

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at The Parish Centre Wembdon on **18thth May 2015** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted

Present: Cllr M Solomon, Cllr D Bingham, Cllr N Harrison, Cllr A Reed, Cllr J Riddle, Cllr T Thake, Cllr R Webber, Cllr J Woods.

County and District Cllrs A Bown, L Dudridge and J Edney

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay **Police:** PCSO Georgina Long

25/15 To elect a Chairman of the Parish Council for 2015/16.

Resolved: To elect Cllr Solomon as Chairman

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

26/15 To request the Chairman to sign a declaration of acceptance of office.

The Chairman signed the declaration of office

27/15 To receive the Chairman's welcome to the meeting.

The Chairman invited the public to the meeting, and congratulated Cllrs Bown, Dudridge, Dyer and Edney on their election to office. The Chairman thanked ex-Councillors Burge and Thayer for their services to the Council.

28/15 To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for 2015/16.

Resolved: To elect Cllr Harrison as Vice Chairman

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

29/15 To request the Vice-Chairman to sign a declaration of acceptance of office.

The Vice Chairman signed the declaration of office. The Chairman thanked the previous Vice Chairman, Cllr Riddle for her services in the role.

30/15 To approve the postponement of the declaration of acceptance of office from any elected Parish Councillors not present at the meeting.

Signature of Chairman

All declarations of acceptance of office had been received by the Clerk.

31/15 To receive the declarations of office from the newly elected Parish Councillors.

See minute 35/15

32/15 To receive any apologies for absence

Cllr J Jackson will be arriving during the meeting. Apologies were received from District Cllr I Dyer.

33/15 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.

No declarations were received.

At this point Cllr Jackson joined the meeting.

34/15 To consider actions to fill the vacant seat on the Parish Council (Wembdon – Wembdon ward)

Resolved: To advertise the vacancy on the notice boards, with a closing date for applications of 4th June 2015.

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

35/15 To appoint members to serve on the following committees and working groups: Planning; Finance; Footpaths and Verges; Highways and Speedwatch; Playing Fields; Allotments; Communications (website and parish paper); Staffing and Wembdon Parkland.

Resolved: To appoint the following committees:

Finance and General Purposes Committee	Planning Committee	Playing Fields and Common	Highways and Speed watch	Footpaths, verges, litter and graffiti	Communications , Newsletter(1) , Website(2), social media(3)	Allotments	Wembdon Parkland	Staffing
M Solomon							M Solomon	M Solomon
	N Harrison			N Harrison		N Harrison	N Harrison	
	D Bingham		D Bingham		D Bingham (3)			D Bingham
		J Jackson			J Jackson(1)			
A Reed					A Reed (1)			A Reed
J Riddle		J Riddle						J Riddle
	T Thake	T Thake					T Thake	
	R Webber		R Webber	R Webber				
J Woods	J Woods				J Woods (2)	J Woods	J Woods	

Signature of Chairman

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

36/15 To appoint members to serve on the following liaison groups: EDF/Hinkley Point; Quantock Cluster Group; Bridgwater Cluster Group; St. Georges School Traffic Team; Neighbourhood Plan Team and Village Hall.

Resolved: To appoint the following representatives:

EDF/Hinkley Point liaison team	Anne Reed
Quantock Cluster Group	Anne Reed, Jo Jackson
Bridgwater Cluster Group	Julia Riddle
St George's School Traffic Planning Team	Julia Riddle
Neighbourhood Plan	Anne Reed
Village Hall liaison	Mike Solomon, Dan Bingham

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

37/15 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th April 2015.

Resolved: To approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (5 in favour, 4 abstentions)

38/15 To approve the annual governance statement for 2014/15 (to be supplied at the meeting).

This was postponed until the June meeting.

39/15 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics.

PCSO Long told the meeting that a new Policing model was now in place. There is no longer a dedicated PCSO for the village, but the newly formed team cover the area between them. There will be a PCSO on duty in the team every day. PC Freeman is still the village's point of contact.

PCSO Long was told that cannabis smoking is taking place in the vicinity of the allotments. She said that she will investigate this.

40/15 To receive and discuss a report from the Footpaths, Verges and Land Working Group.

Work has been done to clear up some of the footpaths recently. A large willow tree has fallen over, blocking a rhyme on the green triangle on Crowpill Lane footpath. The Clerk was asked to inform the land drainage board about this.

41/15 To receive and discuss a report from the Highways and Speedwatch Working Group.

The latest SID report is expected shortly.

Signature of Chairman

42/15 To consider the implications of the proposed traffic regulation order to impose waiting restrictions in the vicinity of Inwood Road, Wembdon.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Cllrs Bown and Riddle for their efforts in regard to this proposal.

Resolved: To reply to Somerset County Council thanking them for their efforts in this matter, and offering the Parish Council's full support to this proposal.

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

43/15 To consider an email received from Mr B. Bennett regarding i) the footpath connecting Temblett Green, Inwood Road and Wembdon Rise and ii) parking issues in Wembdon Rise.

- i) The Parish Council feel that there are no issues in regard to the footpath, over which the Council have no control as it is owned by the individual householders whose properties are adjacent to the lane. However, it should be noted that the Council have voluntarily cut back vegetation in the lane in the past.
- ii) The Parish Council supports the parking in Wembdon Rise as it acts as a traffic calming measure.

44/15 To receive and discuss a report from the Playing Fields Working Group.

The work to repair the soft surfaces on the play area has now been completed.

A tree has fallen on this field and this will be cleared by Cllrs Harrison, Webber and the Chairman.

The recent 'give a day' took place at Wembdon Parkland. Flailing work has also taken place, with another flail due shortly. Advice has been received from Cannington College that regular flailing is necessary on this land.

A large quantity of low nutrient subsoil is available from the Village Green project. It was agreed that this was a good opportunity to acquire suitable soil for the planned wildflower meadows, which require this low nutrient material and it would also improve the drainage. There will be costs involved.

Resolved: To authorise reasonable payment for the soil to be moved.

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

45/15 To approve the appointment of GB Sports and Leisure to carry out the annual playground inspection.

Resolved: To approve the appointment of GB Sports and Leisure to carry out the annual playground inspection.

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

46/15 To receive and discuss a report from the Allotments Working Group.

There is currently no waiting list, and all allotments are now filled.

Signature of Chairman

47/15 To discuss the Greater Quantock Landscape Development Fund.

This will be left for the present, until an application is necessary.

48/15 To receive and discuss a report from the Communications Working Group.

The next magazine is in production. Articles are still required. The old website can still be found on internet searches. The Clerk was asked to arrange for its removal.

49/15 To consider correspondence received:

Email received from Stuart Houlet, Service Manager at Sedgemoor District Council regarding Greenway Farm (dated 1.5.15).

The issue of noise pollution from events held at Greenway Farm was discussed. The Parish Council have always supported the objections to the noise pollution, which it will continue to do. However enforcement is not within its remit.

50/15 To consider a financial update and to approve payments:

Statutory Payments as per agreement under minute no 324/13

Non Statutory Payments List:

SALC - Affiliation fees	£791.69
Woodlands - Wembdon Parkland Access	£4,501.04 plus VAT = £5,401.25
Nina Flint - Bookkeeping Assistance	£13.00
PC Rescue - Computer maintenance	£75.00
CCS - Membership fee	£40.00
SDC – Footpath final charges	£281.97 plus VAT = £338.36
Wembdon PCC – room hire	£8.50

Resolved: To approve the statutory and non-statutory payments.

The proposal was properly proposed and seconded (Unanimous)

51/15 To consider matters of report:

The Clerk has achieved the CiLCA qualification, The Chairman congratulated the Clerk on this success, and confirmed that his salary will now be at SCP point 33 on the National Pay Scales.

A presentation will be given to the next meeting by Andy Coupe of Somerset County Council regarding traffic suggestions for Wembdon.

Parish Councillor training is being offered by SALC. The Clerk will enquire as to whether a special training session can be held in Wembdon, when Councillors from other local Parish Councils could be invited to attend to share the costs involved.

52/15 Date of next meeting: 15th June 2015 at St. Georges School, Wembdon.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm

Signature of Chairman

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