

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2010**

## **Present**

Chairman, Cllr B Webb, Cllr K Perry, Cllr D Lumber, Cllr M Solomon, Cllr R Harris, Cllr J Riddle, Cllr Ann Bown, Cllr S Bagg & Cllr R Western

## **89) Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed County Cllr John Edney, 7 members of the public and Dr Peter Reed to the meeting.

Dr Reed having previously been invited to join the Council signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form & was then provided with a Register of Financial & Others Interests form, which had to be completed within 28 days of taking up office.

## **90 Apologies for Absence**

These were received in respect of PC Tony Freeman, PCSO Nick Mizon & member of the Wembdon Speed watch team, Mr. Wilkins.

## **91) Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**

There were none.

## **92) The Views of Wembdon Residents in Respect of Agenda Items**

One resident, Mr. Dickinson, tried to address the meeting in respect of items not on the agenda & having failed to accept the authority of the Chairman the meeting was briefly suspended. Upon re-starting another resident was invited to address the meeting.

This resident expressed the hope that all members of the community would have an opportunity to take part in the public meeting to be held regarding the 'Green Wedge'.

Mr. Dickinson was given the opportunity to address the meeting once more. However, he continued to generalise and challenge the authority of the Chairman.

The council agreed to review the action that could be taken in dealing with such disorderly behaviour.

## **93) Options for the Alleviation of Future Flooding in Wembdon**

Iain Sturdy from The Parrett Drainage Board addressed the potential for flooding in Church Road & Wembdon Rise & what had already been done & was being considered to reduce the risk of another flood similar to the one that had occurred in 2008.

Mr Sturdy confirmed that the favoured option, a spillway downstream of the Millennium Bridge, was being considered by the drainage board shortly & if approved would be completed by 31 March 2011.

Mr Sturdy answered questions regarding the impact of any development on Cokerhurst Farm, the problems caused by the Millennium Bridge design & the possibility of changing the time of year when rhyne clearance work was undertaken.

On behalf of the Council the Chairman thanked Mr Sturdy for his detailed presentation.

## **94) Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2010 were agreed & signed.

## **95) Report from the Clerk**

### **95.1) Vice Chairman**

Following the resignation of Cllr R Harris as Vice Chairman it was agreed that the vacancy would be considered at the December meeting.

### **95.2) Entrance to Crossacre**

Cllr J Riddle reported on the meeting between residents & Doug Bamsey from S.D.C. on 27 October 2010. 12 residents had been present & they had confirmed their willingness to contribute towards the cost of the road repairs. Mr. Bamsey had stated that the District Council would be responsible for the cost from The Pippins & also the council houses. It was also confirmed that it was not possible to bring the road up to a standard where it could then be formally adopted.

### **95.3) Hinkley Point Site Stakeholders Group**

Cllr R Western reported on the meeting held on 29 October 2010. The meeting had covered the future possible storage of waste from other nuclear power stations & the big concerns regarding transport problems around the building of Hinkley Point C.

### **95.4) Playing Field**

Cllr Western reported that a new self-closing gate was to be fitted by no later than 21 November 2010 at a cost of £523. The Council approved a quote of £398 for repairs to the fencing near the new footbridge & £486 for topsoil to fill the drainage channels. It was also reported that to replace the goalposts would cost £75 per goal & if the pitch size increased £180 per goal.

### **95.5) Fence adjacent to the deep Rhyne by the NDR**

The Drainage Board had been informed of the damage to the fence.

### **95.6) Future Meeting Dates**

Thursday 2 December – SALC Area Meeting, 7.30pm, Burnham & Highbridge Town Council

Tuesday 7 December – Quantock Parish Cluster, 6.45pm, Over Stowey Village Hall.

## **96) Green Wedge Public Meeting**

This was due to take place on Monday 6 December 2010 under the control of an independent chairman, Ian Walker. The petitioners were responsible for inviting speakers & advertising the meeting. The petitioners agreed to reconsider the venue for the meeting, Wembdon St George's School, following concerns raised by several Councillors regarding its suitability in view of the expected high turnout.

## **97) Local Development Framework Consultation**

It was RESOLVED that Cllr M Solomon would prepare the response on behalf of the Parish Council.

## **98) Electoral Arrangements for Sedgemoor District Council**

The Local Government Boundary Commission had published its review having taken account of the responses received during the formal consultation. Councillors were disappointed to note that their response had been ignored & other than accepting a District Ward name of Cannington & Wembdon the Boundary Commission had made no other changes to the

original proposals for Wembdon. Subject to approval by parliament the new arrangements would be in force in time for the elections in May 2011.

## **99) Correspondence**

### **99.1) Forces March 2011**

Details of this event, which would involve a march through Wembdon between 25 – 29 May 2011 was placed in the correspondence folder so that Councillors could consider if & how they could support the event. Information regarding it would also be placed on the Parish Council website [www.wembdon.org](http://www.wembdon.org)

### **99.2) Premises Licence for Sandford House**

Councillors had raised no objections to the application for a premises licence.

### **99.3) Age Concern Somerset**

Councillors would decide at the December meeting whether or not to make a donation to Age Concern.

### **99.4) Footpath BW 34/25**

S.C.C. had used their delegated powers to authorise the erection of a gate on public footpath BW 34/25.

### **99.5) Other Correspondence**

The following items were being circulated separately

- Minutes of the all areas SALC meeting on 25 September 2010
- A letter from the S.C.C. Chief Executive regarding Local Government Finances
- Avon & Somerset Police newsletter
- Rural Youth Project newsletter
- Minutes of the Quantock Parishes Cluster Meeting held on 27 September 2010
- The Clerk magazine
- Clerks & Councils Direct magazine
- The Playing Field magazine

## **100) RLT2 Funding**

As this funding was available to the Council for up to 10 years it was agreed to hold this item in abeyance.

## **101) Planning**

**51/10/00018** – 76 Wembdon Rise. Widening of access, formation of turning and parking area.

**Permission granted.**

**51/10/00019** – Highfield, Sandford Hill. Erection of double garage, partly on site of existing (to be demolished).

**Permission granted.**

**51/10/00020** - The Tower Cottage, Downhall Drive, Wembdon. Erection of first floor side extension.

**Permission granted.**

**51/10/00021** – 25 Wembdon Hill. Erection of part two storey, part first floor side extension, partly on site of existing (to be demolished), re-roofing garage & erection of single storey rear, on site of existing (to be demolished).

**Permission granted.**

**51/10/00023** – 24 Wembdon Hill. Erection of double garage & formation of extended turning area.

**No objection from the Planning sub-committee.**

**51/10/00024** – Perry Croft Barn, Perry Green. Erection of conservatory to SW elevation & single storey extensions to SE & NE elevations.

**Referred to Planning sub-committee.**

**08/10/00157** – Gerber Foods Ltd, Wembdon Road. Demolition of existing building, erection of 215 residential units, change of use of an existing office to 1 residential property, associated public open space; children’s play space, new road infrastructure, landscaping & associated works.

**No objection from the Planning sub-committee.**

**23/10/004** – Land adjacent to Queenswood Farm. Outline planning application for the construction of school buildings (with associated areas of hard standing, sports pitches, artificial turf pitch, multi-use games areas, engineering & landscape works) plus associated road improvements.

**The Planning sub-committee has objected to this application on highways grounds & the associated foot & cycle path network.**

### **102) Finance**

The following payments were approved

- St George’s Parish Centre – room booking £8.00
- Ground Maintenance £355.00
- S.C.C. – room hire £268.80
- Clerk’s Expenses £30.34

Balance at 11 October 2010		£9742.30
Less		
Ground Maintenance	£355.00	
Clerk’s Expenses	£ 76.48	
S.D.C. (dog bin emptying)	£327.50	
Salary & Income Tax	£994.31	
Victim Support Donation	£100.00	<u>£1853.29</u>
Balance at 8 November 2010		£7889.01

### **103) Matters Raised by Councillors**

It was RESOLVED that as the speed sign near the bus stop was obscured by the branches of a tree the owners would be asked to cut back the overgrowing branches.