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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council meeting that was held at St Georges School Wembdon on **February 10th 2014** that commenced at **7.00pm** when the following business was transacted'

Present: Councillors Cllr M Solomon (Chairman) Cllr T Thake. Cllr T Thayer, and Cllr N Harrison, Cllr J Jackson Cllr A Reed Cllr J Woods and Cllr J Riddle There were 4 members of the public, and District District Councillor A Bown and I Dyer

"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"

258/13: Outline of proposal to extend St Georges School in Wembdon: Key Outline points presented by Carol Bond

1. Shortage of Wembdon Catchment Places
2. No adverse feedback from residents other than Traffic/ Parking
3. County Council trying to address concerns and mitigate parking issues
4. Expansion of School cycle shelters and scooter provision
5. Additional access to be investigated via Grasmere right of way

Issues and questions raised by the Parish Council

- (a) The application brings nothing to the village other than problems
- (b) The site will be one third smaller so less parking for users/ staff
- (c) Massive problems surrounding areas such as Inwood and Wembdon Rise
- (d) Little account taken of need 10 years ago when development of the NDR Took Place
- (e) Turning a Village School into a town school
- (f) Lack of consultation by the County leading to objection by the Village

Signature of Chairman

259/13: To receive apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllr L Burge and apologies were accepted unanimously.

260/13: To Receive any declarations of interest. No declarations were received at this meeting.

261/13: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **January 13th 2014** with one minor amendment were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.

Working Groups Reports

Footpaths and Land

262/13: Church Road

Brambles and overgrowth in several places obstructing access at 3A and 5. Cllr Harrison to talk with residents prior to a letter from the Parish Council.

263/13: Wares Lane to NDR

Tarmac breakdown and approaches made to George Montague of SCC.

264/13: Persimmon Land

The legal process is being completed and will be designated as a community facility and plans will be drawn up for the land once the legal Title is finalised.

265/13: Church to Crowpill Lane

This area is very dark at night and in need of lighting reported previously it is hoped to have lighting erected on one side of the lane once the work on the land for the new Village Hall is completed.

Highways and Speed watch.

266/13: Road management changes

The County recently issued road network changes in the press incorrectly causing concern among some residents. The actual changes identified under Council correspondence are due to take effect on February 17th.

267/13: Speed watch

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This operation had been suspended until recently due to data problems but has now re started again. The new volunteers for speed watch have now been on training

268/13: Lawrence Hackling to be contacted for further updates on any improvements to the surface water issue at the junction of Inwood road and Wembdon Rise.

269/13: Perry Green

The meeting were shown photographs of the considerable water and flooding of roads in the Perry Green area, this has been reported to Lawrence Hackling who has accepted Somerset County Council responsibility for some of this problem however contact to establish riparian ownership of land owners will need to continue. It was also resolved to request that Cllr J Edney visit the site to put further pressure on the County to deal with this matter with some urgency residents are clearly very unhappy that this problem still exists

Playing Fields

270/13: It was resolved to take the goal posts down and to ensure the safety of the ground sockets. Cllr Solomon to attend to this matter the goal posts will be replaced when ground works are completed for the Village Hall Trust development

Allotments

271/13: A successful AGM was held recently and allotment holders very pleased with developments over the past year and happy with new rental terms.

272/13: A local PCSO Has kindly agreed to watermark Allotment tools and equipment for added security.

273/13: Water metering needs investigation due to a much higher water bill Cllr Harrison to investigate

Communications.

274/13 : Parish Paper : The latest edition now published and in the process of distribution and EDF Have placed a double page spread in this edition to highlight the Sandford Corner Diversions and road Closures

Correspondence Items

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275/13: Road Closure Notice from SCC to Identify proposed speed restrictions and temporary road closures in Charlynch Lane and Sandford Hill together with the one way order in Skimmerton Lane

Finance and to Agree Payments

276/13: Payments

Clerks Salary for Feb 2014	£400.40
Tax / Ni Payments for Feb 2014	£100.00
GB Sports Inspection Invoice Jan 2014	£18.00
Andrew Sutton Contract for Jan 2014	£626.50
SDC Bin Contract October to March	£195.31
SDC Tree Management Services 7 th October 2013	£152.40
Wessex Water Allotment usage to Jan	£255.26
Somerset County Council room Hire	£151.20

277/13: It was resolved to approve these payments

278/13: It was resolved to allow the clerk to make any regular payments to statutory organisations for regular contracts and to amend our standing orders to authorise these changes. This will be ratified at subsequent Council meetings

279/13: The Clerk circulated the current budget for information to members which identified that the Parish Council financial position is in line with current expectations and within budget

Matters of Consideration

280/13: Wembdon Village Hall Trust:

No new matters were raised on this matter

281/13: The Proposed extension to the Village School

This discussion was a pre cursor to the planning decisions that need to be addressed by the planning committee after this main meeting. Further underlining of the concerns were registered by members particularly relating to the traffic and parking congestion which has not been considered by the County. The Parish Council are strongly of the view that the consultative process has been shameful and totally inadequate for such a significant proposal. Notwithstanding any decision to be taken by the planning committee it is the view of the Council as a whole to pursue any decision to grant this application by way of ombudsman and or Judicial Review or any other measures the Parish Council decide to take.

Signature of Chairman

282/13: Parish Hall Grant Request

The Parish Council are fully supportive of all village organisations providing amenities and other benefits for the residents of Wembdon and this request will be considered with any others that are put forward from the community. The view at this stage was that the Parish Council would look favourably to pledge funds for a specific request and in respect of a particular item which could be identified as having been supported with Parish Council funding and having a distinct community benefit under a section 137. It was also expected that such funding from the Parish Council would be necessary to unlock far larger donations from others

Matters of report**Agenda Items for March 2014**

Notice Boards in the Village re visit

The meeting ended at 9.10pm and the next meeting on March 10th 2014 in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm

Signature of Chairman