

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 9th April 2018 that commenced at 6.30pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllr M Solomon (Chairman), Cllr N Harrison (Vice Chairman), Cllr N Bushell (from agenda item 202/18), Cllr D Gliddon, Cllr J Hall, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr A Reed, Cllr J Riddle, Cllr T Travis and Cllr R Webber.

District Cllrs A Bown, I Dyer and L Duddridge

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay Police: None

199/18 To receive any apologies for absence.

No apologies were received

200/18 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.

No declarations were received.

201/18 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th March 2018.

It was resolved to approve the minutes (8 in favour, 1 abstention as not present at the previous meeting)

202/18 To consider the co-option of a new Parish Councillor to represent Wembdon Parish Council (Victoria Ward).

It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Neil Bushill to the Council. He signed the declaration of office and joined the Council.

203/18 To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

The household survey was a success with a good response rate. The application for the 'Awards for All' grant was unsuccessful as they no longer give grants for neighbourhood plans. Applications for grants from other bodies will be applied for. WYG have been appointed as the consultants who will support the Council in writing the plan. The Inspector's Report following the Cokerhurst housing development enquiry is anticipated in June.

204/18 To receive a Police report.

No report had been received.

205/18 To receive the Clerk's report.

SDC welcomes Parish Councils suggesting names for new streets to be built on new developments in their Parishes. However the suggestions need to be submitted before the development begins.

They will not accept names of living people, and names must have a local connection (a very brief explanation of this connection will be required).

The Clerk noted that he is finding that the current workload utilises his full hours and that with additional housing he will be seeking additional hours from the Council to do his job. The Chairman noted that he understood this situation and future budgeting would need to address this issue.

206/18 To receive a report from Cllr Webber on the Footpaths and Verges.

The Tamlyn's Sale left Church Road very muddy due to the poor weather conditions. This was reported to Tamlyn's, and most of the mud was removed from the road. A number of large 4x4 vehicles were parked on the roadside verges close to the church, which meant that the Common was badly torn up by traffic. The consideration of the installation on posts on the edge of the Common as a deterrent to vehicles parking on the verges will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

The gate has been repaired from the ridge path to Blakes Lane.

The pot holes in the lower Church Car Park, which is a public Right of Way and well used by children on route to school, have been filled in but the work is already being undermined by the bad weather. There are also pot holes developing in the Church car park.

207/18 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on Highways and Speedwatch.

Cllr Gliddon gave the latest data from the SID located at the top of Wembdon Hill coming into the village from the Cannington direction. It was there for 14 days. An average of 700 vehicles per day came through the village. The last time the SID was located here we had around 15-20% of motorists exceeding the speed limit. This time we had around 40%. Speeds of up to 55 mph have been recorded. These details have been provided to the Highways authorities.

It would appear that taking the 30 mph gateway back towards Sandford Corner has made no difference whatsoever and in fact more traffic is approaching at a greater speed. The average 85% percentile has increased to around 40% and on occasions 48%.

The speed watch team will be revived.

A stage three review is going to take place on the zebra crossing shortly. Speeds of up to 60 mph have been recorded from vehicles approaching the crossing.

208/18 To receive a report on the Playing Fields.

The equipment for children who need fully accessible equipment has been identified and quotations are being prepared for installation. The water table is virtually at ground level in this section of the playing field and the plan is to prepare a raised section to provide a space below for the trampoline bounce. Full allowance for slope angles will be made to facilitate access by powered wheelchair. RLT2 funding is available and additional grants are being sought for the balance of the cost.

209/18 To receive a report from Cllr Harrison on the Allotments.

The allotments annual meeting took place on 26th March. The attendance was down compared with previous years.

The Clerk reported that annual allotment payments received have been slow this year, with some of the holders not paying by the 1st April deadline. If the Clerk has to chase them up then their fees will increase. If still not paid then their allotments will be repossessed.

210/18 To receive a report from Cllr Jackson regarding communications.

A local resident has volunteered to take on the work of rebuilding the Parish Council website. This was unanimously resolved to support this option and a letter will be drafted by the Clerk confirming this to the resident.

211/18 To receive an update regarding the working group for the development of Wembdon parkland.

Sponsors of trees have been received. Work is taking place on grant applications. The fund raising ball has been postponed due to lack of the necessary ticket sales. This will be re-scheduled towards the end of the year.

212/18 To consider a financial update and to approve payments:

(a) Statutory Payments as per agreement under minute no 324/13

(b) Non Statutory Payments List:

Cheque no	Payee	Detail	Amount
300587	Harris Bros and Collard	Footpath construction	£18,000
300588	Anthony Jay	Clerk's expenses January to March 2018	£515.06
300759	SALC	Councillor Training	£25.00
300762	Media Orb	Website / IT	£18.00
300763	Media Orb	Website / IT	£18.00
300764	Neighbourhood Plan	Survey draw prize	£75.00

A budget update sheet had been pre circulated to members.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the payments.

213/18 To consider matters of report:

The litter bin has been moved from the bus stop to the shop and has been very well used,

The flower container at the entrance to the village was damaged and has been removed. Cllr Webber can supply a replacement container and will manage this installation with other Councillors as necessary.

Repair work has taken place on the posts on the raised footpaths in Church Road, but one of the posts still needs repairing. This will be reported to County Highways.

The PCC has asked for the Parish Council's support in their funding proposal to appoint a parish centre outreach/development worker. Someone from the Parish Council will be asked to be a reference for the proposal.

It was unanimously resolved to support the plan. Cllrs Harrison and Reed will draft a letter of support for circulation and endorsement by the Council.

214/18 Date of next meeting: 14th May 2018.