

## **WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council** held at St Georges School Wembdon on **19<sup>th</sup> January 2015** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted

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

County and District Cllrs A Bown, I Dyer and J Edney

**Parish Clerk:** Tony Jay

### **177/14: To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Bingham and A Reed

### **178/14: To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.**

Cllr Thake declared an interest in agenda item 18.

### **179/14: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th December 2014**

**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.

### **180/14: To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics**

No police report was received.

### **181/14: To receive and discuss a report from the Footpaths, Verges and Land working group.**

Repair work has started on the bench in Wembdon Hill near to the pub. Unfortunately one of the concrete bench ends fell apart during the repair work, and so the bench will now need to be replaced not repaired due to health and safety reasons.

**Resolved:** To approve the emergency replacement of the bench for health and safety reasons with expenditure of up to £450.

Signature of Chairman

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

**182/14: To note that the diversion order regarding the path on the playing field has been granted.**

This was noted.

**183/14: To receive an update on the ridge footpath and the new fence**

The Chairman updated the meeting. Cllr Harrison will contact the footpaths officer regarding the positioning of the fence.

**184/14: To receive and discuss a report from the Highways and Speedwatch Working Group.**

See minute 185/14.

**185/14: To consider the latest data received regarding vehicle speeds on the NDR**

The data regarding vehicle speeds was discussed. In August 2014 vehicle speeds were measured. 6.5% of vehicle speeds were within the speed limit of 30mph. 93.5% of vehicles exceeded the speed limit. The median speed recorded was 35mph in the 30mph speed limit.

The Chairman said that he has a report dated 2001 from Tom Dougall, Transport Policy Officer at SDC regarding the NDR prior to its construction. The report says that if vehicle speeds on the NDR are a cause for concern then SCC has measures they could impose to combat this.

**Resolved:** To request more Police speed enforcement. The Clerk will contact Ins Andy Pritchard to ask for speed checks to be increased on the NDR.

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

The Clerk will ask a member of the Somerset County Council highways department to attend the next Parish Council meeting to review their proposed action on the NDR and other traffic issues within the village.

**186/14: To receive and discuss a report from the Playing Fields working group**

**187/14: To receive and discuss a report from the Allotments working group**

The new litter bin has now been installed at the allotments.

A half sized plot has recently been sublet.

**188/14: To set a date for the allotment AGM**

**Resolved:** To hold the AGM at the Parish Centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.

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

**189/14: To consider the allotment fees for 2015/16**

Signature of Chairman

**Resolved:** That the fees remain at the 2014/15 levels of £20 for a half sized plot and £38 for a full plot.

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

**190/14: To receive and discuss a report from the Communications working group**

The Parish newsletter will be published shortly. Articles would be welcome.

**191/14: To consider correspondence received**

There has been no correspondence received this month.

**192/14: To consider a financial update and to approve payments**

Financial update reports were supplied. No questions were asked.

Statutory payments as per agreement under minute no 324/13

Clerks Salary January 2014	£ 404.40
HMRC Tax January 2014	£ 101.00
Clerks Expenses – Sept to Dec 2014	£ 628.35
GB Sports for December 2014	£ 18.00
Andrew Sutton Contract for December 2014	£ 651.50

**Resolved:** To make the statutory payments

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

Non statutory payments list

N. Harrison	Purchase of locks and taps (allotments)	£ 38.92
J. Simpson	Hedge cutting	£ 240.00
SCC	Room hire	£ 168.00
Wessex Water	Water bill for allotments	£ 222.49
Roman Glass	Replace glass – notice board	£ 98.40

**Resolved:** To make the non-statutory payments

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

**193/14: To consider the fees charged by St. Georges School, Wembdon for holding Council meetings in the school**

Cllr Thake left the meeting.

**Resolved:** To postpone any decision regarding this matter until the February Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council will not be paying any further invoices until this matter is resolved.

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

Signature of Chairman

Cllr Thake returned to the meeting.

**194/14: To consider the date of the Parish Assembly 2015**

A discussion took place regarding the format of the Parish Assembly. It was felt that the profile of the meeting should be raised, with local groups and organisations being invited to attend and give short presentations to the Assembly. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the meeting. A small working group of Councillors will be set up to consider the arrangements for the Assembly.

**Resolved:** To hold the Parish Assembly on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and re-arrange the March Parish Council meeting to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2015.

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

**195/14: To consider the pension arrangements for the Clerk**

The Clerk will enquire into the NEST pension scheme, and report back to the February meeting.

**196/14: Matters of report**

**a) Agenda items for the next meeting**

**b) Chairman**

The Clerk's employment contract has now been signed, with an increase of the weekly contracted hours from 11 to 14 hours.

The Chairman attended the Village Hall and Playing Field Trust AGM on behalf of the Council. Remobilisation of work on site is scheduled to begin shortly, followed by the 52 week programme of works. The Chairman will update the Parish Council in regard to further developments.

**c) Clerk**

A new mandate has been signed by Councillors for signatories on the Parish Council's bank account.

**d) Members**

The phone box has now been renovated to a good standard. One of our Parish Councillors spoke to the engineer while he was carrying out this work, and was told that we should request that the box be cleaned every 6 to 8 weeks.

The Clerk will make this request.

The next meeting will be held on **16<sup>th</sup> February 2015** in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm

**The meeting ended at 8.50pm**

Signature of Chairman

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Signature of Chairman