

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at St Georges School Wembdon on **15th June 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 J Jackson, Cllr A Reed, Cllr J Riddle; Cllr T Thake, Cllr R Webber.

County and District Cllrs A Bown, and I Dyer.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay

53/15 To receive any apologies for absence

Cllr J Woods

54/15 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda

No declarations of interest were declared

55/15 To consider the co-option of a new councillor to fill the Parish Council vacancy.

There had been two applicants for the vacant position.

Resolved: To invite David Gliddon to fill the vacancy.

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

56/15 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th May 2015.

Resolved: To approve the minutes.

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

57/15 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics

The crime statistics for Wembdon were as follows:

2 x Non Dwelling Burglary's
1 x Dwelling Burglary

Signature of Chairman

1 x Production of Cannabis (dealt with by PC Freeman in Verona Court)
1 x Theft

PC Freeman arrested a male who was wanted by police for 3 x thefts on 10th June who was sleeping in St Georges Grave Yard.

58/15 To confirm that Wembdon Parish Council now meets the criteria to be granted the 'General Power of Competence' under the Localism Act of 2011.

Resolved: To confirm that Wembdon Parish Council now has this power.

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

59/15 To receive and discuss a report from the Footpaths, Verges and Land Working Group.

The footpaths are generally in a good condition, however some outlying paths are overgrown. As long as there is a walkable path that meets the required criteria.

The Wembdon parkland is due another flail by John Simpson. He has had a problem during the past flail with equipment being damaged due to the unevenness of the ground. He has suggested that a cultivator is run through the area before the flailing continues. The cost of this will be £200, but the cost of subsequent flails will reduce from £200 to £150.

Resolved: To agree to the cultivation at a cost of £200.

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

Another 'give a day' is planned for 27th June where more copses are to be cleared on Wembdon Parkland.

60/15 To receive and discuss a report from the Highways and Speedwatch Working Group.

More speedwatch volunteers are needed. The Clerk will send a letter to Commissioner Mountstevens asking for confirmation that letters are being sent to people caught by the speedwatch team.

61/15 To receive and discuss a report from the Playing Fields Working Group.

The fallen tree has been removed by Cllr's Harrison, Webber and the Chairman. The unusable wood has been removed by the Village Hall trust.

The wildflower meadow is now under construction. An amount of lean soil from the Village Hall construction has been transferred to form a suitable base.

The benches have been installed on the footpath at Wembdon Park, and are looking into the village green. Comments have been made by one parishioner that they are facing the wrong way.

Resolved: To leave the benches facing the village green

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

Signature of Chairman

62/15 To approve a contribution towards the cost of the installation of larger concrete bases under the benches in Wembdon Playing Field to accommodate wheelchairs next to the benches.

The total cost for the new bases was £780.

Resolved: To contribute 25% of the costs of installing the concrete bases.

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (7 in favour, 2 abstentions)

63/15 To receive and discuss a report from the Allotments Working Group.

Wessex Water has reported that there is a problem with the back flow return valve in the water supply at the allotments. This will need to be repaired. Cllr Harrison agreed to solve this problem.

64/15 To receive an update on the Village Green and Village Hall project.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Bown for organizing a meeting between Highways, the Parish Council, SDC, the Village Hall project team and the Consulting engineers to reach an agreement on the way forward. If everyone does as agreed at the meeting then the construction of the bridge and the NDR access will start on 20 July. It should be a 6 – 8 week programme if normal working hours can be agreed.

The cricket squares have been laid and seeded. The outfields are having final drainage installed.

The Village Hall is now well under construction.

65/15 To receive and discuss a report from the Communications Working Group.

The Chairman asked the members to give a vote of thanks to Cllrs Jackson and Reed for their work on the Parish Paper and to all councillors for distributing the paper. The website address of Wembdon.org has been renewed for five years.

66/15 To consider a financial update and to approve payments:

Statutory Payments as per agreement under minute no 324/13

Non Statutory Payments List:

Media Orb	Website hosting fee	£180.00
Richard Young	Internal audit fee	£30.00
ALCA	Good Councillor Guides	£25.00

A budget update sheet was noted by members.

Resolved: To approve the payments.

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

67/15 To approve the annual governance statement for 2014/15 (previously supplied)

Signature of Chairman

Resolved: To approve the annual governance statement.

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

68/15 To consider matters of report:

(A report for information without financial commitment)

Parish Councillor training will be arranged for 13th July.

Moors Lane is in a terrible state. There is a large amount of debris in the road, and there are potholes present. This is a road safety risk. The Clerk was asked to report this to Lawrence Hackling at Somerset Highways.

Date of next meeting: 20th July 2015 at The Parish Centre, Wembdon.

Signature of Chairman