

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council** held at Wembdon Village Hall on **12<sup>th</sup> February 2018** 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 Riddle, Cllr T Travis and Cllr R Webber.

District Cllrs A Bown, M Caswell, L Duddridge,

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

Prior to the meeting a presentation was given by the Wembdon Parkland and Community Together Group on their provisional proposals for the development of Parish Council land known as Wembdon Parklands.

**181/17 To receive any apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Hall, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr A Reed and Cllr J Woods.

**182/17 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.**

No declarations were received.

**183/17 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

**It was resolved to** approve the minutes (5 in favour, 1 abstention as not present at the previous meeting)

**184/17 To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and to approve the NP survey questionnaire.**

The Neighbourhood Plan is moving along quickly.

The Chairman represented the Parish Council at the inspection of the Local Plan, which makes it exceedingly clear that the Cokerhurst Farm development is at the top of the SDC agenda. To help shape that development and to ensure that the needs of the Wembdon Community are met, it is important that a NP is at least in the final draft stage for discussions with SDC Planning. An adopted NP will also significantly increase the proportion of the CIL levy available to the Parish.

Survey questionnaires will be delivered to every property in the Parish this weekend. It is extremely important that members of the public respond to this household survey as it will form the basis of the NP, which will be subject to local referendum later this year.

**It was unanimously resolved to** approve the publication and distribution of the surveys.

#### **185/17 To receive a Police report**

There was no Police presence at the meeting. The Clerk said that no Police report had been received.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Police, asking for a report to be sent every month prior to the monthly meeting.

The recent vandalism at a property close to the allotments was discussed. The Police have completed their enquiries, and eight teenagers from Durleigh have admitted causing the damage. Their parents have agreed to pay for the damage between them.

#### **186/17 To receive the Clerk's report.**

A request from Musgrove Hospital has been received for a donation towards a new MRI scanner. It was decided not to make a donation.

SDC has ordered the 'dogs on leads' signs for the Playing Fields section of The Green.

The EIA Scoping Opinion for Bridgwater Tidal Barrier Scheme was discussed. The Parish Council would like to request that some form of pedestrian and / or cycle path be installed as a part of the scheme.

The proposed visit to Hinkley Point C was discussed. The Clerk was asked to book ten people onto a trip, hopefully on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

The maintenance of the fingerposts in the village was discussed, along with the SCC scheme for the renovation of the fingerposts by teams of volunteers. The Clerk will enquire with SCC who pays the costs involved. Cllr Gliddon will progress the recruitment of volunteers.

It was agreed that a new fingerpost should be situated on the NDR directing people to "Wembdon Village Hall".

#### **187/17 To receive a report from Cllr Webber on the Footpaths and Verges.**

Some of the kissing gates and styles on the paths between Perry Green and Cannington need repairing. Cllrs Webber and Gliddon will report this on the SCC website.

There is a large puddle outside Blakes Farm, which is caused by a drain being blocked by a verge falling in. It was commented that this is the land owners responsibility.

Reports have been received of dogs off leads worrying sheep in the fields behind the church. This has been posted on Facebook, and has been read over 11,000 times, with tremendous support for the sheep owner.

The new footpath from Crossacre to the playing fields footpath has been completed and daffodil bulbs planted alongside by the Parish Give a Day team. The major maintenance project for footpaths BW34/1 and BW34/2 is also well underway, the project being strongly supported by SCC Rights of Way team

The tarmac on a section of footpath BW34/1 is breaking away. This needs to be banked up with soil. Due to the urgent nature of the problem it was unanimously agreed to instruct the contractor currently on site to carry out the banking work.

#### **188/17 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on Highways and Speedwatch.**

The SID has been cited in Church Road. The average speed has dropped to 15 mph. The average speeder is doing 23 mph. The worst speed was 40 mph. These are good figures and shows the benefit of the SID.

The newly installed SID post in Wembdon Rise has been put in the wrong place, and will be moved.

**189/17 To receive a report on the Playing Fields.**

All outstanding matters identified in the playground inspection are being dealt with.

**190/17 To receive a report from Cllr Harrison on the Allotments.**

The date of the allotment AGM has been set for 26<sup>th</sup> March in the village hall. New allotments have been leased.

**191/17 To receive a report from Cllr Jackson regarding communications.**

The Parish Paper will be published and distributed later this week.

**192/17 To receive an update from Cllr Harrison regarding the working group for the development of Wembdon parkland.**

This had been dealt with earlier in the evening during the Wembdon Parkland and Community Together Group briefing.

**193/17 To review the location of the Parish Council's defibrillator.**

It was agreed that the defibrillator should be moved from the post office to the village hall, where a location has been identified in the foyer. The NHS attends the hall twice a week doing heart rehab classes, and we will put the defibrillator under their care to ensure that it is always working. They will also provide training for anyone who wants to use the machine.

Cllr Reed will be collecting the defibrillator, and bringing it to the hall.

**194/17 To consider the Parish Council's approval for the annual Bridgwater Bolt 10k race to pass through Wembdon on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

**It was resolved to** approve that the race passes through Wembdon.

**195/17 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
300721	P Taylor	Computer work	£35
300722	SLCC	Annual fees	£258**
300723	ALCC	Annual fees	£30**
300725	D Stone	Donation (cancelled – see below)	£250
300726	Bradfords	Building materials	£298.84
300727	Samson	Pathway work	£75
300728	Samson	Fencing	£198
300729	Samson	Bench base	£495
300730	Brandon	Rental fee	£25.96
300731	GB Sports	Playground repairs	£442.56
300732	SLCC	Webinar	£30**
300736	Tony Jay	Reimbursement of £250 cash payment made to D Stone (donation)	£250
300737	Ben Jackson	Parish Paper delivery	£100
300738	HBC Contractors	Hardcore for allotment path	£240
300739	Community Council for Somerset	Deposit for neighborhood plan work	£1458.75
300740	Martin Pickard	Consultancy services re construction of	£2680.32

		NDR access to village hall	
300741	Broxap	Supply of bench and fittings	£966
300744	HBC Contractors	Land drain installation	£1611.60*
300745	Media Orb	GDPR compliance work	£240.00

\* ½ of cost to be re-imbursed by The Wembdon Village Hall Trust

\*\* 1/3 of cost to be reimbursed by both Puriton and Wraxall/Failand Parish Councils

A budget update sheet had been pre circulated to members.

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

**196/17 To consider matters of report:**

Two of the safety posts on the raised section of pavement in Church Road are rotten and need replacing. This is a health and safety risk. All of the posts need checking for safety. The Clerk will report this to County Highways.

The litter bin near to the bus stop should be relocated 50m up the road to the vicinity of the shop. This will be progressed by Cllr Webber.

**197/17 Date of next meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

The meeting concluded at 9.40pm