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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council meeting that was held at St Georges School Wembdon on **10th December 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 J Jackson, Cllr D Bingham, Cllr T Thake. Cllr T Thayer Cllr N Harrison and Cllr L Burge

There were 2 members of the public, and District Councillor A Bown

"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"

PC Antony Freeman : Updated the meeting on local issues

181/12: Apologies for absence received from Cllr J Edney this was accepted by the meeting

182/12: To Receive any declarations of interest. There were 3 declarations of interest in respect of agenda item 9.1 from Cllr Reed, Cllr Solomon and Cllr Bingham.

183/12: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **12th November 2012** the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

184/12: Action points circulated paper on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda of the **10th December**

Working Groups Reports

Footpaths and Land

185/12: It was reported that a tree on Liddall meadows is down but is currently safe. It may take a JCB to remove it. It also now confirmed that Persimmon have agreed to transfer the land at Great Oaks Development

Signature of Chairman

To the Parish Council either by long lease or other arrangements provided a covenant is produced.

186/12: Concerns about impacted leaves near the bus Stop which are not being collected by the contractors due to inaccessibility. Cllr Harrison kindly agreed with the help of Cllr Jackson to deal with it. Additionally there seems to be a problem between Wares Lane and Greenacre behind the Vicarage and Cllr T Thayer to investigate the matter.

187/12: Concern over Walls in Church Road (reply from SDC)

One final report, I hope, I had a phone call from Lee Taylor of Building Control, SDC, yesterday.

He assured me he had looked at all the retaining walls and that none were in a dangerous condition. He further said that this kind of wall can fail with very little warning, although warning signs are sometimes seen i.e. material such as soil or water leaking from the wall. Even when these signs appear the wall may remain intact for some months, or not! So it seems there is very little anyone can do apart from remain vigilant! I guess the weather we are having will make them even more vulnerable.

He told me the usual contact they have at the council is from neighbours mischievously trying to get the person owning the wall to spend a lot of money!

Action Points

1. Cllr N Harrison & Cllr Jackson to deal with Leaf build up
2. Cllr Thayer to investigate issues in Wares Lane

Highways and Speedwatch.

188/12: NDR Surface issues have been noted and will be reported to Highways this problem is close to the pelican crossing. Salt and grit supplies now in the garage of Cllr Thake

189/12: A large pot hole in hollow lane about two thirds of the way down from cottage inn will be reported to highways.

190/12: Recent Flooding concerns.

During the recent poor weather conditions a number of concerns have been raised about existing and potential problems. The Parish Council are determined to address these key issues by organising a multi agency approach by the

The Drainage Board
Wessex Water
The County.

It is hoped to get this set up in early 2013 so that an action plan can be agreed on to mitigate future problems to residents

Signature of Chairman

191/12: Sandbags are available by approaching Sedgemoor District Council

192/12: Dangerous Parking Issues in Church Road

There have been significant recent concerns about parking in parts of Church Road causing a danger to all who use the road and it is planned to arrange an early meeting with Chris Betty at County Highways to consider improvements to road markings and discuss other ways of improving safety in the area. Residents should be made aware of the dangers in parking vehicles in places where a hazard is caused

193/12 Speed watch

More volunteers needed to assist the speed watch team and in addition it is proposed during 2013 to look further at Speed indicator devices for the village

Action Points:

- 1.** OJC to contact highways re hollow Lane and NDR
- 2.** OJC to arrange a multi agency meeting in the village
- 3.** Chris Betty has been contacted awaiting a reply

Playing Fields

194/12: The new litter bin has yet to be installed and this will be arranged for early in 2013. The fields at present are very wet and muddy so difficult to use in parts at the present time

Action Points

- 1.** Cllr Jackson to follow up with Karen Barnes on the litter bin placement

Allotments

195/12: AGM of Allotment holders on 15th January 2013, the numbering of plots can now be completed and it is important that unused plots are identified with the rental holder notified accordingly that if the plot is not used then it will be re let

Action Points

1. OJC to mail out letters and information prior to AGM
2. Cllr Harrison to number the plots

Communications**196/12: Website**

Progress has now been made in updating the website and it is hoped that a spring 2013 launch can be expected. Information from local organisations is being sought to add to the website.

197/12: Newsletter

It is anticipated to have the next edition in late January 2013 and will feature some significant information regarding the Wembdon Parish Hall Trust progress in developing the new recreational facility for the village. The publication may be used to update the community on flood and parking issues that have been current recently

Action Points

1. Cllr Bingham, Cllr Thayer Cllr Burge to move the new website to a completion in the first quarter of 2013

Correspondence Items

198/12: Homes in Sedgemoor update on home refurbishment plans on social housing stock (for information only)

Finance and to Agree Payments**199/12: Payments**

Clerks Salary for Dec 2012	£ 388.80
Tax / Ni Payments for December 2012	£ 97.20
GB Sports inspection for October 2012	£ 18.00
A Sutton Contract for November 2012	£ 817.50
Nether Stowey Parish Council admin	£ 30.00
Liddall Land rental Feb to July 2012	£ 160.00
Samson maintenance of fencing	£ 256.00
Somerset Playing Fields subscription 2012/13	£ 10.00
James Loxton Plumbing (Allotments)	£ 178.79
Parish Magazine printing	£ 303.00

Signature of Chairman

200/12: It was resolved to approve the above Payments

Planning Committee

201/12: Planning application **51/12/00022** Erection of a single Storey extension to North elevation and Bay Window in East Elevation. At 6, Meadow Park Wembdon. This application is supported by the Parish Council on the grounds of enhancing the Property and surroundings

202/12: Planning application **51/12/00023** Erection of a garden room at 4, Duchess Close Bridgwater. The application is supported by the Parish Council on the grounds of enhancing the property

Matters of Consideration

203/12: Wembdon Village Hall Trust and successful planning application for the village of Wembdon.

Cllrs, Solomon, Reed and Bingham having declared an interest left the meeting and Cllr J Riddle took the chair. A grant has been applied for by the trust to Sedgemoor District Council of up to 10k. A condition of this grant will be that the Parish Council grants 10% of that eventual grant. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to make this contribution of 10% of any Sedgemoor grant but with a maximum of £1000.00 in the financial year 2013/14.

Cllrs Solomon, Reed and Bingham returned to the meeting.

204/12: Parish Council vacancy

It was notified to the members by the clerk that the process for replacing the vacant position will be started this week with notices pursuant to section 87(2) of the local Government Act 1972. This vacancy is in respect of Wembdon Victoria though any applicant could live in the Parish of Wembdon. Notices will be published for 14 clear days excluding bank holidays and Saturdays and Sundays. After this period has elapsed and nobody has delivered an intention to the returning officer signed by 10 electors then the Parish Council will co-opt to fill the vacancy

205/12: Precept 2013/14

Consideration of the 2013/14 precept will be made by the finance committee prior to bringing recommendations back to full Council in January. The finance committee will consider grant applications and any additional costs associated with potential land management in respect of the Persimmon land that may form part of the Parish Council budget for next year. These considerations are in addition to the main budget

Signature of Chairman

206/12: Allotment Rental rates for 2013/14

Having considered the costs associated with the allotments in the current financial year it was resolved to increase the standard plot rentals to £35.00 with the smaller plots £ 18.00.

Matters of Report and January 2013 agenda item

207/12: Dog Bin location and map to be sent to Sedgemoor and costs to be investigated prior to January meeting.

208/12: Parking Issues and concerns near Countess Avenue will be considered by Cllr Thake and Cllr Jackson

The meeting closed **at 9.40pm** and the next meeting on January 14th **2013** in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm.

The chairman invited all to join the Parish Council for Christmas refreshments after the meeting