

**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 **October 14<sup>th</sup> 2013** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted'

**Present:** Councillors Cllr M Solomon (Chairman) Cllr J Riddle (Vice Chairman) Cllr A Reed, Cllr T Thake. Cllr T Thayer, and Cllr D Bingham Cllr J Woods, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr N Harrison, Cllr L Burge There were 6 members of the public, and District Councillor 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"*

**151/13:** To receive apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllr J Edney and Cllr A Bown

**152/13:** To Receive any declarations of interest. There were no declarations at this meeting

**153/13:** Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **September 9<sup>th</sup>** these were accepted unanimously as a true reflection of the meeting.

**Working Groups Reports**

**Footpaths and Land**

**154/13:** The power line supporting pole at the allotments has been hi visibility marked by Western Power to meet all of their health and safety compliance requirements. It was resolved that this adequately addressed the Council's concerns

**155/13:** An ornamental cherry tree on the common near the Parish Centre has died and needs replacing. It was resolved that a quotation be sought

Signature of Chairman

from Bartlett's tree surgeons to remove the existing tree and replace with a similar one

**156/13:** The Jubilee Oak Tree has now been planted on the green at Lyndhurst Crescent. This has been an excellent example of the Parish Council and members of the public working in partnership. The chairman thanked Cllr Thayer and Mrs G Durston for their considerable efforts in bringing this matter to a successful outcome. It was resolved that the tree be formally adopted by the Parish Council and the District Council requested to place a TPO on this tree

**157/13:** Concerns over a hedge overgrown in Church Road on a private property. It was resolved that it will be dealt with by way of a letter from the Clerk

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

**158/13:** Some Figures provided by the speed watch coordinator on recent activity showing still that local people are travelling outside of the 30 mph in Wembdon Rise. It was resolved that the speedwatch data would be placed on the Parish Council noticeboards

**159/13:** Further to a presentation at the September meeting from Andy Coupe. The RTPI is still being chased up to support the Council on relevant baseline traffic data availability. The Parish Council are concerned that the January deadline is approaching and that the cost of this work on obtaining the baseline data should be borne by the County Council. It was resolved that a letter would be sent by the Clerk to Andy Coupe expressing the Parish Council's Concerns

**160/13:** Major concerns exist with regard to the Inwood Rd /Wembdon Rise Junction. This matter was raised by a local resident and concerns the need for a crossing to be placed here and the addition of 20mph Limit to be imposed. Discussions on speed Indicator devices which could also add to the deterrence of speeding on this stretch of road should be considered. It was resolved that 3 members of the Parish Council plus residents will form a group to investigate what can be done to move this issue to a successful outcome Cllr Harrison, Cllr Thake and Cllr Jackson will drive this project. Clerk will write to Dave Grabham to ask for a formal policy statement from the County on SID units. The Parish Council may consider the shared cost with another Parish Council for a more permanent solution

## Playing Fields

**161/13:** GB Sports are meeting with Cllr Thake this coming Wednesday to complete the backboard and to clarify the quotation on play surface improvements.

**162/13:** Some trees on the playing field are beginning to grow into each other and need some pruning work to alleviate the problem and Bartlett's have proposed a cost of **£500.00** to complete this work. It was resolved that this expenditure was approved and Bartlett's would be instructed to do the work.

**163/13:** A review of the private party on the field suggests that it went well and was cleared up to a satisfactory level there were one or two

complaints from nearby residents but the noise level was deemed to be within reasonable levels.

**164/13:** The recent seeding on the playing field is now bearing fruit and looking much better. It is also resolved to put the goal posts back up and Cllr Harrison was authorised to organise this work on behalf of the Council.

## Allotments.

**165/13:** It was resolved to re locate the notice board from Wembdon Hill to the allotment site

**166/13:** All is working well at the site and all plots are now being used effectively.

## Communications.

**167/13: Notice Boards.** A local resident raised the issue of the notice board at Chatham House being too close to the junction with very limited parking. He also expressed regret at the removal of the notice board at Wembdon Hill. The chairman pointed out that the Parish Council has resolved on the issue previously after a survey by members of the Parish Council. When it was decided to have 4 large units strategically placed and with a consistent content. In the normal course of events The Parish Council would not be able to re visit the subject for 3 months due to standing orders.

The Parish Council will encourage WCA to take over the now redundant and smaller boards at the Parish Centre and near the bus stop for local and community Notices. Cllr Bingham proposed that the village needed more community notice boards and will raise the matter with the WCA. If

appropriate he will bring the matter back to the Parish Council for a formal resolution.

**168/13 Website** A meeting will take place at Aspen House with Cllrs Woods, Bingham the Clerk and the Chairman to sort out any remaining issues and some training this will happen on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 10am

### Correspondence Items

**169/13:** A letter of thanks from the School for the grant towards the School crossing patrol.

**170/13:** Quantock Cluster agenda for 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013

### Finance and to Agree Payments

**171/13:** Payments

Clerks Salary for Oct 2013	<b>£ 400.40</b>
Tax / Ni Payments for Oct 2013	<b>£ 100.00</b>
GB Sports Inspection Invoice Sept	<b>£ 18.00</b>
Dog Bin Contract Sedgemoor	<b>£ 231.55</b>
Sedgemoor rubbish bin contract	<b>£ 195.31</b>
Andrew Sutton Contract for August	<b>£ 626.50</b>
Loxton Plumbing maintenance	<b>£ 5.42</b>
Parrett drainage rate	<b>£ 8.93</b>
Public Works Loan payments	<b>£1292.66</b>
Nether Stowey Contribution	<b>£ 30.00</b>
Clerks Expenses and Allowance	<b>£ 242.30</b>
J Liddal rental payment 2013/14	<b>£ 160.00</b>

**172/13 : It was resolved to approve these payments**

**173/13:** Pre meeting circulated budget showed all expenditure to be in line with projections and there were no comments from members of the Parish Council

### Matters of Consideration

**174 /13: Wembdon Village Hall Trust**

No new matters were raised in this matter

**175/13: Neighbourhood Planning Process**

Signature of Chairman

A request to add this for an agenda item in March 2014

**176/13: Reimbursement of costs for tree planting**

It was resolved by the Parish Council to reimburse any planting costs associated with the recent tree planting at Lyndhurst Crescent

**Matters of report**

**Agenda Items for November 2013**

Telephone box future Wembdon Hill  
 Notice Board Names and addresses policy  
 A central notice board contact number at the Playing Field  
 Salt Bin additions  
 Next magazine entries  
 Bin issue Wembdon Hill

**The meeting ended at 9.pm** and the next meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup> in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm

**Key Follow up Points from meeting**

1. Quotation from Bartlett's to replace Cherry Tree--**M Solomon.**
2. Letter to resident in Church road regarding over grown hedging  
 Awaiting name and address from J Jackson **Clerk.**
3. Email reply to Andy Coupe **Clerk.**
4. Highway concerns Inwood/ Wembdon Rise group Cllr  
 Harrison,Cllr Jackson and Cllr Thake.
5. Cllr Thake to meet GB Sports on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October
6. Cllr Harrison to arrange for Goal Post erection
7. Cllr Bingham to Talk to WCA Regarding Notice boards
8. A meeting Aspen House for training on Website 21<sup>st</sup> October