

**WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council meeting** that was held at St Georges School Wembdon on **November 11<sup>th</sup> 2013** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted'

**Present:** Councillors Cllr M Solomon (Chairman) Cllr A Reed, Cllr T Thake. Cllr T Thayer, and Cllr D Bingham Cllr J Jackson, Cllr N Harrison, Cllr L Burge There were 6 members of the public, and District Councillor I Dyer District Councillor A Bown and County Councillor J Edney.

*"Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal opportunities (race gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability) Crime disorder and Human Rights"*

**180/13:** To receive apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllr J Riddle and Cllr J Woods it was resolved to accept these apologies

**181/13:** To Receive any declarations of interest. There were no declarations at this meeting

**182/13:** Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **October 14<sup>th</sup> 2013** these were accepted unanimously as a true reflection of the meeting.

**183/13: Observations on the expansion proposal for the village School**

Some members of the school community were invited on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November to view some outline proposals from the County Council on possible expansion to the numbers and as a result increase the capacity of the school buildings to accommodate the additional children and convert existing temporary facilities to permanent buildings.

**Key Observations from the residents of Wembdon**

1. Vehicle increase on surrounding roads particularly in Brantwood Road area.
2. The current congestion at certain times of the day is already at

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unacceptable levels

3. A Recent observation suggested 100 plus cars at the 3.30 period of the day.
4. Creates a massive inconvenience to local residents in the area
5. Emergency vehicles would not be able to negotiate the area at some times of the day highlighting safety issues
6. Additional strain on the village roads due to EDF plans

#### Some Suggested mitigation measures

1. Lollicam as used in North Somerset
2. Reduced Speed Limit in the parts of the village affected
3. Installation of a pelican crossing
4. Consideration of a bus scheme ( Park and Ride )
5. Parking restrictions on one side of the road during pick up times
6. Improved Cycle Routes
7. Incentives to walk or cycle to school
8. Regular Police / Warden Patrols in the area

Questions that need to be raised with the School

How many of the pupil numbers travel from within the Wembdon Parish ?

It was agreed that County Council would be invited to the January meeting to outline the results of their discussions with the community and any plans that they may have at that stage.

#### Working Groups Reports

##### **Footpaths and Land**

**184/13:** No new issues raised at this meeting

##### **Highways and Speed watch.**

**185/13:** It was reported that during a recent speed watch exercise that between the hours of 1.30 and 2.30pm there were 54 cars checked with only 2 who were exceeding the limits specified.

**186/13:** As previously circulated the decision to provide traffic monitors to measure base data has been confirmed by Andy Coupe.

**187/13:** A small working group are investigating the proposals for speed mitigation in and around the village these will include application for 20mph speed limitation and possible purchase of Speed Indicator Devices

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owned and managed by the Parish Council these are ongoing discussions in conjunction with the County Councillor and the County highways

### **Playing Fields**

**188/13:** Cllr Thake has reported that basket ball hoop is now back in place

**189/13:** Quotes to repair improve or replace parts of the ground tiles in the play area have been received by GB Sports. The more extensive work quoted to install new path edging and to fill gaps will be considered in the next financial year. The Parish Council resolved however to give the go ahead to GB Sports for repairing a section of the wet pour surfacing at a cost of £288.00.

**190/13:** Bartlett's have been given the go ahead to the tree work on the playing field as resolved at the October meeting Minute no **162/13**

### **Allotments.**

**191/13:** No new issues raised at this meeting

### **Communications.**

**192/13 : Website :** This matter seems to have been completed and all archived documents uploaded. Cllr Woods was thanked for his work in this regard

**193/13: Parish Paper:** The new edition is now being distributed and the Chairman thanked Cllr Jackson for the outstanding quality of this latest edition.

### **Correspondence Items**

**194/13:** RLT 2 funding pot stands at £12500 00 and the fund is available until 2016

**195/13:** Letter from A local resident regarding the enforcement notice at Greenway Farm.

**196/13:** Letter / Email from local resident regarding concerns over increasing litter in the village proposing additional litter bins.

**197/13:** Copy Letter from Wembdon School to the Police outlining issues arising between the School and the local community especially with regard to increased traffic problems with regard to proposals for expansion.

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## Finance and to Agree Payments

### **198/13: Payments**

Clerks Salary for Nov 2013	<b>£ 400.20</b>
Tax / Ni Payments for Nov 2013	<b>£ 100.20</b>
GB Sports Inspection Invoice Oct	<b>£ 18.00</b>
Andrew Sutton Contract for October 2013-11-12	<b>£ 626.50</b>

### **199/13: It was resolved to approve these payments**

**200/13:** Budget update circulated prior to the meeting and no comment or questions were raised. A precept budget meeting is set for the Finance Committee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December so that a decision can be taken at full Council in December

## Matters of Consideration

### **201 /13: Wembdon Village Hall Trust**

No new matters were raised in this matter

### **202/13: Future of Telephone box on Wembdon Hill**

This matter is currently out for consultation

### **203/13: Notice Board Names and Addresses of Councillors**

It was resolved by the Parish Council to publish Names, Address and Telephone numbers of all members of the Parish Council on the village notice boards and on the website.

**204/13:** A post Code will be identified on the Playing Field Notice board to assist any emergency

## Matters of report

### **Agenda Items for December 2013**

Community Notice Boards  
 Allotment Gates Policy  
 Resolution on Parish Precept 2014/15  
 Updating on discussions with Highways on Speed limitation

**The meeting ended at 9.30pm** and the next meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30

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