

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 11th June 2018 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllr M Solomon (Chairman), Cllr N Bushill, Cllr D Gliddon, Cllr J Hall, Cllr N Harrison, Cllr A Reed, and Cllr J Riddle.

District Cllrs M Caswell and I Dyer.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay Police: None

Prior to the meeting a presentation was given by members of the SDC Housing, Health and Wellbeing Services department regarding affordable housing.

Following the Housing Needs Assessment, carried out as a part of the Neighbourhood Plan survey work, this Council recognises that there is an immediate need for 30 affordable dwellings to meet the needs of current Wembdon residents and that it will seek options to ensure that suitable properties are made available. In the event of new housing development in the parish, there needs to be suitable provision agreed and dedicated to meet the needs of Wembdon residents and the Council will organise further briefings for itself to ensure that it is fully aware of the financial and legal aspects of the alternative ways of meeting this need.

- 246/18 To receive any apologies for absence
- Apologies were received from Cllrs Jackson, Travis, Webber and District Cllrs Bown and Duddridge.
- 247/18 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.
- No declarations were received.
- 248/18 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th May 2018.
- It was resolved to approve the minutes (6 in favour and 1 abstention as not present at the previous meeting)
- 249/18 To receive the Clerk's report
- The hedge and fence on the path between the Ridge Path and Blakes Lane have been attended to. This was excellent work.
- The initial meeting of the team tasked with the revamping of the website has taken place, and some changes have already been made. The Chairman thanked the team for their work.
- 250/18 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics.

No report has been received and there were no Police in attendance.

251/18 To receive a report from Cllr Reed on the progress of the Wembdon Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Reed gave a comprehensive update. Everything is progressing at a good pace. A draft policy has been produced and circulated. There will be a public consultation workshop at the Village Hall between 2 – 6pm on 19th June, where every member of the public is invited to attend.

It was unanimously resolved to endorse the report from the Community Council of Somerset household survey and the background data upon which the neighbourhood plan will be based.

252/18 To receive a report from Cllr Reed on the Playing Fields and Common

There has been no feedback regarding the 'awards for all' grant applications which have been submitted.

The playing fields and common are now looking spectacular.

253/18 To receive a report from Cllr Harrison on Highways

An email has been received from the Police Speed Enforcement Officer regarding the latest SID figures, which would suggest that the Police do not accept them. The Chairman will invite Andy Coupe from SCC Highways to attend the next Parish Council meeting to give an update regarding all traffic related matters. If anyone sees a vehicle speeding then details should be forwarded to the Clerk, including time, date and registration number of the vehicle.

254/18 To receive a report from Cllr Hall on the Footpaths and Verges.

There was nothing to report.

255/18 To receive a report from Cllr Jackson on the Parish Paper

The latest Parish Paper has gone to the publishers. Distributors will be needed when the Parish paper has been delivered.

256/18 To receive a report from Cllr Travis on Allotments

All rental payments for 2018/19 have now been made. Cllr Harrison is liaising with Cllr Travis regarding the handover of the allotment management.

257/18 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on SID results and Speedwatch.

See minute 253/18

The Speedwatch team will be reinstated shortly.

258/18 To receive a report on the 'Access for All' project and to consider making financial commitments.

The PACT team reported that fundraising attempts are still taking place. The household survey data can be used by the PACT team.

259/18 To receive an update regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.

There have been no meetings.

260/18 To consider the arrangements for the defibrillator.

The Clerk will enquire into this, and report back to Councillors

261/18 To consider co-opting Peter Major to the planning committee as a non-voting member.

It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Peter Major to the planning committee.

262/18 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
300779	P. Phillips and Sons	Dropped kerb	£1200.00
300780	HBC	Footpath work	£756.25
300781	CPRE	Subscription	£36.00
300782	P. Taylor	Laptop maintenance	£192.50
300785	TC Plumbing	Allotment leak	£200.00
300786	John Simpson	Spray of wild flower meadow	£144.00
300787	Village Hall	Neighbourhood Plan meeting	£30.00

A budget update sheet had been be pre circulated to members

It was unanimously resolved to approve the payments.

263/18 To consider matters of report:

The notice board which has been out of use for two years will now be attached to the wall outside the village hall, making four in the Parish.

A member of the public has thanked the Parish Council for the improvements to the footpath at Wares Lane which is now accessible for wheelchair usage.

264/18 Date of next meeting: 9th July 2018