

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council that was held at the Village School on **January 16th** that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

Present : Councillors M Solomon (Chairman) Cllr N Harrison Chairman Planning Committee) Cllr J Jackson, Cllr L Burge, Cllr J Riddle, Cllr T Thayer, Cllr T Thake, Cllr D Bingham, Cllr A Brown Cllr A Reed.

"Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal opportunities (race gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability) Crime disorder and Human Rights"

01/12: To receive any apologies for non attendance

None recorded at this meeting

02/12: To Receive any Declarations of Interest

No Declarations at this meeting

03/12: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **December 12th 2011**. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

04/12: Action points circulation paper on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda of the 16th January 2012.

None Raised at this meeting

Working Groups Reports

Footpaths and Land

Signature of Chairman

05/12: Rhynes need attention alongside Liddall Land also around playing Fields Drainage Board to be contacted there is also a number of plastic bottles in Rhynes. A general tidy up is proposed before June 3rd of 2012.

Highways and Speedwatch

6/12: A letter to be sent to PCSO Mizen and Tony Freeman Beat manager regarding the Speedwatch operation as it appears that no letters are being sent owing to staffing issues. The Oaks- opposite Wares Lane there are parking issues with vehicles coming on and off Wembdon Rise. There is also reported to be a concern between parked cars and Bus Stop it is hoped that a pelican crossing could be supported on Wembdon Rise. There are a number of issues on roads, access and safety issues that will be raised by the clerk with Chris Betty of SCC. We would hope for a visit to the village to meet with Chairman or other councillors.

Playing Fields

7/12: We now have quote from Sedgemoor on the new litter bin freestanding near bench at a cost of £ 247.13. This will be agreed on the February agenda. Cllr Jackson will talk to GB Sports about recurring problem with safety on some nuts on play equipment.

Allotments

8/12: BAM Contractor to re surface the track on the allotment field, some clearance may be required prior to the work commencing. The clerk will meet with Cllr Thayer to discuss issues of rental and AGM timing for Spring

Communications

9/12: Good reactions to the new newsletter now published and being distributed. Some updating of the website to take place during 2012.

Jubilee Celebrations 2012

10/12: Discussions between WCA and Wembdon ladies on ideas for 3rd and 4th June to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. A lunch will be planned on the 3rd June for families to bring picnics near the church and also presentation of Jubilee coins. A proposal to have our own beacon for lighting along with fireworks is also planned. The cost forecast to the Council will be around £1250.00 but we may get some of the cost shared. A tree and Plaque also being considered.

Correspondence Items

Signature of Chairman

- 11/12 : Licensing and Gambling panel agenda (for info only)
 12/12: Corporate Scrutiny Committee (for Info only)
 13/12: Quantock Coastal Cluster meeting in December report

Finance and to Agree Payments

14/12: Clerks Salary for December and January	£ 777.80
15/12: HMRC Tax and NI Payments for December/ Jan	£ 194.40
16/12: Andrew Sutton Maintenance Contract (111)	£ 355.00
17/12 News Letter Printing by Purnells	£ 388.00
18/12: Ryan Searle Delivery of election notices	£ 50.00

19/12: It was resolved by the Parish Council to make the above payments in accordance with the Council budget and financial controls.

Precept Decision for 2012/13

20/12: The finance and general purposes committee met on the 5th January to consider the precept for 2012/13 and also to set a budget in process for monitoring and measuring performance of the Council. The proposal to the Parish Council meeting was to set an increased precept of £35,000.00.

The key Reasons are

21/12 :To provide the Council with improved levels of reserves in line with SALC

To allow the Parish Council some flexibility in providing improving services to the village of Wembdon in 2012. This additional level of precept would add about £5.00 per year to a band D property in the village .

22/12: It was resolved by members of the council to increase the precept to £35,000 in the forthcoming financial year

Planning Committee

23/12: A separate set of minutes available for the planning meeting that took place prior to this meeting. The planning committee raised the forthcoming enquiry taking place in respect of Cokerhurst Farm on January. The meeting was also provided with an up to date list of all applications and results for 2011/12 year.

Signature of Chairman

Matters of Consideration

Does the Parish Council at Wembdon support the process of using polls to determine actions ?

24/12 :The discussion that took place considered the merits of such a policy for the council. In the light of that discussion **it was resolved not** to make such a policy but to examine each matter on its merits.

The structure and delegation of committees at Wembdon

25/12: Consideration has been given to the use of committees and the powers that a parish council can delegate to those committees. The Parish Council have proposed just two for the forthcoming year. The first is planning and the second in financial and general purposes.

26/12: Planning Committee

To meet monthly between main meetings to consider applications received and to make decisions on those applications and respond to Sedgemoor District Council planning officers. The meetings will be held as public meetings with agenda and minutes as the main meeting. Where appropriate planning meetings may be held prior to monthly meetings at 7pm.

27/12: Finance and General Purposes Committee

To meet on a quarterly basis to consider all matters of banking, finance, budgeting and to monitor reconciliations , Insurance premiums etc . The Committee will have full delegated powers and feed back to the main meeting as and when required. To also propose precept levels **but not to decide on them**

Additional responsibilities of this committee

28/12: Appeals, Staffing, Clerk Appraisal , and appointments.

Matters of Report

29/12: Vote on bins expenditure February meeting

30/12: Reactions and feed back from Cokerhurst enquiry

31/12: Rhyne between Notaro and Church long open rhyne (Safety issues)

Meeting Closed at 21.50pm and next meeting of the full council is set for
Monday 13th February 2012

Signature of Chairman