

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 10th February 2020 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllrs M Solomon (Chairman), D Claydon, L Edwards, D Gliddon, P Major, M Phillips, A Reed.

District Cllrs B Bolt, M Caswell.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay Locum Parish Clerk: Sally Diaz Police: None

22/20 To receive any apologies for absence.

Cllr R Webber, J Prowse and J Hall sent their apologies

23/20 To receive declarations of any pecuniary interests on items relating to this agenda, which have not been previously declared in the Councilor's register of interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

24/20 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th January 2020.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2020, the Chairman signed the minutes.

25/20 To receive the Clerk's report.

The Clerk has distributed all correspondence to the Cllrs prior to the meeting. There will be a visit from Councillors from Leiston-cum Sizewell Town Council to the Sedgemoor District Council offices to get an understanding of one of EDF's Nuclear Sites Sizewell C and Hinkley C on the 12th March. Cllrs Solomon, Reed and Phillips expressed an interest in attending. The Clerk will inform Sedgemoor District Council

The Chairman thanked the Locum Clerk for stepping in to clerk the February and March meetings.

26/20 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics.

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PCSO Wyatt will be relocated to Cheddar. PCSO's Lora Bray and Kim Rixon will be covering this area during the interim. Their contact details will be added to the Facebook page and Parish Council website. The Clerk will ask them to attend the next Parish Council meeting to meet the Council.

27/20 To receive a report from Cllr Prowse on the Playing Fields and Common

An order has been issued to GB Sports to replace the damaged seats, chains and shackles. The swings will be as new once repaired. The basketball board will have replacement nuts and bolts as well. Total cost of £649 including fitting to complete all work.

28/20 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on Highways

The access from the NDR into the Village Hall has still not been adopted. Cllr Caswell is aware and is acting on our behalf to initiate a site meeting to agree final actions needed to complete adoption. There has been destruction to local verges which resulted in concrete pillars being installed to prevent further damage. However, an emergency vehicle was unable to gain access when called but the situation was amicably worked through. Blocking the highway is illegal and should not occur at any time.

29/20 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on the Footpaths and Verges.

The rural footpaths are all in good conditions. The Rhyne by Meadow Park/ White Gates Field has been excellently cleared. Secateurs, gloves and loppers have been provided by the Rights of Way Team.

30/20 To receive a report from Cllr Hall on the Parish Paper.

Cllr Major stated the website group met last week and are awaiting a quote from a supplier who will be invited to attend the next meeting and discuss their quote once received. The other supplier was not interested in providing a quote other than referring to the prices on their website. The website accessibility statement is in progress. The lead time to complete the new website will be 12 months.

The deadline for the articles/items for the next issue will be 14th February 2020.

A proposal to include a one page insert into the next Parish Paper surveying the community activities that would encourage greater use of the village hall by our parishioners. There are two possible additions to the speakers for the VE day event.

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31/20 To receive a report from Cllr Claydon on Allotments.

Good progress has been made as all plots that were returned to the Council have been rented out and there are two interested parties on the waiting list. A plan to remove the excess plastic waste will involve using dumpy bags to remove the waste and will be provided on site. There has been lots of positive feedback from residents on the improvement of the allotments. There will be a new prize for "Most improved allotment" on Wembdon Village Day.

32/20 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on SID results and Speedwatch.

The Speedwatch Team caught 6 drivers doing 36+mph. This was questioned by a driver but the attendance of the local PCSO on site confirmed the recording of the speed. The Council wishes to thank the Speedwatch team for all they do.

The teams have been invited to a Speedwatch lunch.

SID result as follows:

The report from January/February which was passed to Speed Enforcement.

Maximum speed recorded was 65MPH at 6am, 32529 vehicles passed through the area.

Volumes - weekly vehicle counts

	Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily		2,415	2,208
AM peak	08:00 to 09:00	258	200
PM peak	17:00 to 18:00	232	204

Speed

Speed limit: 36 MPH

85th Percentile Speed: 31.9 MPH

50th Percentile Speed: 27.0 MPH

10 MPH Pace Interval: 25.0 MPH to 35.0 MPH

AVERAGE SPEED 26.7 MPH

Improvements to the zebra crossing are still required.

33/20 To consider proposals from Cllr Edwards to address the problem of litter in the Parish.

An independent group like 'adopt a street' where 2 days can be given per year to litter pick can be considered. Litter is collected in black bags and can be placed next to litter bins for collection or collection arranged with Clean

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Surroundings. They may also be able to provide bags, gloves and any other items required. This can be added to the volunteer in Wembdon page on the website. Volunteers can work in their own or other areas. Regular posts on Facebook from volunteers may encourage further participation. EDF may also be a provider of bags, gloves and other items required. The Council would also supply any items required to complete the task.

Cllr Edwards has been in contact with Wembdon Wombles asking for the groups to work together.

34/20 To receive an update regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.

The recent accident involving a bus and cyclist was mentioned at the forum. The quality of driving recently by the bus drivers has not been of the same standard as in recent times. If there are any road safety concerns, they can be reported either by using the bus number, or the direction time and place they were in to EDF.

There are plans for new buses with tracking devices. There are currently 529 apprentices working at the site. Mental Health support has been made available to workers on site. A chaplain has been appointed

There have been issues with high winds on the site and 6.6million cubic metres of soil have been moved. Minutes are available from the forum meeting and will be distributed after the next meeting.

35/20 To receive recommendations from the London Bridge sub-committee – Chairman.

Wembdon Parish Council has its own Protocol and it has been prepared and circulated by the team of Cllrs Gliddon, Reed and Solomon. A proposal to install a 6 metre flagpole at the village hall on the front terrace will be made to the trust on Tuesday 11th February. .

It was unanimously resolved to purchase and install the flagpole and buy the flags.

36/20 To receive an update from Cllr Phillips on the plans to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

A tree will be planted on the Parish common. 50 local saplings will be planted in the Parish. Harris Collard is preparing a Wembdon stone plinth to hold the plaque and will donate the other materials required. A time capsule will be prepared by the school and inserted.

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Two speakers have been added to the list and there has been good cooperation between the Parish Council and Wembdon Community Association. The final meeting will be held on 2nd March 2020.

37/20 To agree the dates for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

It was unanimously resolved that the Annual Parish meeting will be held at 8pm on 20th April 2020, following the normal monthly Parish Council meeting which will commence at 7pm.. The Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on 11th May 2020.

38/20 To review the Parish Council's Standing Orders; Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and Asset Register.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the documents, with amendments already circulated to Councillors. The Parklands will be added to the Asset register with a nominal value of £1000.

39/20 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
301014	PC Rescue	Computer repair and maintenance	£80.00
301015	Andrew Sutton	Extra grass cut	£60.00

A budget update sheet has been be pre circulated to members

It was unanimously agreed to approve the payments.

40/20 To consider matters of report:

(a) Agenda items for the next meeting

To consider the introduction of a Parklands under 7's Nature Trail.

(b) Chairman

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Awaiting a quote to remove the trees and have looked at a second Tree Surgeon for information purposes. Jeanette Burton (SDC Landscape Officer) was shown around the Parklands and she was supportive and impressed with the work carried out.

The solar lights at the Parklands have been serviced and reprogrammed.

Somerset Playing Fields Association is awarding a new prize (The Chairman's Cup) to a volunteer who has gone the extra mile in their community. Nomination details will be provided in due course.

Bridgwater Town Council is receiving £25M to improve the town. There is a Parish Council Liaison Group being formed to provide feedback and have asked if Wembdon would like to be involved, Cllrs Solomon and Reed will represent the Parish Council.

The Parish Councillors are delighted to continue receiving positive feedback from members of the public on the Parklands facilities.

(c) Members

Cllr Edwards informed the Council that Parklands is progressing well and bird boxes are now being added. Grasses are being planted around the animal heads. The new seats have arrived and are ready for construction.

Cllr Claydon informed the Council that a greenhouse had been offered to the allotment site by Sandford House. However, Cllr Claydon declined the offer as it was not required on site.

Cllr Reed had received an email from a resident concerning the possibility of Anthrax on the Cokerhurst farm site. Sedgemoor District Council is aware of this suggestion and has dealt with it. Further enquiries on the matter should be addressed to SDC.

A funding application for an accessible swing has been declined by Variety.

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Date of next meeting: Monday 9th March 2020

The meeting closed at 9pm.