

**WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council meeting** that was held at St Georges School Wembdon on **December 9th 2013** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted'

**Present:** Councillors Cllr M Solomon (Chairman) Cllr A Reed, Cllr T Thake. Cllr T Thayer, and Cllr D Bingham Cllr J Jackson, Cllr N Harrison, Cllr J Woods and Cllr J Riddle There were 2 members of the public, and District 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"*

**205/13:** To receive apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllr L Burge and District Councillor I Dyer it was resolved to accept these apologies

**206/13:** It was resolved to make a dispensation to members of the Parish Council as follows:

**(Dispensation)** resolution in preparation of discussions on precept setting both at this meeting This resolution is to be made by the Parish Council in consideration of section 33 of the localism act 2011 and a dispensation must be granted due to the nature of the business Being decided upon under declared pecuniary interest regulations without such a dispensation Being resolved then no decisions in relation to precept can be made.

**207/13:** To Receive any declarations of interest. There were no declarations at this meeting other than those contained within the resolved dispensation detailed in 206/13 of these minutes

**208/13:** Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **November 11<sup>th</sup> 2013** these were accepted unanimously as a true reflection of the meeting.

**Working Groups Reports**

Signature of Chairman

## Footpaths and Land

**209/13: Wares Lane Correspondence** and concerns: Two emails have been received from local residents who highlight their concerns about surface issues in Wares Lane. These concerns have been discussed by this Parish Council previously in 2013. It was resolved that final detailed discussion should take place at the January meeting with the intention of closing the matter and with the benefit of local maps to aid the discussion. The authors of the emails will be encouraged to attend the meeting to make representations to the Parish Council under the 3 minute rule.

**210/13: Concerns over Waste Collection** Vehicles in Church Road. It has been observed that the waste collection vehicles are stopping on verges owned by the residents and causing damage to those verges. Cllr Riddle has agreed to speak to the drivers on the next occasion. Andrew Sutton our contractor will be asked if he would remove green waste branches etc from Shepherds Close. Cllr Solomon to make the request.

## Highways and Speed watch.

**211/13: Speed watch Data:** The speed watch team recorded at 9.30 am recently a total of 250 cars in 1 hour and 75 were recorded as exceeding the 30mph limit. They were in the 35mph – 49 Mph bracket. New speed watch volunteers have come forward but there appears to be a delay in waiting for training from the Police. The Clerk will write to Sue Mountstevens the Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset and highlight the Council's concerns about delay of the training

**212/13:** It was reported that the Sandford Corner is close to being started and will probably commence in the New Year.

**213/13:** On going concerns over water problems at the junction of Inwood Road and Wembdon Rise. This problem was supposed to have been dealt with on a previous occasion but needs further attention the Clerk will contact Lawrence Hackling.

**214/13:** Parked vehicles in Church Road are continuing to cause visibility splay issues particularly when people exit Greenacres on to Church road. A5 Notices will be produced for Cllr Harrison to place these notices on offending vehicles to make drivers more aware of the dangers of inconsiderate parking. The Clerk will contact the County to ascertain the process for County parking inspectors to visit the village on a frequent basis. This would highlight the issues both in Church Road and Inwood and Brantwood road. The key time for these inspections is around 2.50pm

## Playing Fields

Signature of Chairman

**215/13: Cherry Tree:** Cllr Solomon met with tree surgeon and the cherry tree has died of a fungal infection and it is unwise to remove roots for fear of spreading around the area. So it will be cut to the base of the tree and allow it to die naturally.

### **Allotments.**

**216/13:** New benches and storage cupboards now installed at the allotments and an AGM for holders arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> January at the Parish Centre. The Parish Council will set 2014/15 rates at the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> January

### **Communications.**

**217/13 : Website :** Cllr Woods is making good headway in transferring all data across to the new site which is now looking much better

**218/13: Parish Paper:** The new edition is now being distributed and the Chairman thanked Cllr Jackson for the outstanding quality of this latest edition 9 .

### **Correspondence Items**

**219/13:** Email from local resident in Perry Green asking if a there is local representative on the Parish Council. It was pointed out that all members of this Parish Council represent the interests of Perry Green residents as it forms part of this Parish Council

**220/13:** Two emails of concern regarding surfacing in Wares Lane and this will be discussed at the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting

**221/13:** Stogursey Parish Council letter regarding timings of de commissioning at Hinkley( for information only)

### **Finance and to Agree Payments**

#### **222/13: Payments**

Clerks Salary for Dec 2013	<b>£400.40</b>
Tax / Ni Payments for Dec 2013	<b>£100.00</b>
GB Sports Inspection Invoice Nov	<b>£18.00</b>
Andrew Sutton Contract for November 201	<b>£626.50</b>
School room hire Sept- Oct 2013	<b>£202.20</b>
Parish Magazine printing	<b>£303.00</b>
Parish Centre room Hire August 8 <sup>th</sup> 2013	<b>£8.50</b>
Allotment Maintenance J Simpson	<b>£479.40</b>
Sedgemoor Rubbish Clearance	<b>£82,50</b>

Signature of Chairman

**223/13: It was resolved to approve these payments**

**224/13: Precept / Budget for 2014/15:** The finance committee met recently to assess the annual budget and to propose the budget for **2014/15**. The increased precept proposed was 2.5% to **£45750.00**. It was also proposed to set aside some restricted reserves for paying our allotment loans off early to reduce interest payments.

**225/13:** It was resolved to set the precept level of **£45750.00** for the financial year 2014/15 and this was agreed unanimously

### Matters of Consideration

**226 /13: Wembdon Village Hall Trust:**

#### **Key update Points**

The funding gap has now been bridged by Sedgemoor DC who are providing a loan of £135,000.00. Sedgemoor have strongly suggested that this loan would be routed via the Parish Council to facilitate local ownership of the funding as has been done in other Parishes for such projects. The Council generally agreed to such an approach and would take legal advice as necessary.

This will enable the development to progress now that all funding is in place

A project manager and employer agents have been appointed

A 278 Agreement is being drafted

Groundwork due to commence in Feb/ March

NDR Access and bridge to be started

Parish to meet with Project team in the New Year

Article in the Parish Paper

**227/13: Future of Telephone box on Wembdon Hill**

Only one reply on local usage and it was resolved to contact BT to arrange the removal of this unused box

**228/13: Notice Board Names and Addresses of Councillors** this information to be available in December.

Signature of Chairman

**229/13:** Rubbish Bin Wembdon Hill: It was resolved to leave this bin in place

[Matters of report](#)

**Agenda Items for January 2014**

Work of the WCA and the need for more Volunteers

A meeting with key people at the County regarding School expansion

Wares Lane residents concerns

Local Flooding Policy

**The meeting ended at 9. 30pm** and the next meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm

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