

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 8th October 2018 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllr M Solomon (Chairman), Cllr D Gliddon, Cllr J Hall, Cllr N Harrison, Cllr M Phillips, Cllr J Prowse (from minute 313/18 onwards), Cllr A Reed and Cllr R Webber.

District Cllrs A Bown, L Duddridge and I Dyer.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay Police: None

311/18 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs N Bushill and T Travis. The Chairman has received a letter of resignation from Cllr Travis. The Chairman thanked him for his contributions whilst serving as a Councillor.

The Clerk will notify SDC of the resignation, and the vacancy will be advertised in the usual way.

312/18 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.

No declarations were received.

313/18 To consider the co-option of a new Councillor to fill the current casual vacancy.

It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Joanne Prowse to the Parish Council.

Cllr Prowse signed the declaration of office and joined the meeting.

Cllr Prowse lives in Meadowlands with her husband and two young children, works at Musgrove Park Hospital and is a volunteer at the Village Hall.

314/18 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th September 2018.

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record (6 in favour, 2 abstentions as not present at the meeting).

315/18 To receive the Clerk's report.

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The Clerk has spoken to the owners of the willow tree at the Church Road / Wembdon Rise junction and arrangements are in hand for the tree to be cut back to enable the 20 mph sign at the junction to be visible.

The Public Protection Order Dog Control Order for The Green is now in place.

It was unanimously resolved to purchase twelve A4 signs, six of which will state that there is a Public Space Protection Order banning dogs off leads on The Green, and six requiring that dog owners clear up after their dog. These signs meet the approval of SDC. Two signs will be installed on each of the six posts at the entrances to The Green. This is an urgent requirement as there needs to be absolute clarity on the rules.

The SDC dog control warden will be carrying out regular patrols to enforce the PSPO.

The new litter bin has been purchased and will be installed in the Village Hall car park shortly.

The two new defibrillators have now been ordered. Training has been arranged for 6.30pm on 12th November, prior to the next Parish Council meeting. All members of the public are invited to attend.

The Somerset Playing Fields Association has awarded the playing field a special commendation in their annual awards. This is recognition of the work that has been done on The Green.

316/18 To receive a briefing from Sue Felstead of Greenway Farm, Wembdon regarding an intended planning application.

Mrs Felstead explained that Greenway Farm will be submitting a planning application for a restaurant at the farm. This will be considered by the planning committee when SDC has notified the Parish Council of the application.

317/18 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics.

There was no Police presence at the meeting, and no Police report had been received.

District Cllr A Bown said that she had met with the Bridgwater Police Chief Inspector, who says that a new way of policing will be introduced in the district. There will be regular visits to the Parish from a PCSO on a pedal cycle. Cllr Bown will be meeting with the Chief Inspector once a month, and if the Parish Council has any issues that they wish Cllr Bown to raise at the meeting then please let her know.

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There is also the possibility of Police surgeries being held in the Village Hall.

318/18 To receive a report from Cllr Reed on the progress of the Wembdon Neighbourhood Plan

The pre-final draft of the submission document has been produced. WYG are working on the parking and landscape policies. The pre-final draft now needs to be approved by the Parish Council.

Whilst it was recognised that there were still some small typo errors to be corrected, it was unanimously resolved to approve the pre-final draft in its current form.

319/18 To receive a report from Cllr Reed on the Playing Fields and Common

Seven replacement oak trees have been delivered and planted by 'give a day' volunteers, and some professional help. The trees will need to be watered every fortnight. Cllr R Webber agreed to do this. The Chairman would try to source two IBC containers for this purpose.

We are awaiting information on the AWA grant application.

All hedges have been flailed and drains and rhyes have been thoroughly cleared. There will be a charge for this from the drainage board.

Cllrs Phillips and Harrison will meet in the next few months to explore the possibility of purchasing equipment for the flailing of rhyne edges and the cutting of hedges in the parish. This would be attached to the tractor now owned and operated by the cricket club, and they would be contracted to carry out the work.

320/18 To receive a report from Cllr Harrison on Highways.

The pavements have been re-tarmacked in Blakes Road.

Sandford Hill will be shut for the day on 28th October to implement steps needed to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph.

As requested, the white lines have been repainted in Church Road.

The school crossing patrol officer (lollipop man) will be retiring shortly. The Clerk will contact the school to discuss the possibility that the Parish Council part funding the cost of a replacement officer as has been done in the past.

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Complaints have been received regarding cars parked on pavements in Church Road. The Clerk will request that the Police issues parking tickets. Cllr Bown will also raise this with the Chief Inspector at their next meeting.

There are further problems with cars parked in Church Road on the Greenacre junction causing obstructions. Cllr Bown has spoken with Cllr Caswell, who will be proposing that double yellow lines be installed.

A quote has been received for the widening of the chicane in Wares Lane which is considerably higher than the £500 limit agreed in September. Cllr Harrison will try to obtain cheaper quotes from other contractors.

321/18 To receive a report from Cllr Hall on the Footpaths and Verges.

A private fence is leaning across the footpath in Cross View Rise. Cllr Harrison will contact the owners to ask them to repair the fence.

322/18 To receive a report from Cllr Hall on the Parish Paper.

The latest edition should be finalised shortly, and will be ready for publication later this month.

323/18 To receive a report regarding the Allotments

There was nothing to report.

324/18 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on SID results and Speedwatch.

The SID was located recently in Wembdon Rise, where it recorded an average of 2,135 daily vehicle movements in one direction. The average speed recorded was 27 mph. The average for speeding vehicles was found to be 33 mph. The highest recorded speed was 60 mph.

The speedwatch team is now up and running. They have a very keen group of team members.

325/18 To receive a report on the 'Access for All' project and to consider making financial commitments.

i. Additional play equipment in the park

There has been no news regarding the application to the big lottery fund.

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- ii. Cooperation with the Village Hall to provide fully accessible toilets

Instructions have been given for the work to commence.

- iii. PACT team report

The group now has a new treasurer. The ASDA coin scheme has now finished.

326/18 To receive an update regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.

There was nothing to report.

327/18 To approve the removal of ex-Councillor Jackson as a signatory from the Parish Council's current account.

It was unanimously approved to remove ex-Councillor Jackson as a signatory.

328/18 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
300820	GB Sports and Leisure	Playground inspections Oct 18 – March 19	£108.00
300822	Anthony Jay	Clerk's expenses July – Sept 2018	£568.72
300824	SDC	Dog bin emptying	£1672.32
300825	SDC	New litter bin	£175.20
300826	South Western Ambulance Service	Two defibrillators	£3360.00
300828	Andrew Sutton	Extra grass cutting at Liddell land	£120.00
300829	J. Liddall	Land rental fee for 2018	£160.00

A budget update sheet had been be pre circulated to members

It was unanimously resolved to approve the payments.

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329/18 To consider matters of report:

The Councillors were asked to consider budget items for 2019-20 in the next month.

It was agreed that Cllr's Phillips and Reed would be appointed to join the planning committee.

330/18 Date of next meeting: 12th November 2018