

# WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

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

District Cllr I Dyer.

Locum Parish Clerk: Sally Diaz            Police: PCSO's K Rixon and R Lewis

42/20            To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Gliddon, Prowse and Major.

43/20            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.

There were no declarations of interest.

44/20            To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

It was resolved to approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The Chairman signed the minutes.

45/20            To receive the Clerk's report.

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of David Fothergill, (Leader of Somerset County Council)'s speech at the regional SLCC meeting. He has asked Parish Clerks to provide input from Council's on how they would like to be more involved in making decisions on their areas. Cllr Solomon will attend the Cluster meeting at Sedgemoor District Council on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 where Cllr Fothergill will present the Unitary Council proposal.

46/20            To receive a Police report regarding crime reports and crime statistics.

PCSO's Rixon and Lewis informed the Council that there had been 8 crimes reported within the last month in Wembdon. There were 4 that had been violence against people, 2 arson related crimes, 1 theft and 1 burglary. The crime report will be emailed to the clerk monthly. The PCSO's plan to attend the Village Hall for a local surgery every month, times will vary. Cllr Edwards

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informed the Parish Council of the vandalism in Parklands which had been reported.

47/20 To receive a report from Cllr Prowse on the Playing Fields and Common

The swing seats and chains have been replaced and all nut covers are in place. The inspection report gave an all green outcome showing 100% compliancy for the playing fields and play equipment.

48/20 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on Highways

The Clerk will report the following matters to Somerset County Council Highways

- There is a large shallow pot hole forming in Wembdon Rise once again.
- There are potholes in Skimmerton Lane, Perry Green and Moores Lane which need attention.
- The carriageway on the A39 down to Sandford roundabout on the westside has blocked drains or gutters and water is running across the road.

A resident had their car hit on Wembdon Hill by a lorry.

49/20 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on the Footpaths and Verges.

There was nothing to report.

50/20 To consider repairing the footpath which runs across the common from the Parish Centre to Church Road (see minutes 121/19 and 180/19).

It was resolved to initially obtain a quote to tarmac the area and also a quote to break the existing concrete, redo the edging and refill with concrete.

51/20 To receive a report from Cllr Hall on the Parish Paper.

There have been lots of compliments received on the last issue. There is an additional volunteer available to help with distribution. The next issue will be after the VE day celebrations.

52/20 To receive a report from Cllr Claydon on Allotments.

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A letter will be sent out to allotment holders asking them to do a clear up. Big dumpy bags have been donated and Cllr Claydon is awaiting a quote from Owen Rhodes to remove them. The Parish Council fully supports Cllr Claydon in all of her efforts to improve the site and this could include working on a long term plan to provide suitable machinery access routes to the plots. The give a day team could also be asked to help.

53/20 To receive a report from Cllr Gliddon on SID results and Speedwatch.

Traffic Report from 9am 14/02/2020 to 9am 27/02/2020

85th Percentile Speed = 18.8 MPH  
85th Percentile Vehicles = 9,962 counts  
Max Speed = 40.0 MPH at 3am on 19/02/20  
Total Vehicles = 11,720 counts  
Averaged Daily Total: 901

Volumes - weekly vehicle counts

	Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	726	836	
AM peak	10:00 to 11:00	111	107
PM peak	18:00 to 19:00	64	91

Speed

Adjusted Speed limit: 25 MPH (this is the speed at which offenders would be prosecuted).

85th Percentile Speed: 18.8 MPH

50th Percentile Speed: 10.3 MPH

10 MPH Pace Interval: 10.0 MPH to 20.0 MPH

**Average Speed: 12.1 MPH**

54/20 To receive an update regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.

The next transport forum will be held in a few weeks. There was a site stake holder group meeting for Hinkley A and Hinkley B. Discussions were held regarding the recent accident where a contractor suffered a broken leg. The meeting with Sizewell will be held on 12.3.20.

55/20 To receive an update from Cllr Phillips regarding the VE day celebration plans.

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The split tree on the Common has been removed with roots and 2 tonnes of topsoil refilled in the hole. The oak tree has been reserved and can be delivered this week. The tree will be planted on the day. Cllr Webber will water the tree and deliver it to site for the event. There are 3 people available to speak on the day including Alan Sparkes and David Baker. The last post will be played at 3pm. There will be a picnic in the park between 12 noon to 4pm with tea, coffee, cake and sandwiches to buy at a small cost. The last meeting of the planning group will be held on 27.4.20.

56/20 To approve the purchase of an oak tree to be planted on Wembdon Common to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the purchase of an oak tree.

57/20 To consider the introduction of a Parklands under 7's Nature Trail.

It was resolved not to introduce an under 7's Nature Trail at Parklands as it was felt that this type of play/trim trail was not appropriate for an open area with dogs off lead. (3 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention).

The Chairman had the casting vote and the motion against the trail was carried.

58/20 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
301018	SALC	Councillor training	£25.00
301021	Media Orb	Website and email hosting	£162.00
301022	GB Sports	Repairs to swings	£760.32
301025	Sedgemoor Tree Services	Tree removals	£960.00
301026	Hampshire Flag Company	Flag pole, installation and two flags	£1042.62

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

It was unanimously agreed to approve the payments.

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59/20 To consider matters of report:

(a) Agenda items for the next meeting

To consider the introduction of a 'Freedom of Wembdon' award.

(b) Chairman

The planning committee has a new approach to making site visits and planning handouts were provided. Cllr Solomon has asked that any Cllr on the planning committee who has not had the planning training should book on the next available course.

The initial 'adopt a street' meeting will take place on Good Friday in the Village Hall. (This is in conjunction with Keep Britain Tidy Campaign). The rubbish collected will be able to be left at a central point. Cllr Edwards will liaise with Clean Surroundings to confirm where. Cllr Solomon will open the Village Hall to distribute litter picking equipment to volunteers on the Good Friday.

The drainage issue at Whitegate Field has been raised with District Cllr Dyer.

(c) Members

The Annual parish Meeting will be after the Parish Council meeting on 20.4.2020. Cllr Hall will ask local groups who would like to take part and allocate jobs. District Cllrs will be invited.

60/20 Date of next meeting: Monday 20th April 2020 (Change of date due to bank holiday).

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.