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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council that was held at the Parish Centre Wembdon on **April 10th** that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

Present : Councillors M Solomon (Chairman) Cllr J Riddle (Vice Chairman) Cllr L Burge Cllr T Thayer, Cllr N Harrison Cllr A Reed, Cllr Thake, Cllr D Bingham, and Cllr A Brown Also Cllr I Dyer the clerk and members of the public

"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"

99/12: Apologies for absence received from Cllr J Jackson and accepted

100/12: To Receive any declarations of interest. There were no recorded declarations at this meeting.

101/12: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **12th March** the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

102/12: Action points circulated paper on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda of the **10th April 2010**

Working Groups Reports

Footpaths and Land

103/12: It was reported that Wares Lane surface has been completed to a very high standard a project that has been waiting for 15 years and the quality of the work to be applauded. As mentioned in previous minutes lighting on the lane between Church lane and the NDR is an issue which the Parish Council are keen to solve. A letter is to be sent to the owners of

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the lane adjacent to the footpath to seek permission to investigate the options for lighting probably in the order of 3-5 lights depending on type and location. The gates that allow entrance to the Liddall fields near Crossacre Close need to have new locks and keys to be made available to all members of the Parish Council and a walkers entrance opened in the adjacent fence

Highways and Speedwatch

104/12: A meeting has now taken place with Chris Betty of highways to look at a number of improvements to safety and speed issues in the village. The work being proposed will be identified by Chris in the next few weeks, but will include new lining and signage and probably a proposal to re site the bus stop on the corner of Church Road. More on these proposals in May. On Wares lane there is a lamp post knocked over that needs attention and the clerk will write to County and Persimmon for advice on having it re instated however it is an un adopted road so the owners would be liable probably for the work to be completed.

Playing Fields

105/12: A £250.00 sum has been allocated to provide a suitable sign to restrict the use of ball games on the asphalt section adjacent to the play area field after some residents have voiced concerns. There is also a drainage issue near the millennium bridge that has tendency to silt. A site meeting was held with Iain Sturdy, senior engineer at the land drainage board and he has proposed a relining of the rhyne to form a flume which should address the problem. We will need to keep a watching brief on this matter.

Allotments

106/12: A new policy document has now been drafted to ensure that the allotment facility meets both the requirements of the Parish Council and to assist the users of this popular asset. An agreement by the Parish Council will be made at the May meeting. The policy can be taken as the definitive until that time. Two members of the Parish Council will visit the site over the coming weeks to ascertain which plots are not being used and the parish council do have a waiting list that will be on a first come first served basis. It has been decided however that local members of Wembdon community should be given priority.

Communications

107/12: The new addition of the News Letter has received an excellent response from the village community and is now self financing with the

advertising revenue. Thanks were given to members who have worked hard to get this up and running. Some consideration will be given over the coming months to updating the Parish Council website regarded by all as a good facility but that after 5 years it would benefit some tweaking to ensure that it remains at the forefront of the communication process.

Jubilee Celebrations 2012

108/12: Lots of preparation work being undertaken by Cllr Burge and her team to ensure that this unique event is a huge success in early June. additional items of interest include a Bunting Challenge to make it the longest piece of bunting during the celebrations. A request for cake donations is made and the Parish Council have agreed to purchase 6 Jubilee Oak trees that will eventually be planted around a suitable location in the village.

Correspondence Items

109/12: A circulation file of relevant papers is being circulated around members of the Parish Council.

110/12 Finance and to Agree Payments

The clerk pointed out that our financial position for the past year has included a small balance on the year of excess receipts over payments of £389.00 . This adds very slightly to the reserves that started the Council year. It is hoped that with a slightly higher precept in the coming year the Parish Council reserves will reflect our obligations to hold minimum levels of cash reserves as advised by SALC.

111/12: Payments

Clerks Salary for April 2012	£388.90
Tax and NI Payments for April 2012	£97.20
GB Sports inspection for March	£18.00 (Vat Reclaimable)
SALC Subscription 2012/13	£748.29
Parrett Drainage Board work	£178.20
Sedgemoor District Council Parish Poll	£1357.95
Clerks Allowance and Expenses Dec 11 to March 2012-04-11	£477.29
Payroll Software Money soft 2012/13	£67.20

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It was resolved to make all of the above payments during the month of April. A finance committee will be held on April 18th to verify the end of years figures and in line with compliance issues.

Planning Committee

112/12: Planning Application 51/12/00008 to erect two properties on land in Church Road. The Planning committee decided to object to this application on the grounds of over development of the small site and a breach of the building line. Also loss of light due to two storey development.

113/12: Erection of a single storey side extension at 20, Inwood Road Wembdon. The Planning committee decided to support this application.

Sedgemoor Planning authority will be notified on 11th April by electronic mail

Matters of Consideration

Notice Board Changes

114/12: The Parish Council is going to consider the addition of two new notice boards of full size to compliment those opposite Inwood Road and Positano Way. However serious consideration is to be given to removing the smaller less useable boards on Wembdon Hill, the corner of Church Road and outside the Parish centre. The smaller ones are not large enough to enable the council to have a uniform notice protocol on all boards which is advisable.

Matters of Report and May agenda items

Tendering for Maintenance Contract to start in summer 2012 current contract to be sent to members for scrutiny.

IPC response to be processed in time for May meeting

The meeting closed at 9.20pm and the AGM meeting planned for 14th May in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm