

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at St Georges School Wembdon on **November 17th 2014** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted

Present: Cllr M Solomon (Chairman), Cllr J Riddle (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Bingham (from 7.35pm), Cllr N Harrison, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr A Reed, Cllr T Thake.

131/14: To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr D Bingham, Cllr L Burge, Cllr T Thayer and Cllr J Woods. The apologies were accepted unanimously.

Apologies were also received from District Cllrs A Bown and I Dyer.

132/14: To receive any declarations of interest.

No declarations were made at this point in the meeting.

133/14: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th October 2014

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(4 in favour, 2 abstentions - as not present at the previous meeting)

134/14: To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics

PCSO Ashton presented a report. The Greenacre car parking problem is being addressed by the issuing of parking tickets. There has been a spate of vandalism in the village, and there have been a number of sheds broken into.

135/14: To receive and discuss a report from the Footpaths, Verges and Land working group.

The community day will be held on Saturday 22nd November 2014. A large number of daffodil bulbs will be planted.

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136/14: To consider the re-surfacing of the path between Wares Lane and Greenacre at a projected cost of £1,000 or £1,600 with additional access barriers

Resolved: To go ahead only with the resurfacing of the path at the present time, at a cost of £975 plus VAT. The council will consider installing the access barriers at a later date. P. Phillips and Sons will be asked to carry out this work. Cllr Harrison will contact them to make the arrangements.

(6 in favour, 1 abstention).

137/14: To consider the condition of the path between Oak Apple Close and Greenacre, and decide on any action from the Council

Resolved: To ask P. Phillips and Sons to quote for this work, and the Council approves expenditure on this project up to the value of £1,500.

(Unanimous)

138/14: To consider repairing the two benches above the Cottage Inn on Wembdon Hill

Resolved: To ask Dave Samson to submit a quotation for removing the bench in the corner of the area, and to carry out necessary repair work to the other bench, which will remain. Cllr Harrison will contact Mr Samson to arrange this work.

(Unanimous)

139/14: To receive and discuss a report from the Highways and Speedwatch working group

The group reported that the Speedwatch team have highlighted issues regarding speeding at the top of Wembdon Hill and on the B3339 near to the Skimmerton Lane junction.

The Community Traffic Group has met, to specifically discuss issues relating to Wembdon Rise in the vicinity of the Inwood Road junction. They propose to request that this area should be subject to a 20mph speed limit as it is a busy junction at the beginning and end of school days, both vehicular and pedestrian. Also, to await the School traffic plan, as this is looking at the same issue

The Clerk will write to Somerset CC Highways department regarding these two issues

140/14: To consider the transferring of SIDs to Wembdon Parish Council

Signature of Chairman

Resolved: To purchase a SID ourselves, independently of other Parish Councils. Seven potential locations for the SID were suggested. Two on Homberg Way (one in each direction); one on Wembdon Rise (northwards); two on Wembdon Hill (one in each direction) and two on Church Road (one in each direction). The Clerk will contact Dave Grabham, Traffic Engineer, County Hall to progress this.

(Unanimous)

141/14: To consider the purchase of a Village Gateway system to reduce the speed of vehicles, and if approved to consider the location of the gates

Resolved: Not to go ahead with this proposal

(Unanimous)

142/14: To receive and discuss a report from the Playing Fields working group

There was nothing to report.

143/14: To consider the replacement of four swing seats at a cost of £44 each (including bolts) or the replacement of four sets of bolts at a cost of £8 per seat

Resolved: To replace four swing seats at a cost of £44 each (including bolts) plus fitting.

(Unanimous)

144/14: To consider the proposal that the Council solicitor should prepare a letter of consent that would give the Village Hall and Playing Field Trust usage of land owned by the Parish Council, which is currently part of the existing playing field. This land is to be used as a part of the cricket ground outfield and incorporated into the Village Green.

Resolved: To allow the letter to be prepared, and for it to be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as soon as practicable

(Unanimous)

145/14: To receive and discuss a report from the Allotments working group

A plot has recently been re-let. The gate locking arrangements have been working well. The Clerk will write to the allotment holders informing them of

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the new arrangements. The Clerk will endeavour to ask allotment holders to provide Email addresses, which will make correspondence much easier and cheaper.

146/14: To consider the purchase of a litter bin to be located at Wembdon allotments

Resolved: To purchase the 'Community Litter Bin' as supplied by Glasdons. The colour will be dark green. Delivery will be to Cllr Harrison's home address. Dave Howe will be asked to install the new bin, which will be anchored to a concrete slab. The Clerk will inform allotment holders that the new bin is to be used for general rubbish only, not garden waste.

(Unanimous)

147/14: To receive and discuss a report from the Communications working group

There was nothing to report

(Unanimous)

148/14: To review the number, and location of the Parish Council notice boards in Wembdon following the damage caused by vandalism to the board at Florence Court.

Resolved: To request a quote from Roman Glass for the repair to the Florence Court notice board. To defer the issue of the location of the boards until after the village hall notice board is in place.

(Unanimous)

149/14: To consider correspondence received

- (a) An email has been received from Sedgemoor Area Highways offering the supply of 20kg bags of de-icing material.

Cllr Thake agreed to collect the bags.

150/14: To consider and to respond with support or objection to the proposals for mobile library service changes

Resolved: Not to comment on the proposals

(Unanimous)

151/14: To review and approve financial regulations for Wembdon Parish Council

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Resolved: To approve the amended financial regulations

(Unanimous)

152/14: To review and approve standing orders for Wembdon Parish Council

Resolved: To approve the amended standing orders

(Unanimous)

153/14: To consider the purchase of the Scribe accounting package at a cost of £245 per annum

Resolved: To approve the purchase

(Unanimous)

154/14: To consider a financial update and to approve payments

Financial update reports were supplied. No questions were asked.

October statutory payments as per agreement under minute no 324/13

Clerks Salary November 2014	£ 404.40
HMRC Tax November 2014	£ 101.00
GB Sports for October 2014	£ 18.00
Andrew Sutton Contract for October 2014	£ 651.50
Sedgemoor District Council – Dog bin emptying	£1505.09
Sedgemoor District Council – Rubbish bin emptying	£195.31

Resolved: To make the statutory payments

(Unanimous)

Non statutory payments list for October 2014

Wembdon St. Georges School – Grant	£ 500.00
Parish Magazine Printing	£ 317.80
GB Sports and Leisure (Supply/fit spring)	£ 46.80

Resolved: To make the non-statutory payments

(Unanimous)

155/14: Matters of report

a) Agenda items for the next meeting

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The future of the Parish Magazine.

b) Chairman

The Chairman confirmed that mince pies and mulled wine would be supplied at the next meeting.

c) Clerk

The Clerk had nothing to report.

d) Members

The wall adjoining the pavement at 6, Wembdon Hill was discussed. The Parish Council believes that half of the wall was demolished by the owners to enable easier 'in/out' access for their caravan - leaving an unsightly and unfinished mess. This is a key part of the centre of Wembdon. The Clerk was asked to write to the householders asking what their plans are in regard to rebuilding the wall.

Some of the bollards in the centre of Homberg Way do not light up. Can this be raised with highways.

The next meeting will be held on **December 15th 2014** in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 9.45pm