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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council meeting that was held at St Georges School Wembdon on **July 8th** that commenced at **7.30pm** when the following business was transacted'

Present: Councillors Cllr M Solomon (Chairman) Cllr J Riddle (Vice Chairman) Cllr A Reed, Cllr T Thake. Cllr T Thayer, Cllr L Burge and Cllr D Bingham

There were 6 members of the public, and District Councillor A Bown. District Councillor I Dyer 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"

79/13: To Receive apologies for absence : Apologies received from, Cllr N Harrison, Cllr J Jackson, and Cllr J Woods, Thanks were given to Cllr J Riddle for taking the chair at the June meeting.

80/13: To Receive any declarations of interest. There were no declarations at this meeting

81/13: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held at St Georges School on **June 10th 2013** these were accepted unanimously as a true reflection of the meeting.

Working Groups Reports

Footpaths and Land

82/13: In Church Road there is a raised pathway with a security barrier which has become very worn and in a bad state of repair, a decision was made to write to County Highways and request a repair or replacement.

83/13: An Oak Tree previously agreed at Lyndhurst Crescent will be planted with a shared cost by two members of the public. David Aggot will be contacted by the residents concerned, as they wished that a substantial tree was selected

Signature of Chairman

84/13: Bad grass cutting previously reported has been dealt with to a satisfactory standard at Countess Avenue.

85/13: A give a day has been suggested to deal with overgrown verges at Homberg Way. It is on the hit list for SDC and they will support by removing all debris.

86/13: Gate into the Liddall Meadow is being dealt with by our local contractor and will include a 12 ft wide gate

87/13: There are some issues with overgrown weeds and side verges on the allotment track. The weeds have been recently sprayed by our contractor and the Parish Council will review the matter in September.

88/13: Alan Jones and Andy Coupe to be invited to September meeting to review EDF funded plans for Sandford Corner and Quantock roundabout

Highways and Speed watch.

89/13: The sweeper service now initiated in Oak Apple Drive as a result of enquiries by the clerk

90/13: Cllr Thake agreed to remove the bench near The Cottage Inn which has fallen into a state of disrepair

91/13: Further requests made for additional speed watch volunteers and a suggestion of a further piece in the Parish paper which should also remind residents of the need to observe speed limits in the village.

Playing Fields

92/13: There has been a recent concern regarding the goal mouth at the southern end where it was discovered that debris including nails etc was a potential safety issue. As a result of this action has been taken to deal with the area and is now completely clear of debris and new grass has been sown.

93/13: After the recent GB Sports annual inspection the matting was deemed to be low risk and any decision to replace deferred until the September meeting.

94/13: A recent accident was reported and now investigated by the Parish Council. The gate in question was found to be fully compliant

95/13: A decision to replace the backboard, and ring for the basket ball area has been made and a quote to be sought with GB Sports with a

budget figure of £400.00 approved. This to be done sooner rather than later.

Allotments.

96/13: The new fencing will be installed very shortly and the allotments are now all let with a current waiting list. A notice board will now be

provided for the allotment holders this will be re sited from the top of Wembdon Hill

Communications.

97/13: Website: Discussions with Media Orb are ongoing regarding Web hosting fees, training for use and a decision was made to pay up to £120.00 for a professional service to migrate and transfer files from the old site. It is expected that we should be totally up and running by the September meeting.

Correspondence Items

98/13: School Crossing Patrol funding request. The School has submitted the request due to a shortfall in funding of £960.00. As a one off gesture the Parish Council have decided to grant 50% of the shortfall for the year 2013/14 though this should not be regarded as a precedent.

99/13: email sent by a Wares Lane resident a continuation of the re surfacing that was started recently at the Homberg way end. The Parish Council decided that they were unable to support this request at this time as there were other alternatives for those using prams and buggies

100/13: A report from the annual inspection by GB Sports is to be circulated by email to allow time to digest its content and raise any matters in September

Finance and to Agree Payments

101/13: Payments

Clerks Salary for July 2013	£400.40
Tax / Ni Payments for July 2013	£100.00
GB Sports Inspection Invoice June	£ 18.00
Wessex Water Payment for half year	£ 71.85
Media Orb Web Hosting (to be confirmed)	£ 180.00
Sutton Contract Spraying the Allotment Track	£ 32.00
CPRE Membership for 2013/14	£ 29.00
Office Expenditure / Allowance April to June 2013	£ 305.71

Signature of Chairman

102/13: Retrospective resolution for Steve Bull Playing field
Goal mouth work **£ 620.00**

102/13: It was resolved to approve the above Payments

103/13: A resolution to approve August payments in advance due to no August meetings. The amounts will be finally agreed at the September meeting.

104/13: A budget summary was circulated prior to the meeting and a it was confirmed that the External auditor signed off the 2012/13 accounts with no matters to report

Matters of Consideration

105 /13: Notice Board Management in Wembdon

There are now 4 large sized boards in the village that will represent the same information and to be used only for Parish Council, District and County matters. The Wembdon Hill unit will be relocated to the allotment site and the units at the bus shelter and Parish centre will be available for community notices in the village.

After some consideration and discussion it was decided that the boards should contain meeting agenda notices, List of members including their responsibilities and other Parish, District and County Council notices However by a majority decision there will be no minutes displayed on the notice boards.

106/13: Wembdon Village Hall Trust: No updates or further information received

107/13: Neighbourhood Planning Update: There is a further meeting planned on the 15th July and more on this later.

108/13: Code of Conduct signatories sheet initialled

Matters of report

Agenda Items for September 2013

Waste collection day change

Planning Changes School

Headers for new Notice Boards

The meeting ended at 9.pm and the next meeting on September 9th in St Georges School Wembdon at 7.30pm.

Signature of Chairman