

## **WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

Cllr A Bown,

**Parish Clerk:** Tony Jay

### **69/15: To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr R Webber.

Apologies were also received from Cllrs L Duddridge, I Dyer and J Edney.

### **70/15: To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.**

Cllr T Thake expressed an interest in agenda item 13 (minute 81/15).

### **71/15: To invite David Gliddon to sign the declaration of office, and to join the Parish Council**

Cllr Gliddon signed the declaration of office and joined the Parish Council.

### **72/15: To receive a presentation from Andy Coupe (Somerset County Council) and Sam Harper (Sedgemoor District Council) regarding traffic related matters in Wembdon**

A presentation was received from Mr Coupe and Mr Harper, along with an outline of the Wembdon St. Georges School Travel Plan from the Deputy Headteacher Judith Heale.

EDF have been carrying out site preparatory works since 2012, concentrating mainly on the two HGV routes – the A38 and A39.

Signature of Chairman

Mr Coupe explained that the two main priorities are safety and network capacity. A safe cycling environment is desired throughout the village. The critical points in the village have been identified.

At this stage all options are being explored, although resources are limited so all aspirations may not be possible.

The question of a 20 mph speed limit on Wembdon Rise was discussed. Mr Coupe explained that any such speed limits need to be self-enforceable which would need a great deal of infrastructure. Whilst this was unlikely to happen, nothing has been ruled out at this stage.

Somerset County Council and Sedgemoor District Council are working closely together on this project.

Following the presentation the Chairman said that the Parish Council want to engage with the public in regard to these issues. A public consultation event would be useful when the results of the feasibility studies are known.

A meeting will be held in a few weeks' time, where Andy Coupe and a representative from Wembdon St. Georges School will meet with Cllrs Harrison, Reed, Riddle, Thake and Woods.

**73/15: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th June 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.

**74/15: To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics**

No Police report was received. The meeting discussed the recent spate of house burglaries in Wembdon where properties had been entered through side windows and bedrooms entered, sometimes with residents asleep inside. The Clerk was asked to get a list of Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators in Wembdon.

**75/15: To receive and discuss a report from the Footpaths, Verges and Land working group.**

The Councillors decided to start the 'Adopt a Footpath' scheme in Wembdon. Cllr Harrison will write an article for the Parish Magazine asking for volunteers.

The Clerk will request that the bushes overhanging the footpath between Inwood Road and The Oaks be cut back to allow pedestrian access.

An excellent 'give a day' has taken place. Over twenty people attended. More days will be planned.

**76/15: To receive and discuss a report from the Highways and Speedwatch working group**

Signature of Chairman

Graffiti has appeared on two of the control boxes for traffic lights. The Clerk will enquire with Highways Department to see if we are allowed to spray these boxes.

Cllr Bown has contacted Persimmon regarding the overgrown vegetation on the verges on the NDR footpath, asking them to cut this back.

Three local people have indicated that they would like to become involved with the speed watch team. The Clerk will pass their details to the co-ordinator. The Police have confirmed that all drivers caught speeding by the speedwatch team receive a warning letter.

The condition of Moors Lane has now improved after work by the highways department.

**77/15: To receive and discuss a report from the Playing Fields working group**

There has been an increase in the amount of litter on the playing fields.

The Chairman will be moving one of the dog bins to a new location shortly.

**78/15: To receive and discuss a report from the Allotments working group**

Cllr Harrison will be chasing up those allotment holders who still have not paid their fees.

A request has been received for more water bins to be installed, Cllrs Harrison and Woods will look into the feasibility of this.

**79/15: To receive and discuss a report from the Communications working group**

Another successful magazine has been published. The editors were congratulated and thanked for their work.

**80/15: To receive an update on the Village Green and Village Hall project**

The cricket squares have been installed and are green. The outfielders have been seeded. The roof trusses for the village hall have arrived. The hall is on schedule for completion in early 2016. The wildflower meadow has been seeded.

An application has been submitted for the roadworks on the NDR to start. The works should begin shortly, with around four or five weeks disruption.

**81/15: To consider a request from Wembdon St. Georges Primary School for a donation towards the school crossing patrol.**

**Resolved:** To donate £250 to the school.

**The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (5 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention)**

**82/15: To consider a financial update and to approve payments**

Financial update reports were supplied. No questions were asked.

Signature of Chairman

Statutory payments as per agreement under minute no 324/13

**Resolved:** To make the statutory payments

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

Non statutory payments list

Sedgemoor DC	Election costs	<b>£956.51</b>
123-reg	Website hosting	<b>£71.94</b>
SLCC	Training course	<b>£58.00</b>
GB Sports	Play area repairs	<b>£1038.00</b>
SCC	Room hire	<b>£28.00</b>
HMRC	PAYE	<b>£150.16</b>
Zurich	Insurance	<b>£708.33</b>
Wessex Water	Water bill for Allotments	<b>£104.01</b>
St. Georges Parish Centre	Room hire	<b>£8.50</b>

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

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

**83/15: To consider nominating a Wembdon resident for the SCC 'Chairman's awards for Service to the Community'.**

**Resolved:** Not to nominate anyone for this year's award, but to hold our own annual Wembdon 'Citizen of the Year' award to be presented at the Parish Assembly where the winner will be nominated for next year's SCC award. There will also be a Wembdon 'Young Citizen of the Year award.

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

**84/15: To confirm a date for Councillor training in September (the available dates are Mon 14<sup>th</sup>; Tues 15<sup>th</sup>; Mon 28<sup>th</sup>; Tues 29<sup>th</sup>)**

**Resolved:** To request that the training takes place on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 as none of the suggested dates were suitable.

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

**85/15: Matters of report**

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

There were no items

**b) Chairman**

There will be Councillor 'Code of Conduct' training held on 30<sup>th</sup> September at Bridgwater House. Cllrs Solomon, Gliddon, Harrison, Reed and Riddle wish to attend.

**c) Clerk**

Signature of Chairman

The Unity Trust Bank signatory mandate needs to be changed to include the new Councillors, and to remove the departing ones.

**Resolved:** To approve the amendments to the Mandate for the operation of the Bank account, payment instructions and banking services and be provided to the Bank by persons authorised to do so in accordance with the Bank's procedures and the mandate. The Bank is entitled to rely upon the amended mandate until it receives a later mandate amending it, and the bank is entitled to rely on instructions given by any person named in Section 3 (the signatories to the account) and may disclose any information relating to the account to any such person. The Bank is under no duty to make enquiries before acting on the instruction of any person named in Section 3. The Bank will be notified in writing of any changes to the organisation as per the terms and conditions of the account.

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

**d) Members**

No items were raised.

The next meeting will be held on **21st September 2015** in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm.

**The meeting ended at 9.50 pm**

Signature of Chairman