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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council meeting that was held at St Georges School Wembdon on **11th February 2013** 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 6 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"

Pre Meeting presentation by Iain Sturdy of the Brue / Axe drainage board consortium.

Mr Sturdy with his colleague from SCC Andrew Turner explained the background to the recent concerns regarding flood and drainage issues in Wembdon. He was able to give the meeting a full account of the rhyme and water flow workings in and around Wembdon. He also explained in some detail why we had reached saturation point in some parts of the village due to quite exceptional weather during the autumn of 2012, Mr Sturdy also pointed out that solutions can be attributed to some of the problems once cost v benefits assessments are made. He has agreed to continue his assessment of potential solutions and with the close links with SCC will keep the Parish Council in the loop.

237/12: Apologies received from County Councillor J Edney

238/12: To Receive any declarations of interest. There were no such declarations

239/12: Dispensation Completed dispensations from members were handed to clerk in respect of a resolution from January 14th minute ref 211/12

Signature of Chairman

240/12: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **14th January 2013** the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

241/12: Action points circulated paper on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda of the **14th January 2013**

Working Groups Reports

Footpaths and Land

242/12: A good start has been made on the painting of the climbing frame at the children's play area and thanks given to Cllr Thake for his efforts with the work. The bench is in need of improved security and appears to have been moved. Cllr Jackson will approach Samson to get a quote at an agreed limit of £250.00.

Highways and Speedwatch.

243/12: County Council to be contacted about issues with Street lights that are intermittent at times. It was also noted by the meeting that the Speedwatch Signs were now up on a permanent basis and a request for some additional signage in Church Road

Action Points:

- 1.** OJC to contact County regarding the Street lighting
- 2.** Check on additional Signage for Church Road

Playing Fields

244/12: Dog Bin agreement to place additional and investigations to be made with Sedgemoor.

Action Points

- 1.** Sedgemoor re Dog Bin provision for an additional unit

Allotments.

245/12: All records now updated with 7 vacant plots as of 11th February 2013. Joe Cook is to attend to the overgrown plots before they are re let. Investigation into encouraging the School to run a plot.

Communications.

246/12: Website : Good progress is being made in the developing of the new website. Information to complete the site is being sorted and it is hoped that an early spring re launch can take place

247/12: Newsletter : People very impressed with the new layout newsletter and this has now gone out recently

Correspondence Items

248/12: Appeal Decision notice at 5, The Oaks the appeal is now dismissed

249/12: Cheddar Valley update on reservoir.

250/12: Road Closure Wembdon Hill 18th February for one day

251/12: Letter from local resident in connection with surface on Wares Lane

Finance and to Agree Payments

252/12: Payments

Clerks Salary for Feb 2013	£ 388.80
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Tax / Ni Payments for Feb 2013	£ 97.20
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GB Sports January Invoice	£ 18.00
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Magazine Printing (Newsletter)	£ 303.00
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253/12: It was resolved to approve the above Payments

254/12: The Precept 0 £42,500.00 has been lodged with Sedgemoor District Council

Planning Committee

255/12: 51/12/00031 Application supported on the grounds of road safety enhancements and to reduce parking Wembdon Hill.

256/12: 51/13/00001 No observations made to one of the conditions made on a recent amendment

Matters of Consideration

257/12: Parish Council Vacancy. A new member will be introduced to the Parish Council in March and a resolution made to co-opt the new member.

Signature of Chairman

258/12: Wembdon Village Hall Trust : A 106 Agreement is now being prepared by the Parish Council appointed Solicitors Holly and Steer and **071**

this agreement and associated matters will be the subject of an extraordinary meeting on the 6th March at 7.15pm. This will take the form of a covenant to safeguard any liabilities to the Parish Council.

259/12: It was resolved to appoint Richard Young as the Parish Council's internal auditor for the accounts 2012/13.

Matters of report

It was noted that the defibrillator is now in place at the village shop and training has been completed

The meeting ended at 9.25pm and the next meeting on March 11th 2013 in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm.and an extraordinary meeting on the 6th March at 7.15pm