

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at St. Georges School Wembdon on **21st December 2015** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted

Present: Cllr M Solomon (Chairman), Cllr N Harrison (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Gliddon, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr A Reed, Cllr J Riddle, Cllr T Thake.

Cllr A Bown, Cllr L. Dudridge.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay

150/15 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Bingham, R Webber and J Woods. Also from District Cllr Dudridge.

151/15 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda

No declarations were received.

152/15 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics

PC Jim Murray presented the Police report for November 2015. There had been one report of anti-social behaviour; one suspicious incident (male looking into gardens); five abandoned 999 calls; one case of harassment and threats; three domestic incidents; one sudden death; one RTC and one case of assisting an ambulance.

The recent spate of burglaries at local schools and public buildings was discussed. One person has been arrested and is currently on bail.

153/15 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th November 2015

Resolved: To approve the minutes as a correct record.

The resolution was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

Signature of Chairman

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a correct record.

154/15 To receive an update regarding a Neighbourhood Plan from Cllr Harrison on behalf of the steering group

Three members of the public have responded to the leaflet, and have asked to become involved. This is very encouraging.

155/15 To receive the Clerks report

The following issues were raised:

- The safety defects in Moores Lane have now been rectified.
- The proposed alcohol ban at the allotments was discussed. It was felt that it is doubtful that sufficient hard evidence will be forthcoming to enable a Public Space Protection Order to be granted.
- Lawrence Hackling says that the work in Skimmerton Lane should be completed within three months.
- The Clerk was asked to contact Lawrence Hackling regarding the overgrown hedges at a property on Wembdon Hill.

156/15 To receive a report from Cllr Webber on the Footpaths and Verges

Cllr Harrison said that the only issue to report related to the footpath between Blakes Lane and Moores Lane. This path runs through a field which has a new owner who allows horses to roam in the field. One horse is aggressive towards dogs, and has attacked one recently. The owner of the field has not agreed to take any action, despite this being a public footpath. Cllr Harrison will contact the SDC enforcement officer.

The trees in Church Road still have not been cut back. The Chairman said that he would arrange for this to be done in the near future.

Cllr Harrison agreed to obtain three quotes from contractors to supply and fit a post and rail fence at Wembdon Parkland.

157/15 To receive a report from Cllr Reed on Highways and Speedwatch

The meeting with Dave Grabham regarding the potential sites for SIDS will be re-arranged for the New Year.

Nothing has been heard from the Speedwatch team.

158/15 To consider whether the Council would like to receive a presentation regarding the EDF traffic incident management plan

Resolved: Not to receive a presentation.

The resolution was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

Signature of Chairman

- 159/15 To receive a report from Cllr Thake on the Playing Fields**
- The new gate has been installed at the playing fields. Very good feedback has been received. The condition of the surfacing and the fencing at the play area will need to be considered in the Spring.
- 160/15 To receive a report from Cllr Harrison on the Allotments**
- There are now only two non-payers for 2015-16. The Clerk was asked to instigate the 'notice to quit' procedure in both cases.
- A plumber has been contacted regarding the water supply pipe work. This will be carried out in the New Year. A quote will be obtained for the removal and relocating of the benches.
- 161/15 To consider the allotment fees for 2016/17 (currently £38 for a full plot and £20 for a half plot)**
- Resolved:** To increase the fees to £40 for a full plot and £22 for a half plot.
- The resolution was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)
- 162/15 To receive a report from the Communications Working Group, Cllrs Jackson and Bingham**
- The next Parish Magazine will be produced in January. Articles would be gratefully received preferably prior to the 18th deadline.
- 163/15 To receive an update on the Village Green and Village Hall project from Cllr Solomon**
- Cllr Solomon told the meeting that £170,000, a significant portion of the funding for the NDR access, had now been lost to the project due to the time taken for technical approval to be agreed between SCC Highways and the consulting engineers (Hydrock). As a consequence none of the adoptable section of the access can be started until new funding can be arranged. The bridge across the Kidsbury Rhyne and all parts of the access up to the adoptable point will be completed.
- There were also delays in releasing the final £575,000 in funding from the Football Foundation and Sport England because of final wording of the grant agreement and this was also holding up agreed loans from SDC. It was noted that SDC had been outstanding in providing support to the Trust on a continuing basis to ensure that these final issues were resolved.
- Cllr Riddle stated that she did not wish to see any increase in the precept to fund the Village Green and Village Hall project and that she requested that this be minuted.
- Following general discussion there was a proposal made that the Parish Council should show its full support for the project and the Trustees.

Signature of Chairman

Resolved: That Wembdon Parish Council fully supports the Wembdon Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust in their project to provide a new Village Hall and Playing Fields.

The resolution was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous).

It was noted that the Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust would shortly request that a Parish Councillor be appointed to the Trust as a Parish Council representative to encourage the close working between the Village Hall and the Parish.

164/15 To consider possible actions by the Council to maintain and generally improve the “Wembdon Streetscene”

A letter has been sent to the owners of the demolished wall in Wembdon Hill asking for the wall to be rebuilt but no reply has been received.

An article will be written for the Parish Magazine asking what the public’s views are about the street scene in the village.

The signs which advertise trades or business at the side of the road were discussed. The Clerk will speak to the SDC enforcement officer about this.

165/15 To approve the attendance of Cllrs Harrison and the Clerk at an allotment management training workshop on 19.1.16 at the cost of £30 each

Resolved: To approve the attendance at the training workshop.

The resolution was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

166/15 To consider the Parish Council’s response to the proposed Local Plan

Cllr Woods is crafting a response on behalf of the Council which will be circulated shortly before it is submitted. Cllr Bown asked to be copied into the response when it is submitted.

167/15 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:

Devon Assoc. of Local Councils. 1/3 of the cost of the Clerk attending the South Western Regional Conference. **£26.00**

Media Orb. Website hosting. **£52.80**

D. Gardner. Hedge Cutting. **£55.80**

Resolved: To approve the payment of the Statutory and Non Statutory payments.

Signature of Chairman

The resolution was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

A budget update sheet had been pre circulated to members. No questions were asked.

168/15 To consider matters of report:

(a) Agenda items for the next meeting

Feedback from the recently held Councillor training session will be given by Cllrs Harrison and Jackson.

(b) Chairman

Orchard training will be held on 27th February.

(c) Members

A new head teacher has been appointed at St. Georges School. The Clerk was asked to write to her to congratulate her. The School Secretary has recently retired after many years' service. The Parish Council wish her a long and happy retirement.

169/15 To receive an update regarding the Cottage Inn being included on the register of community assets from Cllr Gliddon.

A briefing was received from Cllr Gliddon.

170/15 Date of next meeting:

Resolved: To change the date of the next meeting until 25th January 2016.

The resolution was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signature of Chairman