

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 10th December 2018 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllrs M Solomon (Chairman), N Bushill, L Edwards, D Gliddon, J Hall, N Harrison, M Phillips, J Prowse, A Reed and R Webber.

District Cllrs: No District Councillors were present.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay Police: PCSO Nick Mizon

351/18 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from District Cllrs A Bown and I Dyer

352/18 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.

No declarations were received

353/18 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th November 2018.

It was resolved to approve the minutes (6 in favour, 4 abstentions as not present at the previous meeting)

The chairman signed the minutes as being a true record of the meeting

354/18 To receive the Clerk's report.

There has been a national agreement that Clerks should receive a 2% pay increase from April 2019 onwards.

It was unanimously agreed to award the Clerk the pay award in line with National Agreements.

355/18 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics

PCSO Mizon reported that things have been quiet in the Parish recently. There is now a new approach to Policing in Avon and Somerset, where there will not be any dedicated Police Officers covering Wembdon, but there will now be two PCSOs who cover a very large area, including Wembdon. They will not be asked to work in Bridgwater. They will not have dedicated vehicles, but

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they will have a vehicle to drive to hub locations and then use bicycles. This is a twelve month trial. The Parish Council wished to record their appreciation for this new service.

356/18 To receive a report from Cllr REED on the progress of the Wembdon Neighbourhood Plan

The plan is now written, and will be submitted to SDC by the end of the week. The Parish Council wishes to record their appreciation to Dr Peter Reed, and the rest of the NP steering group for their hard work.

The Neighbourhood Plan process now passes to SDC for their organisation of a final consultation period, an internal review of plan soundness, the appointment of an inspector and following any final amendments, then the plan will go to parish referendum. This is expected towards the middle of 2019.

357/18 To receive a report from Cllr REED on the Playing Fields and Common

There was nothing to report.

358/18 To receive a report from Cllr HARRISON on Highways

The Councillors expressed their concerns regarding the lack of action regarding the repairs to the surface cracks along Wembdon Rise and Wembdon Hill. There was disappointment that this section of road was resurfaced relatively recently, but it is now cracking up for a third time.

The road at the bottom of Wembdon Hill floods during periods of heavy rain, and heavy flooding occurs. SCC have placed flood warning signs in the area when this flooding occurred, so they are aware of the problem, which may be caused by leaves blocking the gulleys.

The Clerk will contact SCC Highways to arrange a site meeting with Cllr N Harrison to consider the problem.

359/18 To receive a report from Cllr HALL on the Footpaths and Verges

Cllr N Harrison will contact the owner of a property in Blakes Road, where the front hedge is overgrowing the pavement.

The link footpath between Inwood and Brantwood Roads needs clearing of leaves. Cllr M Phillips will report this to SDC Clean Surroundings.

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360/18 To receive a report from Cllr HALL on the Parish Paper

It is planned that Parish Papers will be produced bi-monthly commencing in January 2019. It is a goal of the Chairman that if possible, the publication should again be self-funding through advertisements. Local businesses will be invited to advertise. Cllrs Hall and Prowse will consider possible options and bring these to a future Council meeting.

361/18 To receive a report from Cllr HARRISON on Allotments

Following a lock-in, when all of the keyholders were unable to be contacted, the lock to the gates to the allotments will be replaced with a combination lock. A new allotment plot has been leased.

362/18 To receive a report from Cllr GLIDDON on SID results and Speedwatch

The SID has been located on both sides of the pedestrian crossing on Wembdon Rise. The maximum speed recorded was 55 mph. An average of 1840 cars per day drive along this road.

The Speedwatch team has been in action and the 'speed gun' has been recalibrated.

363/18 To receive a report on the 'Access for All' project and to consider making financial commitments.

i. Additional play equipment in the park

The work is progressing. A meeting with the Big Lottery fund has taken place which was very productive.

The project will be publicised widely. A grand opening will take place.

The CCTV and solar lighting work is also progressing. The planning application has been submitted for the solar lights.

ii. Cooperation with the Village Hall to provide fully accessible toilets

SDC has agreed to provide £30,000 from RLT3 funding for the tarmacking of the village hall car park.

1. Proposal to fund new concrete kerbed tree/flower beds

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It was unanimously agreed to provide up to £2,000 to construct concrete kerbed flower beds, which will come from the funds budgeted as grants to the Village Hall.

To ensure that the 'Give a Day' team are covered by the Parish Council insurance policy a list of all volunteers needs to be recorded each time they meet.

iii. PACT team report

The PACT team has attended two craft fairs recently.

They are now concentrating on two funding applications.

364/18 To receive an update regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum

The Quantock Road improvement work has not started yet.

EDF buses are entitled to pass through Wembdon. They should only stop at existing bus stops. If they stop elsewhere then parishioners are asked to email the Clerk who will report this with details of times, dates and registration numbers.

365/18 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
300850	Opemed (Europe) Ltd	Access for all toilet facilities	£9618.36
300851	SDC	Planning application fee for solar lighting	£120.00
300854	Parrett IBD	Drainage work	£998.40
300855	SLCC	Clerk's training	£90.00
300856	Unipar Services	Speed gun recalibration	£243.60

A budget update sheet had been be pre circulated to members

It was unanimously resolved to approve the payments

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366/18 To consider matters of report

The Chairman has represented the Parish Council at a recent meeting regarding the Bridgwater tidal barrier scheme. The proposal is for a cycle and foot path to be included on the barrier, which has been strongly supported by this Council in the past, however there is opposition to this from Chilton Trinity residents.

All Wembdon residents are asked to provide their views regarding this cycle and footpath by emailing bridgwater.barrier@environment-agency.gov.uk

The defibrillator at the Post Office is now fully functional.

367/18 Date of next meeting: Monday 14th January 2019

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.