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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council meeting that was held at St Georges School Wembdon on **8th October 2012** that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted'

Present: Councillors M Solomon (Chairman) Cllr J Riddle (Vice Chairman) Cllr A Reed, Cllr L Burge, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr D Bingham, Cllr T Thake. There were 4 members of the public, Cllr J Edney, Cllr a Bown Cllr I Dyer and PCSO Mizon

“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”

124/12: Apologies for absence received from Cllr A Brown and this was accepted by the meeting

125/12: To Receive any declarations of interest. There were no declarations recorded at this meeting

126/12: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at the Parish Centre on **20th September** the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

127/12: Action points circulated paper on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda of the **8th October 2012**

128/12: PCSO Mizon attended the meeting and updated the meeting on recent re organisation of the local team resulting in less PCSO cover in the Bridgwater area this has resulted in changing shift patterns and more flexibility needed in duty times. He was however confident that the new 101 Contact telephone no would result in most cases with an early response on non emergency calls.

Working Groups Reports

Signature of Chairman

Footpaths and Land

129/12: As reported at previous meetings there has been significant growth of hedgerows and footpaths becoming difficult during a wet summer season. It was resolved to increase the scope of the new contract for maintenance to include 4 additional lanes.

1. Footpath between the allotments and the church
2. Ridge path between Blake Road and Downhall Drive
3. Gypsy Lane
4. Church path and the NDR

These would be a twice yearly addition to the current contract. A concern also raised about overgrown hedge/Ivy at or near no 1 church path that will be taken up by Cllr Harrison and Cllr Solomon prior to a letter being sent from the clerk.

130/12: It is proposed to hold another give a day in November to deal with some of the badly overgrown hedgerows in and around the village, this will be advertised in the next edition of the newsletter.

Action Points

1. OJC to add the new items to scope of contract
2. Cllr Harrison and Cllr Solomon to visit 1 Church path re overgrown hedges
3. Give a day proposed to clear up some hedge issues 10th November

Highways and Speedwatch.

131/12: Some concerns raised by local post office regarding increased use of yellow lines that have affected the parking of their customers. These lines were part of an overall improvement in the area to assist in making it safer. There were also concerns raised about Trucks containing top soil moving through the village which as possibly caused by Sat Nav Errors.

132/12: An additional salt bin is to be considered near the public house and the cost of providing this will be investigated through Glasdon. It is also proposed to place locks on the existing salt boxes between March and November each year.

Action Points:

1. OJC to obtain costs on new Salt Bin

Playing Fields

133/12: The Rhyne adjacent to the playing field now including the length below the Millenium bridge has been cleared by the drainage authority. A problem exists with part of the perimeter fencing near the swings and Sampsons will be asked to quote for a repair. Cllr Jackson will authorise this repair to maximum of £150.00 on the Councils behalf.

134/12: It was decided not to invite the local dog warden to the next Council meeting.

135/12: Cllr Jackson will get a quote for adding the playing field post code to the notice board on the playing field to assist the emergency services if requested to attend in the future the post code is TA6 7RW.

Action Points

- 1.** Cllr Jackson to get a quote for fencing repair near the swings
- 2.** Cllr Jackson to obtain a quote for a post code sign for notice board

Allotments

136/12: Water toughs up and running soon there no other current issues

137/12: The re numbering exercise will be undertaken during the autumn and winter season by Cllr Thayer and Cllr Harrison

Action Points

- 1.** Re numbering of plots by Cllr Thayer and Cllr Harrison

Communications

138/12: The October newsletter is now being finalised and any late articles very welcome. A new print supplier for the newsletter has been considered and it was resolved to place the business with them. The reasons are based on value for money. The new printer will complete a coloured version of the newsletter for the lower cost of £303.00 instead of £420.00 they will also bundle into required delivery zones

139/12: Cllr Bingham told the meeting that a local contact had agreed to produce a new village website on free of charge basis. John Richards will work with a small group of Cllrs to set up the new website and prepare a presentation once it has been designed, it was resolved to go ahead with the project before the year end.

Action Points

1. Cllr Bingham, Cllr Thayer Clerk and Cllr Burge to meet with John Richards on Website re vamp

Correspondence Items

140/12: The following items were made available pre meeting

(a) Crossacre residents letter in respect of road improvements and Cllr Riddle will look at the work once completed prior to the Parish Council authorising the £500.00 Grant already approved in July

Finance and to Agree Payments

141/12: Payments

Clerks Salary for Oct 2012	£ 388.90
Tax and NI Payments for Oct 2012	£ 97.20
GB Sports inspection Feb and Sept 2012	£ 36.00
A Sutton Contract for September 2012	£ 517.50
G Works stone for Allotment Track	£ 2040.00
PWLB Loan Payment October 2012	£ 1328.00
Clerks Allowance/ Office Expenses July/ Sept	£ 281.77

142/12: It was resolved to make the above Payments

143/12: The budget now shows a total spend of 58% of the annual budget for the year of 2012/13 which is just a little over forecast

Planning Committee

144/12: **Application 51/12/ 00018** Formation of parking area to front elevation including the removal of the boundary wall at 102, Wembdon Hill TA6 7QA. The Planning Committee supported this application on the grounds of Public amenity and road safety.

145/12: **Application 51/12/00019** Erection of access ramp to entrance at the Cottage Inn 68, Wembdon Hill TA6 7PZ. The planning committee supported this application on the grounds of public amenity improvement, Health and safety grounds and improved access for disabled persons.

146/12: **Wembdon VillageHall** . It was resolved that a group including OJC, Chairman and Cllr Harrison should meet with a Solicitor in Wrantage. This meeting is to ascertain the willingness and skills to assist the Parish Council on any issues relating to potential 106 agreements and any other matters requiring legal advice as the plans progress.

Signature of Chairman

Matters of Consideration

147/12: Code of Conduct and register of interest forms. As a result of the new code of conduct being adopted in September the Parish Council must submit all of the new register of interest papers within 28 days and the clerk requested the completion of these forms ASAP. Most now with the clerk

148/12: New Village Notice Boards a small working group met in the village in late September to consider the positioning of the new larger notice boards. It was proposed by the group that a new larger sized board should be placed on the playing field to replace existing and to remove the smaller one on Wembdon Hill and the Parish Centre. At this stage it is proposed to keep the smaller one in the bus shelter on the corner of Wembdon Rise and Church Road. Costs will be sought for the new notice boards

149/12: Contract tendering for maintenance. The scope of the contract has been issued with the revised items and these will be sent to potential contractors who wish to tender. Once they have seen this they will be invited to walk the village with Cllr Harrison and ensure their understanding of the required work responses need to be in on or by November 2nd. At that point envelopes will be opened at a meeting of the small working group. The contracts will be on an annual basis and start from April each year running through to March to coincide with financial year.

150/12: Flooding and drainage problems. Some issues have been raised about sewerage and drainage problems around Crossfield, Crossacre and Pippins areas these may be drainage issues but it is thought more likely to be Wessex water sewerage problems a number will be available to residents for them to call Wessex and the number put through letter boxes by Cllr Thayer

Matters of Report and October agenda item

151/12: Defibrillator placement Cllr Reed / Cllr Edney to follow up

152/12: Neighbourhood planning consideration early 2013

153/12: Parking issues Church Road

The meeting closed **at 9.10pm** and the next meeting on **November 12th 2012** in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm

Signature of Chairman