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A pre meeting presentation was made by representatives of both EDF and the County Council regarding road and transport planning prior to the start of the Hinkley C Project specifically but not exclusively aimed at the proposals for the Sandford Hill junction

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

Present: Councillors Cllr M Solomon (Chairman) Cllr J Riddle (Vice Chairman) Cllr A Reed, Cllr T Thake. Cllr T Thayer, and Cllr D Bingham Cllr J Woods, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr N Harrison

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

"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"

119/13: To Receive apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllr J Edney Cllr I Dyer and Cllr L Burge

120/13: To Receive any declarations of interest. There were no declarations at this meeting

121/13: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **July 9th 2013** these were accepted unanimously as a true reflection of the meeting.

Working Groups Reports

Footpaths and Land

122/13: A Report was given about a highly successful give a day in the village last weekend. There were over a dozen volunteers who assisted in the project and the Council offer their thanks to all who helped make it a

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success it was also reported about the significant amount of general rubbish that was collected from the allotments.

123/13: A dispute between our contractor and a local resident about strimming of the public footpath on the boundary of her property and difficulties ensued in late July. Cllr Harrison has now visited the resident and as a result the contractor will be asked not to cut areas close to the boundary provided that the resident concerned has cut the boundary growth herself as required however the Parish Council reserve the right to deal with it if it becomes over grown. A resolution to accept this proposal was agreed unanimously

124/13: Following previous concerns by this Council a Tree at 32, Wembdon Rise has been cut. There is also a crumbling wall which is partially on a neighbouring property which is being considered.

125/13: Reports of overhanging tree covering 20mph Signage at the corner of Wembdon rise and Church road also Wembdon Rise near Wares Lane. These will be investigated by the a member of the Council

126/13: Concerns over the speed of mail vans will be followed up with the Post Office by a letter from the Clerk

127/13: A hedge at 110 Wembdon Hill is causing concern and a letter from the clerk will outline the owner's responsibility

Highways and Speed watch.

128/13: No new matters reported on Speedwatch

129/13: The bench near the Cottage Inn will be repaired and attended to by a local contractor in conjunction with the proposals at the allotment

130/13: In response to the presentation by the County and EDF a letter outlining the Parish Councils considerable concerns identified in mitigating likely traffic increases in Wembdon. The Parish Council will write to the County highlighting the need for funding to be put in place ASAP to deal with improvements and pre-empting the Council's concerns that the Village may be used as a short cut in the area which will have an adverse effect on safety on the roads of Wembdon

Playing Fields

131/13: GB Sports are hoping to replace the back board of the basket ball unit very soon

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132/13: GB will also meet with Cllrs Thake and Jackson to identify exactly the proposals on the recent quote for improvements to the Play Surface.

133/13: It was agreed to ask the school for a children's project to make a sign asking people to take their litter home with them this was thought to be a good way of involving children in this important matter

Allotments.

134/13: New Fencing and gates now in place and excellent improvement made to the site. It was further agreed to place a new bench on existing site and add a further one. The Parish Council noted concerns by the owners of Palmers field but feel strongly that these benches will add to the area. If problems do transpire then gates will be locked.

135/13: The Parish Council will ask Samsons if he could remove the Notice board on Wembdon Hill and place at the allotment site for use by the allotment holders.

Communications.

136/13: Website: Concerns raised about the time, accuracy and cost involved with the upgrading of the website. Most of the work now completed and Cllr Solomon, Woods and the clerk will hopefully meet up with Media Orb to deal with updating procedures for the website. It is hoped that all of the data from existing site will be transferred this month

Correspondence Items

137/13: West Somerset and Sedgemoor CAB: request for grant funding and a copy of the annual report: This will be considered by a future meeting of the Finance Committee.

138/13: Participation in a petition for increased share of rural funding was sent by the local MP and Councillors were invited to sign after the meeting

139/13: Stopping up of the second access into Wembdon Grange on Homberg Way was outlined to the Parish Council by letter.

140/13: A temporary Road Closure at Spaxton notified.

141/13 : A tree preservation order notice sent to the Parish Council

Finance and to Agree Payments

142/13: Payments

Clerks Salary for Sept 2013	£ 400.40
Tax / Ni Payments for Sept 2013	£ 100.00
GB Sports Inspection Invoice August	£ 18.00
GB Sports Annual Inspection 2013/14	£ 66.00
School Crossing Contribution 2013/14	£ 480.00
School Room Hire	£ 285.00
Dog Bin Contract Sedgemoor	£ 1337.86
Parish Paper Printing edition 8	£ 303.00
Samson Contract work Village	£ 3316.50
S Bull Playing Field Topsoil	£ 250.0
Andrew Sutton Contract for August	£ 626.50

143/13 : It was agreed to make these payments

144/13: Retrospective Payments made in August 2013

Clerks Salary for August 2013	£ 400.20
Tax / Ni Payments for August 2013	£ 100.00
Sedgemoor Supply and fit new litter bin	£ 304.07
New Dog bin supplied Sedgemoor	£ 157.54
GB Sports July Inspection	£ 18.00
The Parish Centre Hire	£ 8.50
Grant Thornton Audit fee 2012/13	£ 240.00
Andrew Sutton Contract June and July	£ 1271.00
Media Orb Website file transfer	£ 144.00

145/13: It was resolved to approve the above Payments

Matters of Consideration

146 /13: Wembdon Village Hall Trust

A meeting to be held at the School on 16th September for outline of the current funding and progress of the project most of the finance is in place apart from a small shortfall of circa **£200,000**.

147/13: Neighbourhood Planning Update: It is proposed to invite residents to a meeting in the 3rd week of November to identify the process and what is required to get the plan up and running and whether the whole process has support from the village.

148/13: Request from Resident about the use of the Playing Field for a private event: After considerable discussion it was agreed to make the following resolution. This Parish Council approves the use of a Bouncy

Castle on the playing field provided a member of the Council has sight of a current Insurance certificate.

149/13: Planning Matters: An application by the County for temporary classroom accommodation at the school is currently being re applied for and so therefore will be the subject of another meeting.

150/13: Application 51/13/00026: Retention of use of garage at 12 Blakes Road Wembdon. This application is supported by the Parish Council on the grounds that it has been in use for some time and there have been no objections to this use

Matters of report

Agenda Items for October 2013

Community Notice Boards
Formality of Tree Planting
School Growth Proposals - invite a representative from SCC

The meeting ended at 10.30pm and the next meeting on October 14th in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm.

Key Action Points

1. Mike to follow up with Andrew Sutton regarding Strimming
2. Neil to check out the overgrowth on 20mph Signs Wembdon Rise
3. Owen to write to Post Office regarding speeding post vans
4. Owen to write to Mrs Crabtree about hedge 110 Wembdon Hill
5. Samsons to be approached regarding Benches
6. Mike to write a letter to County / EDF concerns traffic mitigation
7. Owen to contact GB to arrange for them to meet with Jo and Terry
8. Owen to chase up Back board for Playing Field
9. Terry to ask School if children can write a take litter home notice
10. Samsons to remove notice board Wembdon Hill re site Allotment

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