

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at St George's School Wembdon on **21st November 2016** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllr M Solomon, Cllr D Gliddon, Cllr N Harrison, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr A Reed, Cllr J Riddle, Cllr T Thake, Cllr B Webb.

District Cllrs A Bown and L Duddridge.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay **Police:** None

116/16 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs R Webber and J Woods.

117/16 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.

No declarations were received.

118/16 To consider the co-option of Brian Webb to fill the casual vacancy on the Parish Council.

It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Brian Webb to fill the casual vacancy.

Cllr Webb signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the Council.

The Chairman thanked ex-Cllr Dan Bingham for all his efforts whilst serving as a Parish Councillor.

119/16 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics.

There were no Police officers present. No Police report had been received.

The Village Hall site has been burgled twice in the last month. Forensic examinations have taken place and enquiries are continuing.

Nick Mizen has taken over as the PCSO for the village.

Signature of Chairman

120/16 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th October 2016.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record.

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a correct record.

121/16 To receive the Clerks report.

The advertising signs being displayed on the roadside in the village were discussed. The Clerk was asked to contact the advertisers to ask them to remove the signs.

122/16 To receive an update regarding a Neighbourhood Plan from Cllrs Harrison and Reed on behalf of the steering group.

No action is taking place at present in view of all of the work which is going on at the Village Hall. It was agreed to bring this item forward to April 2017.

123/16 To receive a report from Cllr Webber on the Footpaths and Verges.

The following matters were raised:

The hedge at 5 Church Road has been cut following a letter from the Parish Council requesting that this is done.

It was agreed that the Council would arrange to receive an estimate for the cost of tarmacking the unpaved section of Wares Lane, just to understand the level of cost involved. Cllr Webber would be asked to follow this up.

A letter has been received from the landowner objecting to the suggestion that the footpath from Wembdon Motors to the Notaro Estate bridge would be upgraded to include a cycle path. The Parish Council noted their disappointment to receive this letter, as they support a SCC initiative to increase the number of cycle paths in the area to reduce the use of vehicles in the village.

The Parish Centre works have now started. When the work has finished any mess caused will be removed.

The Maurice Davey memorial tree has now been planted and looks very nice.

124/16 To receive a report from Cllr Harrison on Highways and Speedwatch.

The SID training has now taken place, and the SID has been purchased and received. All relevant legislation will be complied with when the SID is moved between locations. There will be four pairs of volunteers who will move the SID. SCC had already agreed to fund

50% of this training cost and the Clerk was asked to prepare a suitable invoice.

125/16 To receive a report from Cllr Solomon on the Playing Fields.

RLT2 funding has been approved in principle for the railings around the play area. Formal tenders will need to be provided from at least three traders and a submission to SDC prepared. The Chairman agreed to action this.

The Oak Trees have now been planted by The Chairman, with support from Cannington College plus two local landscape gardeners. Compliments have already been received regarding the trees.

The hedge on the playing fields should be removed prior to the Spring.

A sophisticated CCTV system needs to be purchased as a priority, covering the Council owned land and the Village Hall. This will be purchased in conjunction with the Village Hall trust and the Council will liaise with the PCC to see if there is merit in including The Parish Centre in the scheme.

It was unanimously resolved to agree in principle to part fund the purchase of the CCTV system.

127/16 To receive a report from Cllr Harrison on the Allotments.

There was nothing to report.

128/16 To receive a report from Cllrs Jackson regarding communications.

The next magazine is due to be published before the end of January. Councillors were asked to try to find local advertisers.

129/16 To receive an update on the Village Green and Village Hall project from Cllr Solomon.

The NDR access is now under construction and the project is ahead of schedule. A few technical issues were flagged by the engineers at SCC, which will result in additional costs as yet undefined. but anticipated to be in the region of £10,000. This is an unavoidable expense, caused by a change in the engineering specifications.

Work has started within the hall.

The 200 saplings provided by the Woodlands Trust have been planted by children from St George's School and from the Wembdon community.

130/16 To consider possible actions by the Council to maintain and generally improve the "Wembdon Streetscene".

Cllr Webber has agreed to paint the railings by the Millennium Bridge. This work should be completed by the end of the year.

Signature of Chairman

The phone box will be removed at some point. A village notice board will be put in its place. A discussion regarding the Parish notice boards will take place at a future meeting, once the phone box has been removed.

131/16 To consider the installation of a dog bin on the path from Dovai Drive to the NDR between the housing development and Chilton Trinity School.

It was unanimously resolved not to purchase a new dog bin.

132/16 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
300562	Steve Bull	Tree Planting	£200.00
300563	Harris Bros and Collard	Concrete Bases and Post Removal	£777.24
300564	Sedgemoor DC	Dog Bin Purchase and Emptying	£273.31
300566	Westcotec	Speed Indication Device Purchase	£3,750.00
300570	TQ Exel	Speed Indication Device Training	£834.00
300571	A Plant	Digger Hire	£168.00
300572	Wembdon Village Hall & Playing Fields Trust	NDR Access Construction	£55,000.00
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300574	Ashcroft Gardening	Landscaping Work	£820.38
300575	Somerset CC	Room Hire	£56.00
300576	St John Ambulance	Defibrillator Parts	£283.20
300577	SLCC	Local Council Admin. - Book	£76.60

A budget update sheet had been pre circulated to members.

It was unanimously resolved to pay the statutory and non-statutory payments.

133/16 To consider matters of report:

There has been no contact from County Highways regarding the request sent in October to look into the raised kerbs at Crossacre. The Clerk will chase this up.

WCA are looking for help from organisations and groups to take on a task at the annual Village Day. Cllr Gliddon will progress this.

134/16 Date of next meeting: 19th December 2016 at St. Georges School, Wembdon.

Signature of Chairman

The Clerk will arrange for the purchase of four bottles of mulled wine, soft drinks and 36 mince pies to be served after the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

Signature of Chairman