

# 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> November 2018 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllr M Solomon (Chairman), Cllr N Bushill, Cllr L Edwards (from minute 333/18 onwards), Cllr J Hall, Cllr M Phillips, and Cllr A Reed.

District Cllrs A Bown and I Dyer.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay          Police: None

331/18          To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Gliddon, N Harrison, J Prowse and R Webber. Also District Cllrs L Duddridge and M Caswell.

332/18          To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda

No declarations were received.

333/18          To consider the co-option of a new Councillor to fill the current casual vacancy

It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Lorna Edwards to the Parish Council.

Cllr Edwards signed the declaration of office and joined the meeting.

It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Edwards will join the planning committee.

334/18          To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

It was resolved to approve the minutes (4 in favour, 2 abstentions as not present at the previous meeting)

335/18          To receive the Clerk's report.

There will be a Planning Committee meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November. It will be preceded by a briefing by Persimmon Homes regarding their proposed major housing development in Durleigh.

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The external auditor report has been received, and there were no issues raised by the auditor. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his work and attention to procedure in achieving this excellent result

336/18 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics

There were no Police in attendance and no report had been received.

There has been an increase in PCSO activity in the parish, with a significant visible presence over the past month. A number of house burglaries have occurred in recent weeks. PCSO surgeries are now being held in the village hall on the second Tuesday of each month. Drug dealing at the end of Wares Lane has continued, and the Police have been informed.

Councillors will be attending planning seminars at SDC.

337/18 To receive a report from Cllr Reed on the progress of the Wembdon Neighbourhood Plan

Following the last consultation WYG have had to prepare two additional pieces of work to support our proposed parking strategy and statement of important viewpoints to be preserved.

The Neighbourhood Plan is estimated to cost us £6,900 from the precept, the balance being funded by two significant grants. This cost will be covered by underspend in Contingencies and Liddall land expenditures

We should be in the final stages of writing and consultation, hopefully with a draft to SDC by early December and a referendum by March. We are actually slowing down to ensure that our Neighbourhood Plan supersedes the final adopted SDC Local Plan.

338/18 To receive a report from Cllr Reed on the Playing Fields and Common

This will be covered under minute 344/18

339/18 To receive a report from Cllr Harrison on Highways

There will be a diversion through the village during the temporary closure of the A39. The road surface on Wembdon Hill near to the junction with Keltings is breaking up, along with the new road surface in Wembdon Rise.

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The salt bins need topping up. Councillors have some supplies of salt and Cllr Hall will organize replenishing the bins. If more stock is needed then this will be purchased.

There are concerns that minibuses taking workers to Hinkley Point C are picking up in the centre of Wembdon, despite earlier assurances that this would not happen. Cllr Reed will report this to the HPC community forum.

340/18 To receive a report from Cllr Hall on the Footpaths and Verges

The dead tree on the Wares Lane footpath has been removed. Instructions have now been issued for the tarmac chicane in Wares Lane to be widened to facilitate use by mobility scooters.

341/18 To receive a report from Cllr Hall on the Parish Paper

Cllr Hall was congratulated on producing an excellent Parish Paper. It was agreed that young people from the Parish could be paid to distribute future editions if necessary.

342/18 To receive a report from Cllr Harrison on Allotments

The tree which had been leaning into a fence at the allotments has been removed.

343/18 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on SID results and Speedwatch

The SID was placed at the top of the village recently and the maximum speed recorded was 50 mph. This was lower than the previous time that it was positioned there, which was 60 mph. The average speed recorded was 27 mph. An average of 2,000 vehicles per day are entering the village. Half of these are speeding. The average speeder is travelling at 34 mph. The SID has now been moved to Wembdon Rise. The 20 mph sign on the approach to Church Road has been cleaned by the speedwatch team. The 20 mph sign in Blakes Lane has now been dug out of the hedge and re-installed by the speedwatch team. The Chairman thanked the team for all of their work in making our roads safer.

Cllrs Bown and Dyer left the meeting.

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344/18 To receive a report on the 'Access for All' project and to consider making financial commitments

i. Additional play equipment in the park

A big lottery grant of £45,540 has been awarded to fund the additional new 'Access for All' play equipment.

SDC have agreed that it is acceptable to use RLT2 funding for CCTV and Solar lighting to protect the play equipment from vandal attack. Cllr Reed was congratulated for her work and dedication in progressing this grant.

The Village Hall Trust has also been successful in gaining a grant of £28,000 to cover the costs of tarmac surfacing the car park.

ii. Cooperation with the Village Hall to provide fully accessible toilets

The installation work is now underway.

iii. PACT team report

The PACT team now has a new treasurer, and a new trustee has joined the team. £200 has been received from ASDA.

345/18 To receive an update regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.

A summary of a recent site stakeholder meeting has been provided to Councillors by Cllr Reed. A summary of the key points from the meeting can be found on the Council website.

346/18 To consider whether the Parish Council should contribute towards the salary of the school crossing patrol officer

The Clerk had received an email from the school after the agenda had been circulated which stated that they have been unsuccessful in recruiting a new officer, so this position will not be filled despite the Parish Council's offer of financial support.

347/18 To consider the budget priorities for 2019-20

The Finance Committee were approved to prepare a budget and precept calculation on the basis that:

1. The precept would not be increased other than to account for inflation,

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2. Reserves should be included to cover: completion of the Neighbourhood Plan, a significant reworking of the wembdon.org website, a contingency to cover possible costs associated with SCC adoption of the NDR access to the village hall, the possible investment in flailing and hedge cutting equipment to be used on Wembdon Parklands and a sum for enhancement of Wembdon Parklands.

348/18 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
300830	Cotswold Hardy Plants	Oak Trees	£1364.71
300831	Brandon Hire	Digger Hire	£128.79
300832	SDC	New Litter Bin	£175.20
300833	SALC	Planning Training	£60.00
300834	Media Orb	Email Addresses	£18.00
300835	WYG	Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy Fees	£504.00
300836	WYG	Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy Fees	£2401.26
300837	RT Signs	Dog notice signs	£516.24
300840	M Tyrrell	Landscaping work	£210.37
300841	Parrett Drainage Board	Flailing work	£38.40
300842	Westcotec	SID bracket	£69.00
300843	WYG	Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy Fees	£4416.00
300844	Wembdon Cricket Club	Verti drain of park area and spray weed and feed park area	£600.00
300845	Parish Magazine Printing	Magazine printing	£440.00
300846	SDC	Litter bin collection – April to September 2018	£585.94
300848	Media Orb	Email Addresses	£18.00

A budget update sheet had been be pre circulated to members

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It was unanimously resolved to approve the payments

349/18 To consider matters of report:

The license to enable the Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust to use the playing field for organized cricket and football matches has been drafted by the Parish Council solicitor. It has been previously circulated to Councillors and the draft was approved to be issued to the Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust. In exchange for the use of parish land, the Trust will be responsible for the grass cutting of all the parish land on The Green.

The 'dogs on leads' signs have been installed, and the number of dogs running free has reduced. The SDC dog warden has been active in the area and fines have been issued.

350/18 Date of next meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

This will be the Annual Christmas meeting where all parishioners are invited to join the Councillors in light Christmas refreshments after the meeting and to discuss their views on the Parish Council ongoing projects.

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm.