

## **WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council** held at St Georges School Wembdon on **20<sup>th</sup> April 2015** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted

**Present:** Cllr M Solomon (Chairman), Cllr J Riddle (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Bingham, Cllr L Burge, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr T Thayer, Cllr T Thake.

District Cllr I Dyer.

**Parish Clerk:** Tony Jay.

**Police:** PC Tony Freeman.

### **1/15: To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs N Harrison, A Reed and J Woods.

### **2/15: To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.**

No declarations were made at this point in the meeting.

### **3/15: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th February 2015**

**Resolved:** To approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.

### **The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)**

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **4/15: To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics**

PC Freeman presented the Police report. There have been no recordable crimes in Wembdon during the last month. A restructure of the policing of the area has taken place. PC Freeman will still be the principle contact for Wembdon, but he will be part of a bigger team covering a larger area including neighbouring villages.

### **5/15: A presentation was given by 'Cosmic' regarding 'Broadband – Get Up To Speed'**

Signature of Chairman

If any other organisations would like to receive a presentation then they should contact 'Cosmic' for more information at [www.get-up-to-speed.co.uk](http://www.get-up-to-speed.co.uk)

**6/15: To receive and discuss a report from the Footpaths, Verges and Land working group.**

There was nothing to report this month.

**7/15: To receive and discuss a report from the Highways and Speedwatch Working Group.**

The speedwatch team operated recently in Wembdon Rise, on a Saturday morning. Eight motorists were found to be exceeding the speed limit.

**8/15: To receive and discuss a report from the Playing Fields Working Group.**

There was nothing to report this month.

**9/15: To consider imposing stricter controls regarding the exercising of dogs at Wembdon Park.**

**Resolved:** Not to impose stricter controls at the present time, and to reconsider the issue at a later stage.

**The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)**

**10/15: To consider imposing controls regarding the playing of ball games on the hard surface at Wembdon Park.**

**Resolved:** Not to impose controls at the present time.

**The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)**

**11/15: To receive and discuss a report from the Allotments Working Group.**

The Clerk reported that a small percentage of allotment holders had not paid their annual fee. This is disappointing as there is a long waiting list of people wanting plots. It was decided to write to them, giving them one final opportunity to pay or their plot will be re-allocated.

**12/15: To receive and discuss a report from the Communications Working Group.**

The next magazine is due to be published in May.

**13/15: To note the change of postal address for the Parish Council.**

The change of address was noted (see top of page one of these minutes).

**14/15: To consider joining the Community Council for Somerset.**

**Resolved:** To join the Community Council.

**The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)**

Signature of Chairman

**15/15: To approve using the services of 'Fastrak Consultancy' to prepare the Parish Council's payroll, at the cost of £12 per month, plus VAT.**

**Resolved:** To approve using the services of Fastrak Consultancy.

**The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)**

**16/15: To consider including an agenda item at future meetings 'To receive a short report from District and County Councillors'.**

**Resolved:** Not to include this agenda item.

**The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)**

**17/15: To discuss the Greater Quantock Landscape Development Fund.**

**Resolved:** To postpone a decision until the next meeting when Cllr Reed will be present.

**The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)**

**18/15: To consider a request from Andrew Sutton to increase his annual contract price for grass cutting and general maintenance by £125 to £6640 per annum.**

**Resolved:** To increase the annual contract to £6640 per year.

**The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)**

**19/15: To consider a financial update and to approve payments:**

(a) Statutory Payments as per agreement under minute no 324/13

(b) Non Statutory Payments List:

John Simpson	Cutting and removal of trees	<b>£840.00</b>
A. Jay	Expenses Jan – March 2015	<b>£430.66</b>
L Burge	Parish Assembly refreshments	<b>£37.80</b>

A budget update sheet to be pre circulated to members

**Resolved:** To approve the statutory and non-statutory payments.

**The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)**

**20/15: To consider a quotation from GB Sports to repair the flooring at Wembdon Play Area.**

**Resolved:** To approve the repairing of the flooring for the figure quoted.

**The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)**

**21/15: To consider matters of report:**

Signature of Chairman

The Chairman reported that there had been a reoccurrence of noise pollution from Greenway Farm. It was agreed that strong enforcement action needs to be taken. Sedgemoor District Council needs to be informed.

**22/15: Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and will be held on **18<sup>th</sup> May 2015** in Wembdon Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

**23/15: The Council is recommended to resolve that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 24 by reason of the confidential nature of the items of business to be transacted, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.**

**24/15: To consider plans for the maintenance of the new Wembdon Parkland**

These plans and costs were discussed and agreement was reached to install two simple culvert crossings across the unviewed rhynes to enable the whole area of The Green and Wembdon Parkland to be maintained with a single set of mowing and flailing equipment.

**The meeting ended at 9.10pm**

Signature of Chairman