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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council meeting that was held at St Georges School Wembdon on **11th March 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 D Bingham, Cllr T Thake. Cllr T Thayer Cllr N Harrison and Cllr L Burge

There was 1 member 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"

266/12: Apologies received from County Councillor J Edney and Cllr J Jackson

267/12: To Receive any declarations of interest. There were no such declarations

268/12: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **11th February** the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate account of the meeting. In addition the minutes of the **March 6th** extra meeting were approved

Working Groups Reports

Footpaths and Land

269/12: Generally at this time of the year the footpaths are not being used quite as much as they tend to be wet and muddy. However the allotment footpaths are drying out making life a little easier. The issue of the Dog bin addition was raised again and this will be attended to. It was also reported that the hedge in front of the lay-by on Wembdon Hill has now been cleared.

Highways and Speed watch.

Signature of Chairman

270/12: Recent speed checks identified 5 out of 100 cars exceeding the speed limits. The request in the newsletter for additional volunteers for speed watch group has not been very fruitful and no new members recruited recently. Additional warning signs have now been installed. There was some discussion on 20mph in the Inwood area may be something for future discussions and the Parish Council urge all who use this busy area to exercise maximum care at particular times of the day.

Action Points: A Further request for volunteers in stronger language to be included in the next edition of the Parish Paper

Playing Fields

271/12: All very wet at present particularly around the bridge area. Also the end of Wares lane to Great Oaks corner in a poor state. As reported previously there is graffiti on the fencing which Councillor Thake will help with removing. Some concerns also raised about miniature Nitrous oxide gas canisters being left lying around on the playing fields.

Action Points

1. Cllr Thake will assist the Parish Council in removing graffiti

Allotments.

272/12: A number of allotments still vacant but recently some have been taken up including additional ones for existing plot holders. The Parish Council will obtain quotes for additional fencing. Consideration is also to be given to extending the car parking area widening a section of the track and some plots by 2 meters. A formal resolution was made to allow for £250.00 for clearance of plots in a poor state.

Action Points

1. Quotes to be sought by Cllr Thayer for new fencing and for Renovation of unused plots

Communications.

273/12: Website: This new site is nearing completion and ready to go live. The password and user names are required for the domain www.wembdon.org these will be provided by Cllr M Solomon

274/12: Newsletter: Systems now in place to assist the smooth running of the invoicing process. A profit and loss sheet now sent to members thou' it

is expected that this site is **not a commercial** entity but a community services supported by the Parish Council.

Correspondence Items

- 275/12:** Somerset Flood summit survey of actual problems
Details forwarded to affected people/ groups
- 276/12:** Launch of Community youth club handbook
Details forwarded to Cllrs Thayer, Thake and Bingham
- 277/12:** Funding for small community groups
- 278/12:** Sedgemoor Flood assistance sandbags etc

Finance and to Agree Payments

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| 279/12: Payments | |
| Clerks Salary for March 2013 | £ 388.80 |
| Tax / Ni Payments for March 2013 | £ 97.20 |
| GB Sports Feb Invoice | £ 18.00 |
| Neil Harrison Signage | |

280/12: It was resolved to approve the above Payments

281/12: Budget for end of year sent prior to the meeting indication just 1% over budget in the current financial year with reserves significantly higher than at the same time last year indication good progress on the Parish Council's finance.

Planning Committee

The Planning committee meet immediately after this meeting

Matters of Consideration

282/12: Parish Council Vacancy. A new member will be introduced prior to the APM in April

283/12: Wembdon Village Hall Trust: A Meeting was held on the 6th March to consider covenants and 106 agreements in connection with Wembdon Village Hall Trust development please see these minutes that are available on request and on the website

284/12: Persimmon Land: The legal group at the District Council are currently looking at this acquisition and it is hoped that this land will fall into Parish Council responsibility once the legal process has been completed.

Signature of Chairman

Matters of report

Agenda Items for April 8th

Meet with potential new Parish Councillor
Annual Parish Meeting
Main Monthly meeting

Two Items identified for further discussion

Notice Boards in the village
Neighbourhood Planning under the localism Act

The meeting ended at 9.pm and the next meeting on April 8th 2013 in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm.