts from April to December Resolved to approve.

### 156.01/24 - To approve the invoices presented for payment, together with any invoices received since publication of the Agenda

The invoices were checked for payment by 2 councillors.

**Resolved** to approve.

See Apppendix1

## 157.01/24 - Any other items to be noted

None.

