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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 8th July 2019 that commenced at 7.37pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllrs M Solomon (Chairman), L Edwards, D Gliddon, J Hall, M Phillips and R Webber.

District Cllrs B Bolt, I Dyer.

Locum Parish Clerk: Sally Diaz Police: None

Prior to the meeting a member of public spoke regarding the Parklands project.

127/19 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs P Major, A Reed, N Harrison, J Prowse

128/19 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.

Cllr J Hall declared an interest in item 143/19.

129/19 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th June 2019.

Minute 117/19 was amended to "The Chairman gave a brief history of the Parklands to the best of his knowledge". It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

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

130/19 To receive the Clerk's report.

The Chairman provided a brief report on behalf of the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer. The finances are in a good position however there has been more expense than planned in the budget due to the expenditure of the Neighbourhood Plan and the repairs to the Allotment Wall, which are still ongoing. As a Council we also need to prepare for possible and significant legal costs. However, there are potentially significant payments from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) over the coming years with the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan but at this present time expenditure should be restricted to the running of the Council and maintenance of the village and projects already approved. New expenditure should be deferred until the legal position regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and Parklands are established.

131/19 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics.

The Police are aware of the comments on social media regarding the car parking at St Georges School and are liaising with the County who are responsible for policing the yellow lined areas to reduce the problem that this causes.

132/19 To receive a report from Cllr Reed on the progress of the Wembdon Neighbourhood Plan

There was a turnout of 630 voters which is 23.4% of the electorate. 93.7%/590 residents voted in favour of the Wembdon Neighbourhood development Plan. This was an excellent result and the Parish Council would like to thank the Neighbourhood Steering Plan and WYG for their huge effort in preparing the plan in record time, whilst completing the necessary consultations. The adoption of the plan means that the percentage of the CIL funding payable direct to the Parish increases from 15% to 25% which will provide additional revenue of £250,000 - £300,000 over the next few years.

133/19 To receive a report from Cllr Prowse on the Playing Fields and Common

There are missing nuts on the roundabout seat. Cllr Solomon has spares and will carry out the repair. Please advise of any repairs so they too can be addressed. The square soft-surface tiles are showing signs of wear and tear and some have raised edges. This has not appeared on the monthly report as more than a low risk matter. It was unanimously resolved that as the next inspection is due imminently, Cllr Solomon will flag this to the inspector and ask him to carefully check the area. If this needs immediate attention it will be addressed as a health and safety issue. If it does not require immediate maintenance, it will be incorporated into the swings project in the autumn period.

134/19 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on Highways

Skimmerton Lane will now be closed for 4 months and not 5 days as earlier projected, due to the restrictions on A39. This has not shown a major impact on traffic through Wembdon. In February at the top of the hill 823 vehicles passed the SID over a 7 day period, however during a 7 day period in June there was 838 vehicles which has shown an increase of just 15 more vehicles. Cllr Gliddon will provide feedback to County Highways.

135/19 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on the Footpaths and Verges.

The Village paths are looking good in general. There is a lot of overhanging branches and shrubs especially in Church Road and Wembdon Rise. Cllr Harrison will ask the owners to cut back the overgrowth on their properties. Birds are nesting, which is an important consideration however the overhanging branches could be a health and safety issue. A post on social media will ask residents to tidy up their area. It was unanimously agreed to ask Dave Gardiner to cut back verges on the Quantock Road/A39 Wembdon section when he cuts the Cannington section.

136/19 To consider a report from Cllrs Edwards, Harrison and Phillips responding to a request to install a chicane on the footpath from Greenacre to Wares Lane between houses 12 and 14 Greenacre.

A meeting with Cllrs Edwards, Harrison and Phillips was held to discuss the installation of chicanes. Measurements were taken. The narrowest part is 1.83metres in width at the back of 2 properties. To slow bikes down would need 6 chicanes, one metre apart to ensure cyclist to dismount. Also, to install a chicane at the widest part which is 3.2 metres in width, would need a further 2 chicanes. A similar plan to that installed along Wares Lane would be suitable. It was resolved that George Montague at County Council will be contacted for advice and Sedgemoor District Council Planning Department will be asked if planning is required and what is situated underground. Residents will be formally contacted, and a full consultation carried out. A sketched drawing will be prepared as a formal planning application. Costs will be established. Cllr Phillips will request information to present at the September meeting.

- 138/19 To receive a report from Cllr Phillips regarding proposed names for highways in any development of Cokerhurst Farm.
- A report of the names proposed by this Council has been submitted to Cavannah. The Clerk T Jay is dealing with this matter.
- 139/19 To receive a report from Cllr Hall on the Parish Paper.
- The Parish Paper has been distributed and received lots of positive feedback. Thanks to Cllr Hall for her hard work.
- 140/19 To receive a report from Cllr Phillips on Allotments.
- There has been an issue with the repaired wall as it is lower than suggested. Cllr Phillips met with Harris and Collard and it was agreed that it was lower than initially discussed. An additional 3 courses of blocks with stone face wall will be added and then railings will be installed to match the height of the existing wall.
- 141/19 To receive an update from Cllr Phillips on the reconstruction of the allotments track wall.
- This was covered in the previous agenda item.
- 142/19 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on SID results and Speedwatch.
- There appears to be no increase in traffic volume due to the A39 Road works taking place.
- With the speed being analysed at **36 mph** the data shows roughly 2.2 % hitting or exceeding this limit.
- With the speed being analysed at **50 mph** this was exceeded on 4 occasions in 14 days from 12,652 counts.
- The average speed was 24.8 mph
- 143/19 To receive an update on the Wembdon Parklands Project from Cllr Edwards.
- There is no report due to the matter now being handled by Sedgemoor District Council legal team.
- 144/19 To receive an update regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.
- HPC J0 day (the first project milestone) was held a few weeks ago as the first reactor construction below ground has been completed is now at ground level.
- 145/19 To consider the replacement of the bus shelter at the bottom of Wembdon Hill.
- A request was made by a resident to replace the bus shelter at the bottom of Wembdon Hill. The outline costs are £3000-5000 + installation. There is currently no other suitable location for the bus shelter. The installation of a notice board where the phone box is located will be considered.
- It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Gliddon will approach WCA, Hinkley B and District Council for funding and investigate the matter and report back at the September meeting. Consultation with the residents in the area needs to be made.
- 146/19 To consider the installation of additional fully accessible swings at Wembdon Playing Field.
- It was unanimously resolved to agree in principle to install additional fully accessible swings next to the slide as this will not affect the basketball court and will be in view of the CCTV. Funding sources have been established for the cost, which will be circa £40,000. This will be

added to the September agenda for further discussion when more information has been obtained.

147/19 To consider whether the Parish Council wishes to comment on the SDC 'Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places' consultation.

It was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council's position is that the current Polling station in the Parish Centre should remain as the Polling station for Wembdon

148/19 To consider the amendments to planning application 51/19/00003/DD Land at Cokerhurst Farm South of Wembdon Hill & North of Quantock Road, Bridgwater.

It was unanimously resolved that the amendments have not addressed any of the Councils previous concerns nor do they address the comments/objections made by the members of the public and that the earlier Parish Council objections still hold.

149/19 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
300943	Lyn Tyrell	Lord Lieutnt.Bouquet	£15.00
300944	Anthony Jay	Clerk's expenses	£664.17
300945	HBC	Allotment wall repairs	£6144.00
300946	Media Orb	Website hosting	£115.20
300947	Water2Business	Water rates	£209.66
300948	WYG	Neighbourhood Plan	£1200.00
300951	Parish Magazine Printing	Printing	£680.00
300952	SALC	Councillor Training	£125.00

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

It was unanimously resolved to approve the payments.

150/19 To consider matters of report:

Cllr Phillips has canvassed suggestions on VE day for next year. Ideas have been: to plant a tree (it was suggested that the oldest parishioner who remembers VE day and was connected to the military will be asked to plant the tree); a 1940's day; a children's party; a picnic; a vintage film showing and to light a beacon at the allotments. WCA are reluctant to lead on this but are happy to join an organizing committee. Cllr Phillips was asked by WCA to write to all the local charities for assistance in organizing the event and is happy to lead the committee. The Cottage Inn is holding an event on the Friday evening, which would tie in with the beacon lighting.

The use of the children's games from Wembdon Day will be available to use. Cllrs Edwards and Hall have offered to help with the event.

151/19 Date of next meeting: Monday 9th September 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm