

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at St George's School Wembdon on **20th February 2017** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted

Present: Cllr M Solomon, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr A Reed, Cllr T Thake, Cllr B Webb.

County and District Cllrs A Bown, L Duddridge, and J Edney (who arrived at 8pm).

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay **Police:** None

170.16 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Gliddon, Harrison, Riddle, Webber and Woods.

171.16 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.

No declarations were received.

172.16 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics.

No report had been received, and there was no Police presence at the meeting.

173.16 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th January 2017.

Resolved: To approve the minutes as a correct record.

The resolution was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a correct record.

174.16 To receive the Clerks report.

The Clerk has contacted the Post Office asking if extra post boxes could be installed in the Trinity Road area. It was decided that if a further box would be allowed then the request would be for this new box to be installed near to the notice board on the NDR. District Cllr Duddridge said that he would progress this locally.

Signature of Chairman

A letter has been received from the Somerset Council Advice Partnership regarding proposals relating to the extra people moving to the region as a result of the Hinckley Point development. It was decided to be non-committal in regards to this, as it is not anticipated that these people would live in Wembdon and the proposals would not assist Wembdon residents directly. Also, it was felt that it is the responsibility of the employers of these new residents to provide them with the information and support that they need.

The phone box is sorely in need of a clean. The Clerk will report this.

A vote of praise has been given to the Highways Dept. regarding the excellent repair work to the railings on the NDR / Wembdon Rise junction. The damaged railings further along the NDR will not be repaired by the Highways Dept. as they are owned by Notaro.

The repointing to the wall outside 1 Church Road will be taking place shortly.

175.16 To receive any matters of report.

Nothing was reported.

176.16 To receive an update on the Village Green and Village Hall project from Cllr Solomon.

It has been confirmed that the NDR access is the right size, and is in the right place. A few minor snagging items still need to take place. It has been reported that there may be a potential for some standing water in the access but this has not happened so far. The junction has not yet been adopted by SCC so there is still the potential that costs could further increase.

Posts for all the dog signs in Wembdon Parkland have been installed. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Harrison and Webb for carrying out this work with him. The signs are due to be delivered shortly and installed at the end of the month.

A new dog bin and litter bin have been delivered and will be installed in the near future.

The new railings around the children's play area are currently being installed. The work commenced without prior notice from the contractor, but it is already obvious that the work and railings are of a high standard. The cost of this project has been met through RLT3 funding, at no cost to the Parish Council.

177.16 To consider the tendering arrangements for the maintenance contract.

The specifications for the work required had been circulated amongst Councillors. The next stage will be to advertise for tenders to be received. There will be an advert in the Mercury for one week inviting tenders, along with posters on the notice boards and entries on the website and social media. Responses will be required by 20th March 2017.

Signature of Chairman

178.16 To consider a request from Wembdon Cricket Club for financial support towards the installation of perimeter netting at the Village Green.

Resolved: Not to support this request at the present time due to the Parish Council's continued financial commitment to the NDR access. The Parish Council are supportive of this cause, but are not in the position to commit finances until formal handover of the access to SCC.

The resolution was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

179.16 To consider a response to the proposed Cokerhouse Farm development.

A letter has been received from Ian Liddel-Grainger MP supporting the Parish Council's opposition to this proposal, which was the unanimous view of the 240 members of the public who attended the open consultation event and evening presentation on 13th February.

Cllrs Gliddon, Harrison and a member of the public Peter Major have drafted a response to the proposal.

The main reason for objection was that traffic congestion would be unbearable and that the only route to a National Infrastructure Priority Project would become excessively congested. This area should not come forward for development until after Hinkley C was operational - by which time there should be an alternative route to the Hinkley in place, rather than the A39 or alternative development options coming forward.

This will be a general objection to the proposed draft of the local plan, not to any specific planning application as one has not been received to date.

It was noted that Wembdon has been deemed to be a 'tier 3' community, which means that it should not be subjected to a major housing development such as this.

The view was taken that the District Council were not interested in the suggestion that anthrax was present on the site, it having been raised on several occasions in the past and having been discounted.

All members of the public who object to the draft of the local plan, and the proposed new housing development are encouraged to submit their objections directly to SDC. This is very important.

Resolved: To approve the response prepared by Cllrs Gliddon and Harrison, and to ask them to include the views expressed in their response in their final submission to SDC.

The resolution was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

180.16 To consider the tarmacking of Wares Lane.

This relates to the stony area of footpath which leads down to the already improved section of the footpath leading down to the NDR.

Signature of Chairman

SCC is not interested in funding this, as it is too narrow to be a recognised cycle path.

This section of path is about 200m long, and about 1.5m wide. A very rough estimation is that this work could cost in the region of £20,000.

Cllr Bown suggested that this lane belonged to Persimmon, and that they should pay for the improvements to the lane.

It was also suggested that SDC may now have adopted the path.

The Chairman said that he would contact Tim Mander, Scott Mason and/or Andrew Woodward at SDC to establish the ownership of the lane, and to contact some contractors to provide formal quotes for the work.

Cllr Edney said that he could possibly take this scheme forward on behalf of SCC when the ownership of the lane is established, and he has been provided with the details of the proposed scope of the project.

Resolved: That the Parish Council cannot provide this level of funding at the present time, although other funding sources will be explored.

The resolution was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

181.16 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:

Cheque no	Payee	Detail	Amount
300599	Community Council for Somerset	Annual subscription	£40.00
300600	SLCC	Annual subscription (1/3 rd of cost)	£75.00
300601	Media Orb	Internet services	£90.00
300602	Somerset County Council	Hall rental	£56.00
300603	Parish Magazine Printing	Magazine printing	£537.00
300605	M. Solomon	Six wooden posts for dog signs	£79.13
300606	RT Signs	Dog signs	£493.90

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

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

The resolution was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

182.16 To consider matters of report:

Signature of Chairman

Car parking in the Trinity Way area was raised. Junctions are being blocked by the volume of cars parking in the area. A letter has been received from a resident suggesting that double yellow lines be installed.

The resident will be asked to draft a letter to Somerset County Council requesting these yellow lines and detailing his proposals, which the Parish Council can consider supporting at their March meeting, if received in time. Cllr Bown said that she would speak to the resident regarding his suggestions, but that any proposed yellow lines could not be installed for at least a year.

Arrangements for the delivery of the Parish News need to be reconsidered. This delivery is currently carried out by volunteer Parish Councillors.

It has been reported by SCC highways that damage has occurred to kerbstones close to the Parish Centre following the work that is being done there. This is a Parish Centre project, not involving the Parish Council. The Clerk will inform SCC highways of this position.

The Pension Regulator has been updated regarding the registering of the Clerk in the NEST scheme.

Cllr Reed has attended the Community Forum. She was asked to circulate a copy of the minutes to the Clerk, which then can be passed to the other Councillors.

The amount of HGV traffic travelling to Hinckley C was discussed. Unfortunately this is likely to continue for a considerable time, with an increase forecast. There are currently 170 HGVs per day travelling on the A39, but this will increase to 250 per day.

183.16 Date of next meeting: 8pm on 27th March 2017. The venue will be St. Georges School, Wembdon. Please note that the allotments AGM will be taking place in the Parish Centre at 7pm the same evening.

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm.

Signature of Chairman