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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council that was held at the Victoria Community Centre on **February 13th** that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

Present : Councillors M Solomon (Chairman) Cllr J Riddle (Vice Chairman) Cllr J Jackson, Cllr L Burge Cllr T Thayer, Cllr N Harrison Cllr A Reed. Also Cllr I Dyer and Cllr A Bown two district councillors and several members of the public and the Clerk

"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"

32/12: Apologies for absence received from Cllr Brown and Cllr Bingham These two apologies were accepted. No apologies received from Cllr Thake

33/12: To Receive any Declarations of Interest

Prejudicial Interest declared by Cllr A Reed and Potential public perception of bias by Cllr M Solomon on item 8.1 of the published agenda

34/12: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **January 16th 2012**. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

35/12: Action points circulation paper on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda of the **13th February 2012**. The Police also attended and updated on a few issues since the last meeting the overall theme was of a low crime culture in Wembdon

Working Groups Reports

Footpaths and Land

Signature of Chairman

36/12: Wares Lane footpath to be completed by SCC prior to Easter.

37/12: The drainage board to meet with two members later this week to consider necessary maintenance work to the rhynes network around the village and it was resolved that a budget of £250.00 be agreed to give the go ahead to work as soon as possible. The meeting to take place with Phil Ham.

Highways and Speedwatch

38/12: The meeting was informed that there a 6 people involved with the speedwatch group.

39/12: There are a number of concerns in the village regarding parking issues causing some safety concerns, Church road junction with Greenacres being of a particular concern and the meeting had photographs from a local resident indicating some of the issues. It was resolved at the meeting to confirm a suitable time for Chris Betty of County highways along with local PCSO to meet with members of the Parish Council and make some decisions regarding improvements that could be made. It was further suggested that some communication take place with the residents to highlight the problems.

40/12: It was resolved at the meeting that further investigations and a contact with Cllr Edney to examine the possibility of a pelican crossing on Wembdon Rise.

41/12: The Quantock Cluster group are discussing the possibility of speed indicator device and are considering sharing the cost with other Parish Councils this will be discussed at the forthcoming Quantock Cluster meeting On the 28th February ,

Playing Fields

42/12: It was resolved to purchase a new litter bin for the playing fields area at a cost to the Council of £ 247.13. It was also decided to pursue the idea of clean up day for the playing fields and to encourage volunteers to get involved . The Parish Council will need to purchase sets of gloves tongs etc to assist the project

Allotments

43/12: A decision has been made to hold the AGM for allotment holders on Tuesday March 6th in the Parish Centre at 7pm. The Allotment holders

will now be invoiced annually for the a fee which has been maintained for 2012/13 of £ 30.00 for the larger plots and £15.00 for the smaller ones.

44/12: It was also resolved to get more clarification on water supply issues and the metering of Water from Bristol water. The decision taken in the light of discovering that a feed had been taken from the supply with no knowledge of the Parish Council.

Communications

45/12: A request has been received from Turners the Opticians for a flyer to be inserted in the next news letter which would contribute significantly to the production costs of the newsletter and this will be considered further.

Jubilee Celebrations 2012

46/12: WCA agreed to contribute £625.00 to the cost of the Jubilee celebration coin and to date just 71 children registered so more publicity will be sought to increase the take up. A picture of Wembdon Church was agreed for the coin and a beacon on the field will be arranged.

Correspondence Items

A number of items of correspondence were viewed by members to include

47/12: Clarks Trust Foundation Flyer

48/12: SALC Meeting North Area

49/12: Road Closure information Spaxton

50/12: St Georges Church response for Beacon Request

51/12: Resident letter and photographs re parking issues Greenacre

52/12: Quantock Cluster meeting Agenda 28th February 2012

Finance and to Agree Payments

53/12: Clerks Salary for February	£ 398.90
54/12: HMRC Tax and NI Payments February	£ 97.20
55/12: GB Sports invoice for January	£ 18.00
56/12 : News Letter Printing by October news letter	£ 81.00
57/12: SCC room Hire for School Sept to December 2011	£ 470.52
58/12: Tree Surgery payment (to Chairman re payment)	£ 100.00
59/12: Purchase of previously agreed Council owned PC	£ 415.97

Signature of Chairman

60/12: Clerk of Otterhampton fee for Parish meeting 30/1 **£ 40.05**

61/12:It was resolved by the Parish Council to make the above payments in accordance with the Council budget and financial controls.

62/12: budget paper was circulated prior to this meeting for information along with a cash reserves statement showing a likely end of year out turn of finance **of £3900.00**

Planning Committee

63/12 A planning summary sheet was circulated prior to the meeting and there were no planning applications received prior to this meeting, A further planning meeting will be held in two weeks for any subsequent applications.

Matters of Consideration

Cllrs A Reed and M Solomon left the meeting at this point

To Consider the response (if any) to the recent decision at a Parish meeting to call and vote for a poll on the future of land known as the LEAP.

The Clerk read communications received by some members of the public who have concerns about the question being asked and to their concerns regarding a balanced view of the proposals both to develop the LEAP and the opposition to it

64/12: The Parish Council members after consideration and discussion decided not to offer a response to this Poll until after the result was confirmed after 1st March

Cllr A Reed and Cllr M Solomon returned to the meeting at this point.

65/12: The chairman raised the issue of potential alternatives to the use of the land in question and suggested possible feasibility study looking at other uses to improve the recreational facilities of the village. It was decided that any proposals should be put on hold until after the Parish Poll has been conducted.

Signature of Chairman

66/12: Cokerhurst Farm Enquiry Update

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The enquiry has taken 4 days to date and covered the above appeal to build around 450 houses on greenfield site. The attendance was good and the evidence given by Sedgemoor was of a very high standard.

Goal Post Issue of reinstatement

67/12: This is an ongoing issue that has been discussed since July of 2011 and the Council decided to reinstate the Goal post and will be carried out by two members of the Council

Matters of Report

The Clerk told the meeting that the final year of the contract with A Sutton would be increased by £125.00 this was accepted.

No other matters were reported

The meeting closed at 10.30pm and the next full meeting of the council will take place on the 12th March at 7.30pm. A planning meeting on the 27th will take place at the Parish Centre at 7pm

Signature of Chairman