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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Annual Parish Council meeting that was held at St Georges School Wembdon on **July 16th 2012** that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

Present : Councillors M Solomon (Chairman) Cllr J Riddle (Vice Chairman) Cllr N Harrison Cllr and Cllr A Reed Cllr J Jackson, Cllr L Burge, Cllr T Thake, Cllr D Bingham Cllr I Dyer and 14 members of the Public

There were 4 representations to the Council prior to the meeting on Licensing concerns, Playing field issues and Footpaths

"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"

59/12: Apologies for absence received from Cllr T Thayer and Cllr A Brown. The apologies were accepted by the meeting

60/12: To Receive any declarations of interest. There were no recorded declarations at this meeting.

61/12: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at the Parish Centre on **11th June 2012** the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

62/12: Action points circulated paper on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda of the **16th July 2012**

Working Groups Reports

Footpaths and Land

63/12: A letter has been received from Mr B Webb in response to the Parish Councils letter requesting consideration be given to additional

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lighting on the footpath between Churchfields estate and Church Road. Mr Webb has declined to support this action and the Parish Council will need to look at alternative proposals for additional lighting. A general perception of untidiness due to recent wet weather and footpaths and scrub areas very overgrown. Strimming will be added to the contract for 2013 and will be included on the scope of work

Action Points

1. Clerk to follow up on alternatives with additional lighting with Chris East of SCC.
2. Strimming around the village to be added to Scope of next Contract

Highways and Speedwatch.

64/12: It was reported that some initial preparations have been started with regard to SCC Plans for some local highways improvements. Chris Betty will be contacted to obtain an update on progress.

65/12: Crossacre Road improvement contribution: A Request has been received by residents of Crossacre for financial support to re surface the road which is privately owned. Half of the cost has been met by District Council and Western Power. The Parish Council resolved to pay £500.00 contribution to the remaining costs of £ 2360.00. The rest of the cost will be met by local residents. The Parish Council do require access to playing fields and are therefore users of this road.

Action Points :

1. OJC to keep track on timetabling with Chris Betty.

Playing Fields

66/12: Signage aimed at preventing older children from playing ball on the non playing field areas and dog control measures have been agreed. This signage at a cost of £ 210.60 will be in place prior to school holidays.

67/12: Having considered a request from residents of Crossfield to remove Goal Posts during the Summer. The Parish Council resolved not to remove the Goal posts on the grounds of safety and additional cost. Leaving exposed sockets could cause safety issues and the Parish Council would need to pay a contractor to remove and re install causing unnecessary expense for a short period of time

68/12: New Binoculars will be installed over the coming weeks by Cllr T Thake

Action Points

- 1.** Cllr J Jackson to arrange placing of Signage
- 2.** Cllr Thake to install the new Binoculars

Allotments

69/12: Thanks were given to BAM construction for kindly provided 20 tonnes of stone for the new track to the allotments. Also thanks given to G Works who have also supported the project.

70/12: Re numbering to take place to make it simpler to identify the plots with proper number tags on each plot

71/12: The clerk pointed out that there is a waiting list for plots and that monitoring of the useage is ongoing

Action Points

- 1.** Cllr T Thayer to arrange water troughs Installation
- 2.** Cllr N Harrison to arrange numbering system

Communications

72/12: The new summer Newsletter is now ready for print and distribution and this will take place during July.

73/12: Website is currently being considered for updating and improving and an article in new newsletter will be asking for comments and ideas on the way forward.

Action Points

- 1.** Distribution of Newsletter by the distribution team
- 2.** Further thoughts and proposal regarding Website upgrading Cllr Bingham

Jubilee Celebrations 2012

74/12: Winner to be announced of the balloon race with the winning balloon achieving 42 miles to Trowbridge and a certificate will be presented to the winning person

Correspondence Items

75/12: The following items were made available pre meeting

Road Closure and diversion for Wembdon Rise the period of works is from 6th August and will last 5 days. The details will be placed on Website

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Finance and to Agree Payments

76/12: Payments

Clerks Salary for July 2012	£ 388.90
Tax and NI Payments for July 2012	£ 97.20
Bristol Water Account for June	£ 39.23
CPRE 2012-13 Subscription	£ 29.00
Mike Solomon (Key Cutting)	£ 33.46
Parish Centre Hire April 10 th	£ 8.00
Parrett Drainage Rates 2012-13	£ 5.03
Clerks Allowance and Office Expenses	£ 314.74 (April to June 12)
GB Sports June 26 th inspection	£ 18.00

77/12: It was resolved to make the above Payments

78/12: The Following forward payments need to be made in August during the Council recess.

Zurich Insurance (re Write of lost cheque)	£ 725.37
Moore Stephens (External Audit) Fee	£ 522.00
Sutcliffe Play (New Binoculars)	£ 324.66
Cllr N Harrison (Hog Roast Costs)	£ 4.50
A Sutton Maintenance Contract for July	£ 367.50
A Sutton Topsoil and re seed	£ 150.00
Clerks Salary for August	£ 388.90
HMRC Tax payments for August	£ 97.20
GB Sports inspection for July	£ 18.00
New Signage for Playing Fields	£ 210.60

79/12: It was resolved to make the above payments in August

80/12: Budget details and cash reserves papers circulated prior to the meeting and show that the Council budget is so far 30% of the annual total after quarter 1

81/12: The External Audit has now been passed by Moore Stephens

Planning Committee

82/12: Planning application 51/12/00013: **Change of use and conversion of barns to 3 dwellings on land to the North of Cokerhurst Farm Wembdon.** It was resolved by the planning committee to make no observations to this re application of a previous application

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83/12: The planning update 2012 was distributed to members prior to the meeting.

Matters of Consideration

84/12: Notice board placement in the village. A previous decision to re arrange Notice Boards in the village will be moved forward. It has been decided to remove the 3 smaller boards and to replace with two larger ones positioned near the end of Trinity Way and at the junction of Wembdon Rise and Church Road. A working group of M Solomon, Neil Harrison Dan Bingham with the clerk will report back on these proposals

85/12: Contract and scope of maintenance for 2013 : The tendering process for the annual contract will commence in the Autumn with the scope of the existing contract to be extended to include monthly grass cutting on the lidall land and to create pathways through which dog owners can use. It was also suggested to include hedge cutting around this land. In addition to clear litter and strim around plant boxes. Paths leading to allotments should also be included in the contract.

86/12: Cluster Group for Quantock Report: It was agreed to support the process of funding the clerk of Nether Stowey in working for the Cluster. The Clerk will contact the Clerk of Nether Stowey.

Matters of Report and September agenda items

87/12: Licensing Panel August 1st 2pm. Cllr M Solomon, Cllr A Reed and Cllr N Harrison will be nominated as registered speakers for this panel The clerk will also attend

88/12: Rubbish Clearance by Scouts: Thanks will be sent to the local Scouting Group for their efforts in clearing 56 kilo's of rubbish.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm and the next meeting on September 10th 2012 in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm