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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on **11th September 2017** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted.

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

District Cllrs A Bown, and L Duddridge

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay **Police:** None

Prior to the meeting a presentations was given by Andy Hohl and Amy Cocker of the Environment Agency regarding a project to construct a tidal barrier for Bridgwater in 2024 and PIER (agenda item 4)

93.17 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Webber and J Wood.

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

No declarations were received.

95.17 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st August 2017.

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record (5 in favour, 3 abstentions)

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a correct record of the meeting.

96.17 To agree the Parish Council's response to the Bridgwater Tidal Barrier Scheme's Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

It was resolved to support the proposal and to comment that a cycle path across the river would be welcomed, and also that the farmhouses in the area which could flood as a result of the barrier are properly protected.

97.17 To receive the Clerk's report.

A planning seminar will be hosted by SDC on both the 12th and 18th October. Councillors should tell the Clerk if they can attend, and which would be their preferred date.

98.17 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics

No Police report had been received.

Signature of Chairman

99.17 To receive an update regarding the vandalism at the children's play area and at the allotments.

Two teenagers have admitted to causing the damage at the play area. The Clerk will write to the Police thanking the officers involved for their excellent work in solving this crime. Also all members of the community who helped to remove the graffiti from the play equipment were thanked for their efforts.

The Police have agreed to supervise the two offenders when they clean the graffiti from the tarmac, and the Clerk will order the cleaning materials required. There will also be a litter pick carried out by the offenders in the Parish, supervised by the Police.

It was decided not to issue a banning order to the individuals at the present time, on the understanding that they clean the graffiti and carry out the litter pick.

Cllrs Hall and Jackson left the meeting at this point.

A large hump has been dug into the footpath near the allotments to create a 'jump' for cycles. Cllr Harrison will arrange for this to be removed.

100.17 To receive a report from Cllr Webber on the Footpaths and Verges.

There was nothing to report.

101.17 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on Highways and Speedwatch.

The zebra crossing has been installed on Wembdon Rise. The 30 mph speed limit has been extended. Cllr Gliddon gave an update regarding the SID results. The SID has had a tremendous effect on reducing traffic speeds and so far has been installed at two locations on Wembdon Hill and one in Church Road.

102.17 To receive a report on the Playing Fields.

A letter of objection has been received in regards to the installation of a disabled swing at the children's playground. Cllr Reed said that she had enquired into possibility of buying a disabled swing, and has found that this would not be suitable because of the open nature of the park location. However a roundabout and floor level trampoline would be suitable for all children independent of any disabilities.

It was unanimously resolved to support a proposal to purchase a roundabout and a trampoline for the children's play area. Cllr Reed will enquire into this and will seek suitable sources of funding in addition to the Council RLT2 fund.

103.17 To receive a report from Cllr Harrison on the Allotments.

One allotment has recently become available.

104.17 To consider the installation of a bench at the Allotments.

(This item was discussed immediately after 95.17).

A long debate took place, with members of the public speaking both in favour and against this proposal.

It was resolved to install one bench for a period of nine months or less. The decision will be constantly under review and if anti-social behaviour is experienced at the bench within this period then the decision will be revisited (7 in favour, 1 abstention).

Signature of Chairman

Members of the public are encouraged to inform the Parish Council in the event that anti-social behaviour is being experienced. The Clerk will inform the Police and SDC that the bench will be installed, and request that regular patrols are made.

Cllr Harrison will arrange for the bench to be installed.

105.17 To receive a report from Cllr Jackson regarding communications.

There was nothing to report.

106.17 To receive an update from Cllr Harrison regarding the setting up of a working group for the development of Wembdon parkland.

The working group has opened a bank account, and will be seeking charity status. Ideas are being discussed for fund raising activities. Six positions on the committee have been filled, with two deputies. The group will be called 'Wembdon Parkland and Community Together'.

107.17 To consider the installation of a dog bin on the footpath between Dovai Drive and Homberg Way.

It was unanimously resolved not to purchase a dog bin.

There is a large amount of litter on this footpath. The Clerk was asked to contact Clean Surroundings to ask them to clear this litter.

108.17 To consider co-opting another Councillor to the planning committee

Cllr T Travis agreed to join the planning committee.

109.17 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
300674	John Simpson	Misc works at Wembdon Parklands	£136.00
300677	Andrew Sutton	Contract and additional work	£1135.00

A budget update sheet was pre circulated to members

It was resolved to approve the statutory and non-statutory payments.

110.17 To consider matters of report:

The Chairman reported that issues of noise pollution at the Village Green had now been addressed.

111.17 Date of next meeting: 9th October 2017

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Signature of Chairman