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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council meeting that was held at St Georges School Wembdon on **8th April 2013** that commenced at **7.50pm** 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 4 members of the public, and District Councillor A Bown. Cllr J Edney
"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"

290/12: The Parish Council Co- opted a new member to the Parish Council to fill the current vacancy. Jason Woods was elected by the Parish Council unanimously and will sign the appropriate declarations. Jason was welcomed by the Chairman

291/12: Apologies received from District Councillor I Dyer

292/12: To Receive any declarations of interest. There were 3 declarations in respect of the discussions on item 9.2 of the agenda and discussions relating to grant funding

293/12: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **11th March 2013** these minutes were accepted with one minor change on minute **272/12**

Working Groups Reports

Footpaths and Land

294/12: Andrew Sutton to start new contract and it was resolved that he should meet with Cllr Harrison to make final clarification on the scope of the work previously agreed. Concerns were raised about fly tipping in rhynes and verges and the worst areas to be pinpointed by Cllr Harrison and Cllr Reed.

Signature of Chairman

295/12: There is still concern about a private drain in Downhall Drive which needs clearing by local residents and a letter will be sent to individual house owners with the news letter.

296/12: New Dog bin quotation accepted by the Parish Council and arrangements will be made for Sedgemoor to contact Cllr Thake to meet a contractor to install in the appropriate location.

Highways and Speed watch.

297/12: More volunteers still needed for the speed watch group in the village and new article will be placed in the next edition of the news letter.

298/12: Iain Strurdy and Highways to be contacted about road breaking up at the junction of Church Road and Greenacre.

299/12: Action Points: A Further request for volunteers in stronger language to be included in the next edition of the Parish Paper

Playing Fields

300/12: The chairman provided a response to concerns that were raised regarding the long term security of the Wembdon PC owned land. The issue was raised about concerns in the light of the successful planning application by the Wembdon Village Hall Trust. The chairman made it very clear that the land in current ownership of the Parish Council remained unchanged and its future remains solely in the ownership of the Wembdon Parish Council.

Allotments.

301/12 Action Points

The chairman re assured the meeting regarding the future of the newly acquired allotment site. The Parish Council have entered into a 25 year loan agreement with the Public Works Loan Board and also invested heavily in improving the site and the facilities. With the considerable time and investment made the Parish Council view the allotments as a long term community facility.

The clerk told the the Council that over £ 500.00 of rental fees have now been received for the year 2013/14 and that the remainder should be forthcoming over the next month or so. New agreements have been received signed by most Allotment holders.

Communications.

Signature of Chairman

302/12: Website: This new site is now complete and final details to go live in early May are being processed

303/12: Newsletter: New Edition will go to print next week and any additional items to Cllr Jackson ASAP

Correspondence Items

304/12: Chilton Street Road closure for two days from 8th April

305/12: Various emails from local resident (information)

Finance and to Agree Payments

306/12: Payments

Clerks Salary for April 2013	£400.40
New 2013/14 rate approved by finance Committee 24th March	
Tax / Ni Payments for April 2013	£100.00
GB Sports March Invoice	£ 18.00
SALC Subscription 2013/14	£764.24
Public Works Loan Board first payment 2013	£ 1310.33
Sedgemoor Dog Bin contract Payment no 1	£ 1337.86
Owen J Cullwick Office expenditure Jan- March	£349.25
Moneysoft Payroll software 2013/14 Subscription	£67.20

307/12: It was resolved to approve the above Payments

308/12: Provisional accounts for year ending March 31st 2013 were circulated prior to the meeting there were no questions raised on finance the clerk pointed out however that the Councils finances were significantly improved due to building in stronger reserves in the last financial year and end of year reserves exceeded budget £ 9000

Planning Committee

The Planning committee meet immediately after this meeting

Matters of Consideration

309/12: Wembdon Village Hall Trust: 3 members having declared an interest left the room at this point and the chair was taken by Vice Chairman Cllr J Riddle.

310/12: The following discussion ensued:

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The Council recently approved a grant to The Village Hall Trust of £1,000 to support an application to SDC for a grant of £10,000, which was in turn

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to be match funded from other sources of £10,000. The money is to be ring-fenced for the provision of kitchen equipment. The grant application to SDC was successful, in that the award was given but it was reduced to £7,000 but it was also conditioned by SDC on the Parish Council increasing its grant to £2,000 (over a 2 year period). The match funding is available to release the grants so the Trust are requesting that the Parish Council consider increasing its award to £1,000 per year for this year and next.

311/12: The Parish Council resolved to make the grants as requested to support the Sedgemoor grants over the two year period of £2000.00 this is to be paid with £ 1000.00 this year 2013/14 and £1000.00 in the year 2014/15. It was further resolved that a discussion and decision taken later in respect of any future requests for grant funding after 2014/15.

312/12: Cllr Solomon Cllr Reed and Cllr Bingham returned to the meeting at this point.

313/12: The Village notice boards reorganisation has been on hold for a few months but a decision has now been taken to address the issue. And it was resolved to move forward as previously planned and remove the two smaller ones at the top of Wembdon Hill and the Parish Centre and to replace with two full sized units on the Playing field site and the Trinity Way location. Two full sized and free standing units will be ordered over the coming weeks. The smaller units will be used by the allotment holders.

314/12: Consideration to be given to creating a Neighbourhood plan. As part of the localism act these plans are intended to promote local additions to the Local development framework put in place by District Councils. The plans have to meet a staged process of development ultimately involving local referendums on any proposals. Wembdon Parish Council have established a small working party of councillors to consider this matter looking at the process with a small group of Councillors and come back to the Parish Council with ideas for starting such a plan

Matters of report

Agenda Items for April 8th

Annual Parish Council Meeting May

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The meeting ended at 9.pm and the next meeting on May 13th 2013 in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm.

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