

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held virtually on 22nd July 2020 that commenced at 7.30 pm when the following business was transacted

Present: Councillors M Solomon (Chairman), D Claydon, L Edwards, D Gliddon, J Hall (from agenda item 104/20), P Major, M Phillips and A Reed.

County and District Councillor: Mike Caswell
Police none

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay

101/20 To receive any apologies for absence.
Apologies had been received from Councillors J Hall and M Phillips.

Prior to the meeting Councillor Jo Prowse informed the Chairman that she wished to resign as a Parish Councillor. This casual vacancy will be notified to SDC and will be advertised in the normal way.

Anyone wishing to be considered for this casual vacancy is asked to contact the Clerk.

The Chairman thanked Jo Prowse for her work as a Councillor.

102/20 To receive declarations of any pecuniary interests on items relating to this agenda, which have not been previously declared in the Councillors register of interests.

No declarations were received

103/20 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the virtual meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th June 2020.

It was resolved to approve the minutes (4 in favour, 3 abstentions as not present at the previous meeting).

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

104/20 To consider the Parish Council comments regarding an application for a New Premises License at 'Life at Greenway Limited', Greenway Farm, Skimmerton Lane, Wembdon :

The applicant spoke in favour of the application. One parishioner spoke against.

Cllr J Hall joined the meeting.

It was resolved to support the licensing application subject to a continued sound monitoring system being put in place which is set at a level which

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satisfies the license, and a limit to events such as weddings to be placed at twenty per year. (5 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention).

- 105/20 To consider whether the Parish Council wishes to support the draft 'Walking and Cycling Manifesto for Somerset'.

It was unanimously resolved not to support the manifesto in its present form, but to recognise that there are good points which need further consultation. District Cllr Caswell left the meeting.
meeting.

- 106/20 To consider the clearing of the recently vacated allotment plots

It was agreed that Cllrs D Claydon and R Webber be given the authority to make the arrangements for the vacant plots to be cleared and any stones and debris be removed from the allotments.

- 107/20 To receive an update from the Chairman on the current problems with anti-social behaviour in Wembdon

The Chairman provided an update, detailing the major problems which have been experienced in the recent weeks following lockdown. Intensive Police action has resulted in the problem being resolved at present. A multi-agency meeting was held on 22nd July to identify ways to resolve the problems. Redacted minutes will be circulated to Councillors when received.

A Parish newsletter will be prepared and distributed at the end of the summer period. Action points for the public to take when they witness anti-social behaviour will be included.

CCTV images have been forwarded to the Police, and offenders are being identified.

The Chairman was thanked for his work liaising with the Police and other agencies to resolve these problems

- 108/20 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on SID results and Speedwatch

The latest SID report has been circulated to Councillors and is available on request. Cllr Gliddon reported that the SID has been located on Wembdon Rise to monitor speeds and vehicle movements.

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In January 2020 when the SID was in the same location there were 1,740 vehicles coming through per day. The latest readings are 1,504 per day. An average number of ten vehicles travel at or above 36 mph along Wembdon Rise per day. The average vehicle speed was identical in January and July 2020 at 25.7mph..

109/20 To note the following payments made since the last Parish Council meeting using the powers provided by the Parish Council's High Consequence Infectious Disease policy

- a) Statutory Payments as per agreement under minute no 324/13
- b) Non Statutory Payments List:

Chq no	Payee	Detail	Amount
301056	Avalonian Landscaping	Ground work	2450.00
301057	SALC	Annual subscription	851.63
301058	GB Sports	Annual playground inspection	96.00
301061	Andrew Sutton	Extra grass cutting	340.00
301062	Gremlins Carnival Club	Welding Services	50.00
301066	Anthony Jay	Clerk's expenses April - June	564.11
301067	RT Signs	Playground re-opening signs	370.78
301068	HBC	Delivery and placement of boulders	280.80

A summary of receipts and payments has been circulated to all Councillors ed. It was unanimously resolved to approve the payments

110/20 To consider matters of report:

Wembdon art group would like to update the old black and white footpath maps in the parish with modern coloured versions. The Parish Council will support this, and thank the art group for their offer.

Discussions are continuing between Wembdon Cricket Club and the Village Hall trustees about the next licensing period for the bar. A mediator is involved. This is not an issue for Parish Council involvement.

A tree cage will be removed from an oak on Lyndhurst Crescent which is preventing its growth. This will be moved to protect the newly planted VE Day commemoration oak on Wembdon Common.

A site meeting has taken place at the Parklands regarding the recently installed gates. SCC highways officers were in attendance, who agreed that it was reasonable that some form of barrier should be in place where the

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gates are currently located given that the area is now a well used public amenity and that the junction is now the point at which four paths meet. An application for an alternative barrier will be submitted, which will incorporate the application for the chicane on Wares Lane. The gates will be temporarily removed, and the chicane will remain until the approvals are granted. This will provide a cycle speed management solution for the footpaths at the Parklands and discourage access by motorised vehicles. The Parish Council will not have to pay any fees for the submissions.

Planning approval has long been granted for CCTV cameras at the Parklands. A temporary system will be considered prior to installation of permanent cameras due to recent problems in the area. A new gate has been installed at the entrance to a field in Skimmerton Lane. Details will be passed to the Clerk who will inform SDC to see if this requires permission.

Waste materials have been dumped at Hollow Lane close to the quarry. This has been reported to SDC. Other potential breaches of planning have been reported.

There have been problems in Perry Green regarding large vehicles using the lanes in the vicinity. SCC highways are aware of the problem. Cllr Reed has attended a recent transport forum meeting. The new traffic lights at Quantock Road roundabout are now installed and full operation is scheduled prior to the end of the summer holidays. This junction is outside of the Wembdon parish boundary.

Wembdon Parish Council has been informed of an incident which took place at Wembdon green on 22nd July 2020. Allegations have been made that a Parish Council contractor and his assistant who were cutting the grass verbally abused a group of adults and children sat on the grass, and that a shoe was damaged.

This matter is now being investigated, with the contractor instructed to carry out no further work for the Parish Council until the investigation is complete, when further appropriate action will be taken.

111/20 Date of next meeting: To be decided.

End of minutes