

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 9th July 2018 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllr M Solomon (Chairman), Cllr N Bushill, Cllr D Gliddon, Cllr J Hall, Cllr N Harrison, Cllr A Reed, Cllr J Riddle, Cllr T Travis and Cllr R Webber.

District Cllrs A Bown and L Duddridge.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay Police: None

Prior to the meeting Andy Coupe, the SCC Strategic Manager (Infrastructure Programmes Group) answered questions from Councillors and members of the public regarding speeding vehicles in Wembdon, and possible traffic calming measures that could be installed to tackle this. The pros and cons of speed humps and chicanes were discussed, but the advice given was they could actually add to the problem as experience shows that if vehicles are forced to slow down then some drivers simply accelerate quickly between the calming measures causing greater problems. Andy Coupe explained that the figures that SCC collect show that there is no great speeding problem in Wembdon. The vast majority of motorists drive at a safe speed, but there are a few individuals who do exceed the speed limit. Unfortunately, this happens everywhere, and there is little that can be done to prevent it.

Andy Coupe explained that SCC has a limited budget and there are towns and parishes with greater speeding problems than Wembdon which will be given a higher priority. The speed watch team is a valuable asset, and members of the public are encouraged to join this team of volunteers. If the Parish Council wishes to take this issue further then it is recommended that the Parish Council considers engaging the services of a private consultancy company to recommend suggestions to SCC.

265/18 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Jo Jackson.

266/18 To receive declarations of any pecuniary, prejudicial or personal interests on items relating to this agenda.

No declarations were made.

267/18 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th June 2018.

It was resolved to approve the minutes (7 in favour, 2 abstentions as not present at the previous meeting).

268/18 To receive the Clerk's report.

The Clerk referred to a black Audi vehicle which has recently been seen driving at high speeds through the village. The Police have been informed of the details of the vehicle, including the registration number. Local residents were thanked for providing this information.

The repaired gate at the ridge path to Blakes Lane was vandalised recently. A contractor repaired it and put in extra wooden pieces to prevent this happening again. However, within 24 hours it had been vandalised again.

The contractor has been back again and put additional wood in place. The Police have been informed of this criminal damage. If anyone has any information regarding this then please contact the Parish Clerk.

269/18 To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics.

No Police were in attendance, and no report had been received.

270/18 To receive a report from Cllr Reed on the progress of the Wembdon Neighbourhood Plan.

A draft Neighbourhood Plan document has been prepared. The draft has been circulated to Councillors who approved the draft in its initial form. The draft will be considered by the Neighbourhood Plan team at their next meeting. A public consultation event will be held in the Village Hall on 23rd July. A flyer will be prepared advertising the plan and the consultation event and will be distributed to every household in the Parish.

271/18 To receive a report from Cllr Reed on the Playing Fields and Common.

The playing fields and common are now looking spectacular.

272/18 To receive a report from Cllr Harrison on Highways.

Following the discussion with Andy Coupe it was decided to include an agenda item for the September meeting to discuss how to deal with traffic management in the Parish, and to consider whether external consultants should be engaged.

Cllr Gliddon will be meeting with SCC Highways Department shortly to discuss traffic issues.

The Clerk was asked to contact Tamlyn and Co asking them to inform people attending their sales in Wembdon to park on the field where the sale is held, not on the highway.

273/18 To receive a report from Cllr Hall on the Footpaths and Verges.

A chicane will be installed in Wares Lane to slow down reckless cyclists. The Chairman will arrange the purchase and installation of gates to provide this.

274/18 To receive a report from Cllr Jackson on the Parish Paper.

The recently published Parish Paper has been produced and distributed.

If any parish group would like to suggest an article for inclusion in a future edition of the Parish Paper then the Clerk should be contacted.

275/18 To receive a report from Cllr Travis on the Allotments.

There is an allotment which is clearly not being tended. Cllrs Travis and Harrison will be addressing this with the relevant allotment holder.

276/18 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on SID results and Speedwatch.

The latest SID figures have been produced and circulated.

277/18 To receive a report on the 'Access for All' project and to consider making financial commitments.

Grants have now been awarded which will part fund the proposed accessible play equipment and toilet facilities. Meetings continue to be held with the parents of disabled children to ensure their engagement in this project.

The recent PACT dog show was a great success, and good feedback has been received. Plans were shown to Councillors detailing the proposals for Wembdon Parkland. There will be an agenda item at the September meeting to approve the plans.

278/18 To receive an update regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.

Cllr Reed will be providing an update from the recent meeting when received.

279/18 To consider the purchase of a new defibrillator and cabinet.

It was unanimously resolved to replace our current defibrillator with a leased unit from the South Western Ambulance Service as it is now at the end of its guaranteed operation. The unit will be installed at the Village Hall and all costs will be covered by the Council. Consideration was also given to providing a second unit somewhere on Wembdon Hill – the shop, the pub – location to be examined in detail as a permanent power supply will be required. The cost for a four year lease will be £1800 for the first one, and £1000 for the second. This will include cabinets, and many back up services.

Before an order can be placed it needs to be determined who will be the ‘guardians’ of the defibrillators.

280/18 To consider a request to hold an exercise group in the park on a Tuesday morning throughout the summer for mothers and babies.

It was unanimously resolved to agree to this request and that as this was a commercial usage from an out of Parish user, that there would be charge that would be in line with the charges and policies of The Village Hall Trust for use of The Green. A member of the Village Hall Trust will be in contact with the applicant to arrange details.

281/18 To consider an email received on 27 June regarding the HMO at 17 Inwood Road, Wembdon.

The owner of the property addressed the meeting, and extended an invitation for Councillors to visit the address to see the work that had taken place. The Councillors raised concerns regarding residents of the HMO parking their vehicles in the street. Guarantees were given that this would not happen. The Parish Council will consider any future planning applications regarding this property if and when one arrives.

282/18 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
300790	Bradfords / Water Irrigation	System Parts and Hose	£122.52
300791	Wickes / Bridgwater Mowers	Postcrete and Strimming Materials	£66.76
300792	GB Sports	Playground Repairs	£131.40
300793	Samson	Fencing Work	£895.00
300794	Wembdon Village Hall	Room Hire – Neighbourhood Plan	£60.00
300797	Anthony Jay	Clerk’s Expenses April - June	£462.73

300798	SPFA	Annual Subscription	£15.00
300799	Morelock Signs	Traffic Sign	£125.40
300800	GB Sports	Annual Inspection	£79.20
300801	WYG	Neighbourhood Plan consultancy	£8518.80

A budget update sheet had been be pre circulated to members

It was unanimously resolved to approve the payments.

283/18

To consider matters of report:

Volunteers are requested to cover one of the entrance gates to the parkland at the village day on 27th August. Please contact the Clerk.

Cllr Riddle announced that due to her age and number of years of service, that she intended to resign her position as a Parish Councillor prior to the next meeting in September. She will formally write to the Clerk. The Chairman and all Councillors thanked Cllr Riddle for her many years of service as a Parish Councillor.

The casual vacancy will be advertised in the usual way.

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Date of next meeting: 10th September 2018