

**WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council meeting** that was held at St Georges School Wembdon on **January 13<sup>th</sup> 2014** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted'

**Present:** Councillors Cllr M Solomon (Chairman) Cllr T Thake. Cllr T Thayer, and Cllr N Harrison, Cllr L Burge Cllr J Woods and Cllr J Riddle There were 2 members of the public, and District District Councillor A Bown and I Dyer and County Councillor J Edney

*"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"*

**230/13:** To receive apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllr D Bingham, Cllr A Reed and Cllr J Jackson and apologies were accepted unanimously.

**231/13:** To Receive any declarations of interest. No declarations were received at this meeting.

**232/13:** Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **December 9<sup>th</sup> 2013** with one minor amendment were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.

**Working Groups Reports**

**Footpaths and Land**

Two matters concerning Wares Lane were discussed and resolved as follows.

**Surfacing Concerns as highlighted by local residents**

**233/13:** This matter concerns a stretch of pathway between the NDR to Wares Lane and is a public right of way. Where the new tarmac meets the old footpath a short stretch is in poor condition and is not fit for purpose.

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In addition the Council has received requests for the whole length of the lane to be resurfaced as this was a walking route to the school for young children

After discussion the Council agreed to request County Council to improve the section of footpath adjacent to the new tarmac lane and also to improve the length of the lane between the dog bin ( where the lane exits in to Great Oaks) and Wares Lane. It was suggested that compacted Scalpings were used to ensure water drainage through the surface was not impeded Cllr Harrison agreed to progress this and the Council approved a contribution towards the costs if necessary.

### **Fly Tipping Issue Ware Lane**

**234/13:** This matter has recently been notified to the Parish Council who has limited powers due to ownership of the land in question. At the end of Wares Lane there is turning circle owned by Persimmon. A Fence discarded by a nearby resident has been left in the turning circle causing unsightly pile of rubbish and potentially a hazard. The resident has agreed to deal with the matter but has so far not moved the offending item. It was resolved to send a letter to the resident requesting it be moved failing which it would be removed by a contractor and the resident invoiced for the cost.

**235/13:** An article will be placed in the next Parish Paper requesting that fly tipping be discouraged in the village and requesting the support of residents by reporting all instances. It is proposed to have a give a day for tidying of the area.

**236/13:** A resident has mailed the Council concerning a stile at the bottom of Wembdon Hill 20 yds before A39 complaining of too large a step on to the stile and requesting a gate. It was suggested an additional step be added to assist may be the way forward and Cllr Harrison will contact the rights of way officer of the County Council.

### **Highways and Speed watch.**

**237/13:** An issue was raised by a Perry Green resident regarding the state of the rhynes in the area and also concerns regarding the condition of hedges owned by the farming community. In response Cllr Harrsion is to investigate the owners of land in Perry green so that a letter outlining the responsibility of riparian owners.

**238/13:** The clerk has now had a response regarding the surface water issue at the junction of Inwood and Wembdon Rise. Tony Fairfax of highways informs us that this matter is in hand and will be surveyed and corrected within weeks

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**239/13:** A reply from the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the training delays for new speed watch members indicates an early response from a local team manager of Speed watch affairs can be expected soon there will be follow up on this matter.

**240/13:** The chairman is continuing his dialogue with Andy Coupe and Alan Jones of Somerset County Council regarding the Sandford Roundabout data collection process. This communication will continue until the Parish Council are satisfied with the outcome.

**241/13:** Continuing concerns on parking issues around Brantwood Road, Inwood Road and Church Road are to be highlighted with the parking inspector's team and the clerk now has two contacts to follow up with the District and County teams

### **Playing Fields**

**242/13:** The trees needing attention on the playing field area have been dealt with by Bartlett's and have been lopped. The dead tree will be cut back to stump once the weather is improved. Also the repairs to the safety surface areas have been successfully completed

### **Allotments.**

**243/13:** A date has been arranged for the allotment AGM has been fixed for 5<sup>th</sup> February and Diane Claydon will asked to communicate the information.

**244/13:** A Rental figure of £38.00 for a full plot and £20.00 for a half plot was recommended and it was resolved to make the fees effective from 2014/15 fees becoming due on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Communications.**

**245/13 : Website :** The old site is now closed down and all data has been transferred across. Cllr Solomon thanked Cllr Woods on behalf of the Council for the work undertaken to get this site running smoothly

### **Correspondence Items**

**246/13:** No new correspondence items to consider at this meeting but a circulation folder of general interest material has been started.

### **Finance and to Agree Payments**

**247/13:** Payments

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Clerks Salary for Jan 2014	<b>£400.20</b>
Tax / Ni Payments for Jan 2014	<b>£100.20</b>
GB Sports Inspection Invoice Dec 2013	<b>£18.00</b>
Andrew Sutton Contract for December 2013	<b>£626.50</b>
Samson Allotment Benches	<b>£1360.00</b>

GB Sports Backboard Playing Field	<b>£463.20</b>
Cllr A Reed ( refreshments for December Meeting)	<b>£14.94</b>
Office Expenditure and Allowance Oct to Dec 2013	<b>£258.03</b>

**248/13: It was resolved to approve these payments**

**249/13:** The clerk confirmed that a precept figure had been submitted to the District Council in line with the resolution 224/13 of the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting 2013.

**250/13:** The Clerk circulated the current budget for information to members which identified a financial position in line with budget as of December 2013

**Matters of Consideration**

**251/13: Wembdon Village Hall Trust:**

**Key update Points:**

The chairman gave the meeting an updated schedule over the next 18 months now that the SDC LOAN FUNDING WAS IN PLACE

The Parish Council's Solicitor Charles Fleming of Holly and Steer will be acting for this Council on all matters relating to the project.

The new area of the Village Green is a total of over 18 Acres including the areas being transferred from Persimmon and land leased from Mrs Liddall

A tender for the village hall construction will be finalised and issued to pre qualified building companies at the end of January will be finalised and available at the end of January.

The hedges will be netted prior to the end of February and partially removed and re aligned when groundworks commence in March and will be netted to ensure that no nesting takes place.

Bridge work to start in June/July

Hall construction to be started August/ September

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September 2015 first events take place in the new hall

**252/13:** The Council agreed to arrange the application for a temporary diversion of the footpath running through the current playing field in line with the planning approval. Drawings will be provided by the Trust consultants. The Chairman noted the cost of this application would be under £1000.

**253/13:** The Chairman Cllr M Solomon retired from the meeting during a discussion to take place regarding the funding of £1000.00. Cllr Harrison Chaired the session that followed.

**254/13:** The Council discussed the granting of the £1000.00 to support the Village Hall project in this application for a temporary diversion of the footpath. One or two Councillors noted concerns that this may encourage other demands later on Parish Finance but there was strong support for the proposal

**255/13:** The Chairman returned to the meeting.

**256/13:** Land owned by Persimmon is currently being transferred to the Parish Council to help provide community land use approx 3.5 acres. Discussions have been held with the Woodland Trust who will advise of suitable planting schemes for this community land. It is hoped that Cannington College will assist the community with the planting programme as part of their educational training and there will be the creation of a wild flower meadow on 2.5 acres of land currently rented from Mrs Liddall

**257/13:** The Clerk updated the meeting on discussions with BT regarding the removal of the telephone box on Wembdon Hill. BT wish to do a survey of the likely impact of the removal and to establish where the alternatives are in the village before agreeing to this removal

### [Matters of report](#)

### **Agenda Items for February 2014**

Carol Bond from Somerset County Council will attend the February meeting to hear concerns about the future development of Wembdon School

**The meeting ended at 9. 40pm** and the next meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm

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