

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 11th March 2019 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

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

District Cllrs A Bown and I Dyer.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay Police: None

43/19 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr D Gliddon.

44/19 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.

There were no declarations of interest declared.

45/19 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th February 2019.

It was resolved to approve the minutes (6 in favour, 2 abstentions as not present at the previous meeting).

46/19 To receive the Clerk's report.

The Chairman and the Clerk have met with the relevant local Police Inspector and Sergeant to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council funding a PCSO who would be dedicated to Wembdon Parish, working hours and performing duties decided upon by the Parish Council. To reduce the charge to the Parish precept, such a PCSO could be shared with another local Parish Council, with costs and hours being split. This meeting was very much exploratory, and no decisions would be made in the short term, until further public consultation had been undertaken, but this is a route being taken by other Councils to provide a more local police presence in their communities.

The general consensus amongst Councillors was that this was an option worthy of further follow up. The total annual cost of a PCSO would be around £30,000.

The current level of Police funded PCSO cover would not be affected by this. This proposal would be additional policing.

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- 47/19 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics.
- No report had been received. The local PCSO team will be arranging a meeting of Neighbourhood Watch coordinators
- 48/19 To receive Councillor reports
- Cllr Phillips, Webber and Harrison are working with Brian Jones (structural engineer) and HBC on establishing a plan for the fallen wall at the allotments.
- The Neighbourhood Plan is now under examination. There are a number of very technical questions being raised and handled by WYG in consultation with the Steering Group.
- The Parish Paper was produced and distributed. Many thanks to Cllr Hall for her work in producing the paper.
- The new play equipment is installed and being well used. The CCTV, solar lighting and new bench have also been installed.
- Councillors have met with the PACT team and the landscape architect and reviewed the latest plans. The architect has been instructed to prepare a set of plans suitable for a Planning Application to be prepared. Cllr Edwards gave an update and was thanked for her work along with her team. There is a six months window for this work to start, so things will be progressing shortly.
- The Cokerhurst Farm planning application will be submitted shortly. Details will be published on the SDC website. A meeting of the planning committee will be called to discuss the application when details are available.
- 49/19 To consider the purchase of equipment for the flailing of rhyne edges and the cutting of hedges on the parkland.
- Further quotes are being obtained. Progress is being made and this will be reported upon at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 50/19 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on SID results and Speedwatch.
- The speedwatch report has been circulated by Cllr Gliddon.
- The Speedwatch team has been subject to an incident of verbal abuse. The motorist was identified and has been visited by the Police. Our PCSO team

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will try to work with the Speedwatch team to provide a Police presence to prevent future such incidents.

The average speeds continue to be managed well but the regular incidence of speeding vehicles, especially around the zebra crossing is a great cause for concern.

Cllr Caswell has taken this matter up with officers at SCC Highways but this will need significant additional pressure by the Parish Council before progress can be anticipated.

District Cllr Ann Bown addressed the meeting and gave an update regarding district council matters. She said that she would not be standing as a District Councillor at the May elections and was thanked for the support she had provided to the Parish Council during her many years as a District Councillor.

51/19 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
300891	RT Signs	Playground Sign	£55.80
300892	G L Jones *	Playground Equipment	£45,540.00
300893	N W Adams**	Playground Equipment Inspection	£378.00
300894	APS Scaffolding**	Scaffolding for security camera erection	£900.00
300895	Coomber Security Systems**	CCTV equipment	£5331.60
300898	WYG Environment Planning	NP consultation	£2110.56
300899	Screwfix**	Solar light installation materials	£37.75
300900	Wembdon Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust	Four concrete kerbed flower beds	£2000.00
300901	Media Orb	Website hosting	£18.00

*National Lottery Funded

** RLT2 Funded

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A signpost has been knocked over at the foot of Sandford Hill. Cllr Reed will contact County Highways regarding this.

The bus stop at the foot of Sandford Hill becomes muddy, and a few concrete slabs needs to be installed to help people waiting for the bus. Cllr Harrison will arrange this.

53/19 Date of next meeting: Monday 8th April 2019.

The meeting concluded at 7.50pm.

End of minutes