

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk of the Parish Council Tony Jay 11 Wyvern Mews, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3GZ
Email clerk@wembdon.org Telephone 07741 461982

Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 14th January 2019 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllrs M Solomon (Chairman), D Gliddon, J Hall, N Harrison, M Phillips, and A Reed.

District Cllr L Duddridge.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay Police: None

1/19 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies have been received from Cllrs L Edwards, J Prowse, and R Webber. Also from District Cllrs A Bown and I Dyer.

Prior to the meeting Neil Bushill had notified the Clerk of his resignation as a Parish Councillor representing Victoria Ward. The Casual Vacancy has been advertised, and applications for the position are welcome. Mr. Bushill was thanked for his contributions as a Parish Councillor.

2/19 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.

There were no declarations received.

3/19 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th December 2018.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

The chairman signed the minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

4/19 To receive the Clerk's report.

The road surface problems along Wembdon Rise and Wembdon Hill have been reported to SCC Highways. A road inspection has been promised, and a site visit with Cllr Harrison was requested, however this meeting has not taken place. The Clerk will chase this.

The allotment AGM has been set for 25th March at 7pm. The fees for 2019-20 have already been set at £45 for a full plot and £25 for a half plot. If anyone has not paid by the end of April then a further invoice will be sent with the fees rising to £50 and £30. If payment is still not received by 15th May then the allotment will be repossessed.

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk of the Parish Council Tony Jay 11 Wyvern Mews, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3GZ
Email clerk@wembdon.org Telephone 07741 461982

The purdah period leading up to the Parish Council elections on 2nd May 2019 will run from 29th March to 4th May. The main effect of this will be that the April Parish Council meeting will just deal with normal business, and there will be no agenda items relating to new business.

It was confirmed that Cllrs Harrison and Phillips will consider options regarding the appropriate piece of equipment to be purchased for use by the Cricket Club to cut the grass on Parish land.

5/19 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics.

There was no Police presence at the meeting.

Vandals have smashed a window in a house in Oak Apple Close. The offenders were caught on CCTV as they ran off, but lighting conditions were too dark for them to be identified.

The police are promoting “no cold calling” zones and Wembdon has been proposed as such a zone. Following a Facebook message, PCSO Mizon seems to have had a lot of supportive messages and has asked for an article to go into the Parish Paper. He has provided a stock of door stickers at the village hall for Parishioners to collect.

6/19 To receive a report from Cllr Reed on the progress of the Wembdon Neighbourhood Plan.

SDC has approved the final draft to go for public consultation, which has happened. The consultation will run for one more month. Following this, it will go to the Inspector who has until early April to report back to SDC. The next stage will be the public referendum, which will probably take place in June. The cost of the plan has been £27,000 so far, with £16,500 being received in grants. The shortfall will be paid for out of Parish Council reserves. A figure of £5,000 has been budgeted for in 2019-20 for any final items of expenditure.

7/19 To receive a report from Cllr Reed on the Playing Fields and Common.

There has been some petty vandalism on the playing fields, and a shopping trolley has been dumped there. The Chairman will speak to the local PCSO regarding these problems.

The running group meets on the playing fields at 8am on Saturday mornings. Vehicles are being parked in Church Road, sometimes meaning that large and emergency vehicles cannot pass along the road. Group members are asked to use the Village Hall car park instead.

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk of the Parish Council Tony Jay 11 Wyvern Mews, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3GZ
Email clerk@wembdon.org Telephone 07741 461982

The new Public Space Protection Order in place on the green has virtually eliminated the problems of dogs being exercised off lead. Dog fouling of the pavements in the Parish continues to be a problem.

8/19 To receive a report from Cllr Harrison on Highways.

Parking problems persist in Church Road, where residents continue to park their cars on pavements, causing obstructions. The Chairman will liaise with the local PCSO regarding this, and the Clerk will write to the owners of the property whose residents are responsible.

9/19 To receive a report from Cllr Hall on the Footpaths and Verges.

Some of the posts on the raised footpath in Church Road have been marked, which suggests that work will be taking place on the posts in the near future.

The tarmac on the footpath close to the chicane on the green has now been widened.

SDC Clean Surroundings have agreed to clear the leaves from the footpath between Brantwood Road and Inwood Road.

10/19 To receive a report from Cllrs Hall and Prowse on the Parish Paper.

It is planned to include adverts in future editions of the paper, which should mean that the publications are self-financing. The next edition will be produced at the end of February. Articles are requested prior to the end of January.

11/19 To receive a report from Cllr Harrison on Allotments.

One allotment holder has asked to split one of her two full plots.

12/19 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on SID results and Speedwatch.

The SID was positioned on Wembdon Hill between 20th December and 7th January, tracking vehicles travelling eastbound. The top speed recorded was 60mph at 9.30pm on 30th December. An average of 1,900 vehicles a day travelled in that direction. The average speed was 24mph, but many vehicles were slowed down by parked vehicles. 15% of vehicles exceeded the limit, with the average speeding vehicle doing 33 mph.

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk of the Parish Council Tony Jay 11 Wyvern Mews, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3GZ
Email clerk@wembdon.org Telephone 07741 461982

The speedwatch team has caught a number of motorists doing over 40mph in 30mph limit areas.

The possibility of purchasing two fixed additional SIDs is being explored, and will be considered by the new Council after the May elections.

13/19 To receive a report on the 'Access for All' project and to consider making financial commitments.

i. Additional play equipment in the park

The grant from the Big Lottery fund is ring fenced for play equipment in the park, and can only be spent as such.

It was unanimously resolved to allow the Clerk to pay any invoices regarding the play equipment when they arrive, without specific authorisation at a Parish Council meeting.

It is hoped that the equipment will be installed by May, when a grand opening ceremony will be planned.

The solar light planning application is being considered by SDC and the result should be known shortly.

The specification of the new CCTV system covering Wembdon Green has been agreed. Three cameras will be installed on the highest points of the hall, and will cover the whole green. Installation should be before the end of January. An RLT2 funding application has been prepared.

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

The changing places toilet facility has now been installed and is fully operational.

iii. PACT team report – including Give a Day ideas for the Notaro Estate

The PACT group had a site meeting with Viridor Credits, before their bid for funding goes in front of the panel at the end of the month. The meeting went well.

14/19 To receive an update regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.

There have been no meetings recently.

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk of the Parish Council Tony Jay 11 Wyvern Mews, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3GZ
 Email clerk@wembdon.org Telephone 07741 461982

15/19 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
300867	SLCC	Local Council Administration Book	£103.99
300868	WYG	NHP Consultation Work	£2826.00
300871	Anthony Jay	Clerk's Expenses Oct – Dec 2018	£526.62
300872	Media Orb	Email Package (December)	£18.00
300873	Starboard Systems	Scribe Annual Finance Software Package License	£308.40
300874	John Marchant Electrical	Defibrillator installation	£165.00
300875	Wembdon Village Hall and Playing Field Trust	Village Hall road access consultation fees	£3296.00
300876	Clark Landscape Design	Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Fees	£1505.00
300878	Harris Bros and Collard	Extending the tarmac pedestrian footpath at the chicane on Wembdon Common	£576.00
300879	Smith Gamblin	Architectural Service re planning application	£331.50
300880	Sedgemoor Tree Services	Tree removal	£168.00
300881	Media Orb	Email package (January)	£18.00

A budget update sheet had been be pre circulated to members.

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

16/19 To approve the budget and precept demand for 2019-20.

It was unanimously agreed to approve the budget, and a precept demand of £76,700 which is an increase of 3.5% over 2018-19, to allow for inflation.

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk of the Parish Council Tony Jay 11 Wyvern Mews, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3GZ
Email clerk@wembdon.org Telephone 07741 461982

17/19 To consider the date and format of the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the meeting at 8pm on 11th March, immediately after the Parish Council meeting which will commence at 7pm.

The Chairman and Cllr Hall will make the arrangements for the guest speakers.

18/19 To consider the authorisation required for access to Wembdon common.

The Chairman outlined the request received from the PCC, and the background to the present situation regarding the entrance to the Parish Centre. This is common land, and a number of permissions need to be obtained, at considerable expense, before access could be granted by the Parish Council. The PCC would need to underwrite the legal expenses if the Parish Council was to agree to this request. Temporary access can be granted in an emergency.

It was unanimously agreed to adjourn this matter until the June Parish Council meeting, when the newly elected Parish Council can decide upon the request. In the meantime the PC will meet with the PCC to discuss the legal implications.

In future, if the Parish Centre requires access across the common they should submit a request to the Clerk, giving the reason for the request. The Clerk will have the authority to grant or refuse the request.

19/19 To consider matters of report:

(a) Agenda items for the next meeting

To consider a request to sponsor one or more trees in the newly created Somerset Wood to commemorate the fallen during the First World War.

(b) Members

The next Give a Day will be held on 2nd February.

20/19 Date of next meeting: Monday 11th February 2019.

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm.

End of minutes