

# WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2008

### **Present**

Mr Webb (Chairman), Mrs Lumber, Mrs Riddle, Cllr A Bown & Messrs Perry, Solomon, Brown, Harris, Western & Bagg

### **111) Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed the Parish Councillors, County Cllr John Edney & PC Tony Freeman to the meeting.

### **112) Apologies**

None

### **113) The Views of Wembdon Residents**

There were none.

### **114) Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting dated 14 January 2008 were agreed & signed.

### **115) Report from PC Tony Freeman**

PC Freeman reported that a couple of large groups of youths had started congregating in the playing field in the evenings. They were said to be noisy although no complaints had been received. Due to demands on the other side of his beat PC Freeman was relying on the PCSO to cover Wembdon at present. Following a question from one of the Councillors it was agreed that the car parking near the pub would be monitored.

### **116) Matters Arising**

#### **116.1) Area Working Panel**

The Parish Council's bid for funding for a new bridge had been submitted & Mr Solomon would be attending the meeting of the Panel on 28 February 2008. It was understood that other Parishes had submitted bids for funding. A copy of the agenda for that meeting along with the minutes of the previous meeting had been placed in the correspondence folder.

#### **116.2) Graffiti**

The graffiti on the pumping station in Church Road & on the play equipment had been removed.

#### **116.3) Fencing – Reedmoor Rhyne**

The Clerk was waiting for a response from the Drainage Board.

#### **116.4) Verge – Church Road**

Mr Harris was still waiting for Sedgemoor District Council to contact him regarding the planting of the replacement shrubs. It was also noted that vehicles were being driven across the verge at the entrance to the service road.

#### **116.5) New Notice board**

Mr Bagg hoped that by the March meeting he would be in a position to make a proposal as to where the new notice board should be sited.

## **117) Correspondence**

### **117.1) Somerset Local Access Forum**

The forum was seeking new members for a 3 year term and applications had to be submitted by 14 March 2008. A newsletter highlighting details of the work undertaken by the forum was placed in the correspondence folder. It was agreed that any nominations from the Parish Council would be dealt with at the March meeting.

### **117.2) Climate Change – Community Action**

The meeting was advised of an event taking place on 1 March 2008 at Edington to which all were invited. Notices advertising the event were to be placed in the Post Office & on one of the village notice boards.

### **117.3) Somerset Heritage Roadshow**

Information on this event due to take place in May 2008 was placed in the correspondence folder.

## **118) Report from Cllr Ann Bown**

Following a request from the drainage Board several trees had been removed in Whitegates Field & re-planted along Homberg Way. There had also been problems with the gates in to the field, which had been resolved.

Some residents in Wares Lane had placed some fencing against a hedge planted by S.D.C. & the developers with the aim of restricting its growth. They were being asked to remove the fencing.

Gerbers Foods Ltd were now due to leave the Wembdon Road site in the first quarter of 2009. The minutes of the Gerber Foods Neighbourhood Liaison meeting dated 5 February 2008 were placed in the correspondence folder.

In view of Gerber Foods planned departure from their Wembdon Road site the Parish Council felt that barrier restricting access in to Wembdon Road from Homberg Way was no longer necessary. The Clerk was therefore instructed to write to Somerset County Council with the aim of having the road re-opened.

## **119) Reports from Sub-committees**

### **119.1) Footpaths**

The rubbish had been cleared from the footpath leading from Church Path towards Homberg Way.

Mr Brown reported that it appeared lots of money was being spent sign posting the footpaths, particularly along the Parrett Way.

The fallen tree on the footpath West of Inwood Road, accessible from Silverdale Close, had been removed.

S.D.C. had confirmed that they would be cutting back the brambles etc growing on the tarmac path from Wembdon Rise in to Meadow Park.

### **119.2) Playing field & Common**

The new wooden gate had been installed & a lock placed on it. It had not been possible to fit a metal gate. The Wembdon Community Association were arranging for a “No Access” sign to be fitted to the gate & they were taking responsibility for ensuring that it remained locked.

Mr Bagg had removed the two broken seats in the playing field & the one on the Common. The two replacement seats for the playing field had not been ordered.

It was RESOLVED that RoSPA would be asked to undertake the annual inspection of the play equipment & Mr Western wished to be present during the inspection. There was concern regarding the condition of the grass verge on the Common owned by the church & it was agreed that Mr Harris would speak to them on the matter.

### **119.3) The Parish Plan**

Consultation on the questionnaire had been completed & was due for distribution prior to Easter. It was hoped that the actual plan would be published in time for Village Day 2008, even though there was still a lot of work to be undertaken.

### **119.4) Allotments**

Mr Harris reported that the AGM had been well attended. Those present had not been particularly concerned about the condition of the track to the allotments & did not wish to see the Parish Council spend money unnecessarily. It was noted, however, that the raised middle of the track was catching on the bottom of vehicles & it might be necessary for the Parish Council to make repairs.

It was RESOLVED that as the Parish Council covered any losses incurred in the running of the allotments the current loss, which had been carried forward for a number of years, should be discounted in future years.

The allotment holders were concerned that the current tenancy agreement ceased in December 2010. As the Parish Council wanted to retain the use of the field, for allotments, long term it was agreed that Mr Harris would make contact with one of the administrators of the field. The Clerk would also write to the letting agents at the time the annual rent was paid.

### **120) Planning**

**51/07/00016** – Wembdon Reservoir, Sandford Hill, Wembdon. Change of use & conversion of redundant water reservoir to twelve dwellings & formation of parking. **The Parish Council has objected to this application. This is now the subject of an appeal against non-determination by the Development Control Committee.**

**51/07/00030** – Grange Farm, Moores Lane, Wembdon. **Listed Building Consent.** Alterations to garage to form hobby room including installation of one window in end elevation, alterations to window in side elevation & internal alterations. **Permission granted.**

**51/07/00031 & 51/07/00032** – The Flat, Manor Farmhouse, Wembdon. **Includes Listed Building Consent.** Conversion of storeroom to living accommodation. **Permission granted.**

**51/08/00001** – Wembdon St George's C of E VC Primary School. Single storey extension to accommodate a new classroom. **No objection from Parish Council sub-committee.**

**51/08/00002** – 9 Silverdale Close, Wembdon. Erection of single storey extension to West elevation. **No objection from Parish Council sub-committee. The Parish Council had been made aware of objections to this application & details were placed in the correspondence folder.**

**51/08/00003** – 11 Cridlands Meadow, Wembdon. Erection of rear conservatory. **No objection from Parish Council sub-committee.**

**51/08/00004** - Wembdon St George's C of E VC Primary School. Demolition of disused storage container, erection of temporary storage container & new-boarded fence.

**No objection from Parish Council sub-committee.**

**51/08/00005** – 1 Inwood Road, Wembdon. Erection of front porch.

**No objection from Parish Council sub-committee.**

**51/08/00006** – 1 Brantwood Road, Wembdon. Erection of single storey extension to South elevation.

**The Parish Council sub-committee has objected to this application on the grounds that it is an over development of the site, the proposed extension protrudes beyond the existing building line which will be detrimental & is not in keeping with the surrounding properties.**

**51/08/00007** – 43 Inwood Road, Wembdon. Erection of single storey extension & conservatory to rear elevation, front porch on site of existing (to be demolished) & erection of garden wall to Western boundary.

**Submitted to Parish Council sub-committee.**

The Parish Council had been advised that an appeal had been lodged against the refusal to grant planning permission in respect of **51/07/00024** – Erection of bungalow on land to the South of, 24 Wembdon Hill. The Parish Council had nothing further to add to their original objections to this application.

## **121) Finance**

Balance at 14 January	£13562.30
Allotment Rent	<u>£ 250.00</u>
	£13812.30

Less

Ground Maintenance	£289.00	
Water Rates	£ 12.89	
Salary & Income Tax	£848.28	
Basketball post Repairs & fixings	£305.50	
Room Hire	£176.40	
Clerk's Expenses	£ 57.84	
Sedgemoor Citizens Advice Bureau	£100.00	
Age Concern Somerset	£100.00	<u>£ 1889.91</u>
		£11922.39

It was RESOLVED that the following payments be made

- Dog Waste Bin Emptying £146.03
- Clerk's Expenses £13.87

## **122) Any Other Business**

### **122.1) Verge on Wembdon Hill**

The Parish Council wished to plant a tree on the land they maintained, which regularly had a vehicle parked on it

### **122.2) Welcome to Wembdon Sign**

Mr Brown agreed to investigate the damage to the sign.

**Date of Next Meeting – 10 March 2008, Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm followed by Parish Council meeting**