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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council meeting that was held at St Georges School Wembdon on **May 12th 2014** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted'

Present: Councillors Cllr M Solomon (Chairman) Cllr T Thake. and Cllr N Harrison, and Cllr J Riddle, Cllr J Jackson Cllr T Thayer Cllr D Bingham There was 2 members of the public, and District District Councillor A Bown and I Dyer
"Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal opportunities (race gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability) Crime disorder and Human Rights"

Annual Elections

01/14: Cllr M Solomon relinquished the chair and the clerk was asked to over see the nomination and election of the Chairman for the forth coming year. Nominations were sought and one nomination of Cllr M Solomon was proposed and seconded and elected unanimously by the meeting

02/14: Cllr M Solomon re took the chair and continued with the election process

03/14: Nominations were sought for Vice Chairman and Cllr J Riddle was nominated proposed seconded and elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the forth coming year.

04/14: Planning Committee 2014/15

The existing committee were re elected for the forthcoming year as Cllr N Harrison (Chairman of the planning committee) Cllr J Woods, Cllr D Bingham, Cllr L Burge and Cllr T Thake

05/14: Finance and General Purposes committee

The existing committee were re elected for the forthcoming year as Cllr M Solomon, Cllr A Reed and Cllr L Burge together with the Clerk

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06/14: The delegated powers for the two committees remain unchanged from the previous year

07/14: Working Groups elected for 2014/15

Playing Fields and common

Cllr J Jackson, Cllr T Thake and Cllr D Bingham

Highways and Speedwatch

Cllr J Jackson, Cllr T Thayer and Cllr A Reed

Footpaths Verges and Litter

Cllr N Harrison, Cllr J Jackson and Cllr T Thake

Communications, Newsletter and Website

Cllr J Jackson, Cllr D Bingham , Cllr T Thayer and Cllr J Woods

Allotments

Cllr N Harrison and Cllr T Thayer

Land Acquisitions

Cllr M Solomon , Cllr N Harrison and Cllr T Thayer

Staffing

Cllr M Solomon, Cllr N Harrison Cllr L Burge and Cllr A Reed

Appeals

Elected as the need arises

Coastal Cluster Representative

Cllr A Reed

EDF/ IPC Project and Stakeholder meetings

Cllr A Reed

08/14: To receive apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllr J Woods Cllr A Reed and Cllr L Burge and apologies were accepted unanimously.

09/14: To Receive any declarations of interest. There were no declarations at this meeting

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10/14: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **April 14th 2014** was accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.

Working Groups Reports

Footpaths and Land

Somerset Flood Victims fund

11/14: A Proposal was put to the meeting for Wembdon Parish Council to make a contribution to the fund that has been set up to support the villages affected by the February flooding in Somerset. After considerable debate and discussion it was resolved to ask the clerk to email details to members and to add the item to the June agenda.

12/14: A national campaign with a 4 point Charter to protect green field development and to ensure Brownfield land resources as a first option on all new building was put before the meeting and will be further discussed at the June meeting.

13/14: Additional cut by our Contractor. It was resolved to approve the additional cutting on the edge of Great Oaks by our contractor Andrew Sutton.

14/14: Persimmon Land acquisition. This has very nearly completed by our solicitors Holley and Steer and a proposal for a 5 year plan suggested and a group will identify the way forward shortly. It is also proposed to get Cannington College involved in this community project. Cllr Thake, Cllr Thayer Cllr Woods , Cllr Bingham and Cllr Riddle will visit the site to identify the proposed way forward

Highways and Speed watch.

15/14: Baseline Data from Andy Coupe

This important data will need to be interpreted by the County but is now available

16/14: Speed Management in the village.

Radar Lux SID : The clerk pointed out that Brent Knoll have capitalised on the County's Change of policy regarding the purchase of these units by individual Councils. BK have purchased a unit and also been able recently to achieve some grant funding. The Parish Council resolved to move this project forward in Wembdon as part of the overall mitigation of excessive

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speed in the village. Cllr Jackson Cllr Thayer and the clerk will look further at this matter

17/14: Lollicam for School Patrol: This is a further part of the speed mitigation programme at a cost of approx £2500.00 and this will be looked at as part of the project in Wembdon to further the reduction in speed throuout the village.

Playing Fields

18/14: Play Surfaces

The condition of these are to be monitored over the next few months prior to any decisions being made regarding long term refurbishment.

Allotments

19/14: No new issues raised at this meeting

Communications.

20/14 : Parish Paper :

A slight delay in the distribution of the latest edition due to unforeseen circumstances. And the latest edition will have an A5 sheet inserted due to the date of May day celebrations having been passed prior to distribution

21/14: Website :

A proposal to arrange a navigating the web site information sheet to assist those unused to finding their way around the pages.

Correspondence Items

22/14: RLT2/3 Funding updates

Finance and to Agree Payments

23/14: Payments

Statutory Payments for May

Clerks Salary May 2014	£ 404.40
HMRC Tax May 2014	£ 101.00
GB Sports for April 2014	£ 18.00
Andrew Sutton Contract for April 2014	£ 651.50

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Variable Payments for May 2014

Parish Room Hire for January meeting	£ 8.00
Richard Young Internal Audit	£ 20.00
Zurich Insurance Premium 2014/15	£ 696.11

24/14: It was resolved to make the payments listed above in full

Matters of Consideration**25/14: Wembdon Village Hall Trust:**

Tendering Process nearing Completion

26/14: Defibrillator Training updates

St John's has been contacted regarding suggested back up training and it is hoped that the previously trained volunteers will get together over the coming weeks for refresher. There are two further dates being considered for full training in October

27/14: Wembdon School

A meeting at the school to consider a travel plan to mitigate the problems of parking and traffic congestion took place recently and included

Andy Pritchard	Police
Nick Mizon	Police
Mike David	School Governors
School Head	Head Teacher
Mike Solomon	Parish Council
Anne Reed	Parish Council

The initial meeting was intended to identify the problems following on from the recent planning application being agreed to the school expansion. There was recognition by the police that a real problem exists. It also identified that of 345 children 193 arrived by car which is unacceptable. A letter to parents highlighting the problem is a suggested course of action together with re instatement of some yellow lines and replacement of enforcement time boards.

Any proposed travel plan agreed by this group will form part of the wider travel plan needed assist in alleviating some of the considerable concerns highlighted by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council are very concerned about aspects of the process in consultations prior to the regulation committee's decision to grant the

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application. The Clerk advised the Council that having spoken with SALC the process of a judicial review would be prohibitively expensive unless the Parish Council are sure of a successful outcome. At this stage the Parish Council have not taken this matter forward.

The Parish Council have also written to Cllr Osman leader of Somerset County Council and are waiting for a response

[Matters of report](#)

Agenda Items for June 2014

Un safe Wall Wembdon Rise

The meeting ended at 9.40pm and the next meeting on **June 9th 2014** in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm