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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Annual Parish Council meeting that was held at St Georges School Wembdon on **June 11th 2012** that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

Present : Councillors M Solomon (Chairman) Cllr J Riddle (Vice Chairman) Cllr T Thayer, Cllr N Harrison Cllr and Cllr A Brown, Cllr J Jackson Cllr I Dyer Cllr J Edney and 28 members of the Public

There were 5 representations to the Council prior to the meeting on Licensing concerns at Greenway Farm and Road surfacing issues at Crossacre

“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”

37/12: Apologies for absence received from Cllr A Reed. The apologies were accepted by the meeting

38/12: To Receive any declarations of interest. There were no recorded declarations at this meeting.

39/12: The Clerk made read out an email from District Councillor Ann Bown offering her apologies as she was unable to attend the meeting and at the same time congratulating the Parish Council for the success and hard work with the Jubilee celebrations

40/12: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at the Parish Centre on **14th May 2012** the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

41/12: Action points circulated paper on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda of the **11th June 2012**

Working Groups Reports

Signature of Chairman

Footpaths and Land

42/12: General comments about untidiness in the church Path to NDR Footpath and may form part of a give a day clearance project. The Parish Council have started these days in order to engage with local people in the improvement of the surroundings. A decision to roll out the tendering process and to include possible additions of footpaths etc will be made at the July meeting. The Strimmer project to be undertaken by Cllr Harrison and training will be provided by SCC

Action Points

1. Clerk to follow up on the letter of 31st May to the Owner of land adjacent to the Crowpill Rhyne running as a footpath and public right of way from Church Road to the new Churchfields estate (previously known as Crowpill Lane) this to support a plan for additional lighting.

Highways and Speedwatch.

43/12: The work proposed by Chris Betty of SCC roads and highways will be pursued and a timetabling of the work to be put forward. Cllr J Edney will be taking up with the appropriate Council officer the crossing proposals on Wembdon Rise.

Action Points :

1. OJC to keep track on timetabling with Chris Betty
2. County Councillor J Edney to make contact with Nick Cowling of SCC to support the request for a crossing on Wembdon Rise

Playing Fields

44/12: Signage wording agreed for the playing field, Binocular replacement parts agreed unanimously at this meeting at a cost of **£ 270.55**. The lower areas of the field are to be re seeded with topsoil by Andrew Sutton contractor at the agreed fee of **£150.00**.

Action Points

1. Cllr J Jackson to arrange appropriate signage
2. OJC to re order the Binocular parts from Sutcliffe
3. OJC TO Authorise A Sutton to re seed and top soil playing field area as per quote

Allotments

45/12: The track to the allotments is now nearing completion a figure of £1700.00 has been agreed by the Parish Council to complete the work and in addition there will be a small cost of clearing debris. All allotments will be marked clearly with posts and a monitoring of unused plots will be maintained. 3 Water troughs at a cost of £216.00 was agreed unanimously and the clerk will raise a cheque to Mole Valley Farmers.

Action Points

- 1.** Cllr T Thayer to arrange water troughs and gravel for track
- 2.** Cllr N Harrison and Cllr T Thayer arranging identification posts

Communications

46/12: A further consideration to update and improve the Parish Council website is to be pursued by a couple of members of the Parish Council who will come back with any firm proposals in due course. It is also hoped that past news letters from the archive will be scanned in eventually and placed on the website

Jubilee Celebrations 2012

47/12: The Jubilee celebrations were a huge success and was in part attributed to the huge amount of commitment put in by members of the Council, WCA and the Church who worked together to provide an excellent weekend of events, All coins were distributed successfully and a vote of thanks was given to Lorraine Burge and Helen Tasker who committed a huge amount of energy and time to the project

Correspondence Items

48/12: A circulation file of relevant papers is being circulated around members of the Parish Council.

49/12: The following items were made available pre meeting

Chris Betty reply to local highway works
Strimmer Project detailed information
Quotation by A Sutton for Topsoil and seeding
Legal Notice of village notice board placement

Finance and to Agree Payments

50/12: Payments

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Clerks Salary for June 2012	£ 388.90	
Tax and NI Payments for June 2012	£ 97.20	
GB Sports inspection for May 2012	£18.00	Vat reclaim
A Sutton Contract May	£367.50	
Purnell Newsletter Printing	£ 426.00	
Water Troughs for Allotments	£ 216.00	

51/12: Budget and reserves statements presented

52/12: Moore Stephens external auditor request for additional information prior to sign off of the accounts for 2011/12.

Planning Committee

53/12: Planning application **51/12/00011**. *Retention and change of use to partly residential and partly Self catering hoilday or short term letting, also the retention of use of agricultural land to garden area on land at Model Farmhouse (part) and OS Field no 5726 Perry Green Wembdon* was considered by the planning committee prior to the meeting and it was decided to object to this application on the grounds of its failure to meet with Core Strategy and concerns over the road network and change of use to garden from agricultural use and concerns over future use of this land.

54/12: Planning Application **51/12/00012** *Extension of single storey extension at 67, Wembdon Hill Wembdon*. The Parish Council planning committee Supported this application on the grounds of precedent of neighbouring property.

Matters of Consideration

55/12: **Notice board placement in the village**. A decision to re arrange notice board provision in the village to 4 equal sized boards and to remove the smaller less efficient ones will be taken. This will create uniformity of information on all village notice boards.

56/12: **Contract for village maintenance** to be considered in July with a clear idea of areas to be included in the contract which is now in the final year

57/12: **Purchasing of Jubilee Oaks** These will be ordered with a delivery date of September from the Woodland Trust

Signature of Chairman

Matters of Report and May agenda items

58/12 IPC Hinkley Response meeting on June 20th at the exchange
Bridgwater to start 10am.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm and the next meeting on July 9th 2012 in
St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm