

Wembdon Parish Paper

Edition 12



Connecting with our community



**Ground Breaking Progress for Wembdon!
Celebration as the first turf is cut for
Wembdon Village Hall and Playing Fields
development .**

ACTION UPDATE.

Farewell! Regrettably we say goodbye to Owen Cullwick who served as Clerk to WPC for the last 3 years, doing an excellent job and being an invaluable aide to all the Councillors who had the pleasure of working with him. We wish him well and much enjoyment in his retirement.

Please note the new email contact for WPC which is wembdonpc@gmail.com

The road surface has been repaired at the Inwood / Wembdon Rise junction.

The gate on the under 6's play area is to be refurbished and other aspects of general maintenance attended to.

The benches up at the allotments have been very well received however an increased in litter has been noted. WPC will provide a bin which a group from the allotment growers have kindly under-taken to empty.

Two water tap cupboards with combination locks will be installed and the entrance gate to the track will be locked during hours of darkness.

Improved speed-watch signage has been approved for the village to help deter speeding and support road safety.

Drains along Church Road noted by residents to be blocked following recent re-surfacing, have been reported to Highways. The safety railings along this raised section of pavement have also been reported to Highways for review.

A walnut tree has been chosen to replace the dead cherry tree on the green.

Sections of the NDR footpath encroached by brambles have been reported and will be cleared. Councillors are also investigating reports of overgrowth along the footpath from Church Path to the NDR.

Residents are encouraged to be aware of recent reports of an increased incidence of burglaries and shed break-ins in the village. Secure your property!

Wembdon Village Community Day

Saturday 22nd November 2014 at 10:00am (ish!)

This might just seem like another take on our legendary 'Give-a-Day', BUT this will hopefully be **a day with a difference** to get involved with.

Our Village Hall project is now well under way and, so far, most of the focus has been on what is happening with the new building and the land in front of it (cricket and football pitches). Now is the time for us all to focus on the 9 acres of land behind it. ALL of the land is now either leased to or owned by the village and there are exciting plans in place to turn this land into a 'green oasis'.

The large area of land either side of the footpath from Wares Lane down to the NDR has been given to us by Persimmon builders and has not been touched for many years. This area has recently been cleared of brambles but there is a lot of rubbish to be cleared before any real work can begin. Also, Clean Surrounds at Sedgemoor DC have just donated to us hundreds of wild daffodil bulbs which need to be planted. We are also waiting to take delivery of hundreds of small trees from The Woodlands Trust. The timescale to complete this project is quite long term but we do need to make a start AND it needs the involvement of as many people in our village as possible. What happens at the front of the village hall will be mainly down to professional contractors BUT this land at the back is down to US!! Lots of us are very excited about this challenge and it will certainly be a case of 'many hands make light work'.

So, can you spare some time on **Nov 22nd**??? We will start at 10.00am ish and we will continue till dusk. Any equipment for planting will be helpful. There is no need to contact anyone but if you would like to then give me a ring on 01278 457549. Hope to see you there on the 22nd.

Many thanks Neil Harrison WPC.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC THROUGH WEMBDON VILLAGE – A SITUATION REPORT

The Parish Council has long recognized that there is increasing concern over the speed of traffic travelling through our village and we share the grave concern that the construction of Hinkley Point C (HPC) is going to make the matter far worse. The Council recognizes the importance of taking action in these matters and this is a brief summary of the actions that are already in hand.

PARISH PLAN – SURVEY DATA The speed of traffic running through the village was raised by many people when they were surveyed as a part of the 2008 Parish Plan. At that time the plan was presented to and adopted by the District Council, who are responsible for planning and the County Council, who are responsible for the roads and highways.

SPEEDWATCH - The Council encouraged the establishment of a Speedwatch Team and invested jointly with our County Councillor in a “Speed Gun”. The team members are all volunteers and operate on a regular basis. Parish Councillors are members of the team but it has very limited powers to do anything other than report speeding drivers to the Police, who are then responsible for follow up. The Parish Council would like to publish a list of all cars exceeding the speed limits but data protection legislation prevents this. We do know that most speeding drivers are actually residents of Wembdon. We also hope that the data from the Speedwatch Team will enable us to make a case for reduced speed limits through Wembdon during the school peak crossing times.

LOLLICAM - The Council also recognizes the particular dangers of speeding traffic when children are crossing Wembdon Rise en route to school. The Council jointly funds the costs of the School Crossing Warden and, following some recent near misses, is investigating the purchase of a “lollipop” fitted with a digital speed camera. The Council has RESOLVED to purchase a suitable unit and funds are already allocated. We plan to have this in operation, once negotiations with County Council and the Police are completed regarding the ability of the data to be used in a criminal prosecution for road traffic offences.

SPEED INDICATING DEVICE - The Council has also applied through the County to participate in a shared scheme for the usage of a speed detection camera/device and intended to install this on a regular basis on locations on Wembdon Rise and Wembdon Hill. This programme was not progressing as quickly as anticipated and the Council has now RESOLVED to investigate the purchase of its own Speed Indicating Device and installing it. Funding for this by the Parish Council has been approved and we are now investigating the suitability of various locations along Wembdon Rise and Wembdon Hill. Again, the locations need to be approved by the County Highways as well as the Police.

EDF TRANSPORT FORUM - The Council has also been working with the County Highways outlining its concerns with traffic increases and rat-running through our village as a consequence of the HPC construction. We have been members of the EDF Transport Forum comprising Parish Councils, District and County Councillors, County Highways and EDF specialists, established by EDF to consider opportunities for mitigating the impacts of the HPC construction traffic and to provide a mechanism for regular discussion on their transport strategy. This has been a frustrating process.

You will be aware that the HPC planning inspection process went to the Secretary of State for approval and despite our many objections at every level, your Council was overridden by declared National Interest.

TRAFFIC MONITORING -The Council has ensured that Wembdon's concerns of an increase in rat running of HPC traffic through our village are included in the mitigation funding schemes and to establish a baseline of current traffic movements. To this end the Council has worked closely with the County officers to install traffic monitoring equipment before the Sandford Corner roundabout was constructed to count all vehicles entering Wembdon at Sandford Corner and leaving at Wembdon Rise. This data will demonstrate clearly any increase in traffic rat running through our village during the HPC construction and trigger the release of funding for traffic calming measures to be installed.

HPC TRAFFIC IMPACT MITIGATION - The Council has made many representations to County Highways regarding the plans for mitigating the impact of traffic rat-running through Wembdon caused by the construction of HPC. A representative of the County Council recently spent a full morning with the Chairman visiting all of the sites of concern to the Parish Council and discussing actions needed once HPC construction commences and funding is released. Further work is ongoing to explore the issues in detail and consider the preferred mitigation options. Immediate actions were also taken to review the timings of the traffic lights at the Wembdon Rise/NDR junction to improve safety for pedestrians crossing.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC REDUCTION - The County Council has approved its own application to expand St George's Junior School despite strong objection from the Parish Council. One of our declared concerns relates to parking and traffic associated with the school run, which will be exacerbated by the expansion of pupil numbers, many commuting in from outside the Parish. There is a commitment from the County Council to review and update the School Travel Plan. The Parish Council encouraged the formation of a joint team, with the Police, the School, County Highways and the District Council to examine ways to reduce the number of vehicle movements and this team is working to remove any limitations to increasing travel by bike, scooter and foot, such as overgrown pathways.

TRAFFIC TEAM - The Council has also initiated a small team comprising residents and Councillors who have the Charter to review the traffic issues in Wembdon, including the issues generated by inconsiderate parking and to work as a liaison group between the Council and the various interest groups in Wembdon and to propose solutions to the authorities where appropriate. We would welcome any volunteers to become involved and support this particular activity. We hope that these various actions demonstrate the Parish Councillors commitment to reducing traffic speeds and volumes in Wembdon. We are all volunteers and would welcome others to come and join us in trying to make Wembdon a better and safer place for us and our families to live.

Mike Solomon

Chairman

Hinkley Point C
Community
Impact Mitigation
(CIM) Fund

Is your project eligible for funding?



The Hinkley Point C Community Impact Mitigation (CIM) Fund has been set up, log on to see if you are eligible:

www.westsomersetonline.gov.uk/CIM

Who can apply?

Any community-based organisation operating in Somerset, particularly in Stogursey, West Somerset, Cannington and Bridgewater, can apply if they can demonstrate an impact on their community as a result of the Hinkley Point C project.

Contact: Website: www.westsomersetonline.gov.uk/CIM

-  West Somerset Council, West Somerset House, Killick Way, Williton, Taunton, Somerset TA4 4QA
-  [www.twitter.com/wsomerset](https://twitter.com/wsomerset)
-  www.facebook.com/westsomerset
-  HinkleyCIMFund@westsomerset.gov.uk
-  01643 703704

What is the fund?

The fund has been set up to be spent on improvements for communities most affected by the development of the Site Preparation Works at Hinkley Point C.

Partners



If you have a project within Wembdon that would qualify, follow the links and information available here to discover the criteria to meet and how to submit your case in accordance with the required format. Why not give it a go? Good luck! 😊

The Master Plans for our new Village Hall & recreational areas.





Work starts on new Village Hall and recreational areas in Wembdon.

This month the construction work started on The Green at Wembdon, a project that will provide a Village Hall, a lounge for use by our community and our sports clubs, changing facilities, plus a huge 11 acre Village Green, marked out for cricket in summer and junior football in the winter, which will still leave acres of green space for general recreational play.

The project has been 6 years in the planning and fund raising, and construction has been purposely held back until the funding to complete the project was secured, ensuring that the project was fully deliverable. The final piece in the funding jigsaw was put into place when the project team were awarded £250,000 from the EDF CIM fund late last month.

A formal ground-breaking ceremony was held on 25th September and following the site mobilization, which is now ongoing, the first priority will be to work with Somerset County Council and Natural England to enable the construction of the access road from the NDR and the crossing of the Kidsbury Rhyne, which will allow all construction materials to be supplied directly from this major highway rather than negotiating the narrow access along Church Road.

In tandem with the Village Hall project, the Parish Council has now taken over from Persimmon, the land remaining from their housing development at Great Oaks and will bring this too into community use by cutting back some of the overgrown areas, improving the drainage and working with students at the Land-based Studies Team at Bridgwater College to design and implement a tree and shrub planting plan that encourages butterflies, birds and other wildlife as well as developing a new Wembdon Parkland for our community to enjoy.

The construction of the Village Hall is scheduled to take 12 months, the

groundwork for the Village Green will start in spring 2015 with seeding in the autumn and the Wembdon Parkland works will be ongoing over a five year period as new areas of hedges and wildflowers develop.

This whole project evolved from the work originally carried out to prepare the Wembdon Parish Plan and is an opportunity to make improvements to our village which will be enjoyed for many generations to come – a magnificent Village Green, encircled by an avenue of specimen oak trees, a backdrop of our unique St. George’s Church with a rejuvenated Parish Centre to the north and the new Village Hall to the south, with grassed play and recreation areas all around. We do also recognize that there may well be some disruption as this major project takes place and assure you that we are working closely with the construction team to do all that we can to minimize this impact on our community.

The Council expresses sincere thanks to: the many funding organisations who are supporting this project, the members of our community who have donated time and money, to S Notaro Ltd. and Persimmon who have gifted land and especially to the Village Hall Project Team who have converted this Vision for Wembdon into a reality.

M Solomon Chairman.



A Warm Welcome!



We are delighted to welcome Tony Jay to Wembdon Parish Council. Tony took up his position as Clerk with Wembdon Parish Council in September and has quickly settled in. A few words of introduction from Tony himself.....

I am a retired Police Officer, who has been Parish Clerk at Banwell, near Weston-super-Mare for a year. This is a part-time position, and having learnt what the role involves, I now find that I have the time and desire to become Parish Clerk for an additional council. I was attracted to Wembdon as the Parish Council is very proactive, with a clear desire to improve the village and its amenities.

I am a married man with one son who is married to a lovely Norwegian girl and lives in Oslo. They have a five month old son called Alexander. My wife and I don't see them as often as we would like, but modern technology means we have regular face to face chats.

Every year I take a week's holiday from Parish Council work, as I am the eviction manager at the Glastonbury Festival. When people misbehave then I decide if they should stay or go. I could write a book about my experiences!

Although I live in Weston-super-Mare, I will always make myself available to the people of Wembdon. I encourage parishioners to visit our website and contact me if they have any problems or issues to discuss. Thank you
– Tony

**Wembdon Parish Council Clerk, 40 Griffen Road, Weston-super-Mare,
North Somerset. BS24 7HQ.**

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A polite reminder regarding the Highway Code!



One rule that regularly is either forgotten, or simply ignored, is that Section 224 of the code states that you should not park within 10 metres of a junction.



In these days of ever increasing numbers of vehicles on the road, it sometimes gets very difficult to find a parking space, especially in busy residential areas.



The Police seldom issue parking tickets to vehicles which break this rule, although it is within their power to do so, and so motorists will inevitably not be penalised for parking in this way.



However, there is a circumstance where things could go horribly wrong.



If a collision occurs at a junction, and the driver of a vehicle (or rider of a cycle or motorcycle, or even a pedestrian) claims that their view was obstructed by a vehicle parked on a junction then the person who parked the vehicle could find themselves responsible for causing the accident even though they may have been tucked up in bed at the time.



Their insurance company would probably be liable for any claims. Even worse, if the collision was serious and someone was seriously injured or killed then the person who parked the vehicle on the junction would probably be prosecuted under section 22 of the Road Traffic Act 1988



(parking a vehicle in a dangerous position). The driver could hardly claim that the parking was not dangerous if a collision occurred because of the parking!



So the next time you think of parking too close to a junction, just think of the possible consequences. Of course, the residents of Wembdon would never be so inconsiderate to park in this way!



Please, please, please don't endanger others or put yourselves at risk.



Thank you 😊

Wembdon St George's
School

Would like to invite you to
their Christmas Fayre
Saturday 29th November

2pm – 5pm

Shopping opportunities

Pamper treatments

Entertainment

Santa's Grotto

Photographer

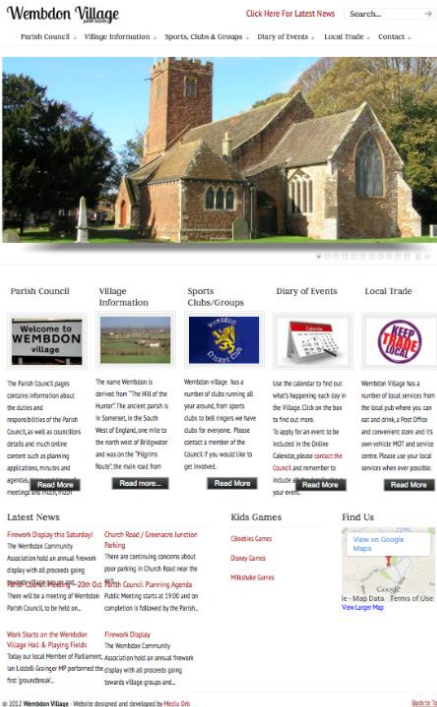
Children's Activities

Mince pies & Mulled Wine

Raffle & much more

Hope to see you there!

Some tips to navigate www.wembdon.org



The 'Home' page (shown left) is the first page that will greet you when you visit our webpage, you can return to it at any time by clicking on the 'Wembdon Village' writing.

There are headings across the top third of the 'Home' screen, these are labelled; 'Parish Council', 'Village Information', 'Sports, Clubs & Groups', 'Diary of Events', 'Local Trade' and 'Contact'. If you hover with your mouse over these they will open up and show further sub menu subjects (shown below). Continue to hover and/or click on these to access information. To go back the previous page press the 'back button' on your browser or click on 'Wembdon Village' again to return to the 'Home' screen.

An important part of our website is the "Latest News" section, this gives the Parish Council a section to raise awareness of current events or local notices. The "Latest News" can be accessed by clicking on the red writing 'Latest News' in the top right hand side of the 'Home' screen, the 6 most recent notices are also contained on the home screen on the bottom left hand side, these can be clicked on to open up further information. A third way to access 'Latest News' is under the section 'Village information' on the drop down menus.

'Diary of Events' lists, in a monthly calendar format, local events and information that take place within the parish. If you have a local event of note that affects the parish, email wembdonpc@gmail.com to ask for its subsequent inclusion.

Any questions with regard to using the website can be fielded to any of the Wembdon Parish Council team, all details are found on the website under 'Parish Council' menu, sub-menu 'Councillors'. If you have any information that you wish to be included onto the website, please get in touch with us, the service is free.





Know Your Parish Councillors.



Mike Solomon, Julia Riddle, Neil Harrison, Anne Reed, Lorraine Burge, Tom Thayer & Joanna Jackson represent Wembdon Wembdon ward. Terry Thake, Dan Bingham & Jason Woods represent Wembdon Victoria ward



Defibrillation Trained Adults Contact Numbers



Neil Harrison (Parish Councillor) tel: 457549

Chrissie Melhuish (Cottage Inn) tel: 07929085306

Hazel Percy (Opp Post Office) tel: 07816865178

Esther Thayer (Wares Lane) tel: 07967822954

Jo Sellick (Blakes Rd) tel: 07938068840

Community

Policing

Call **101** for non-emergency & anti-social incidents.

Call **999** for life threatening events.



Wembdon Post Office and Stores.



Don't forget – we now supply lottery products!



Opening hours 5am-9pm
Mon-Sun (except B/H's)

Parish Centre.

For Parish Centre bookings, information and enquiries contact
Pat Bright
(01278)457760



Contact your Parish Council

website: www.wembdon.org

email: wembdonpc@gmail.com

Visit our Facebook page Wembdon parish council

Follow us on **twitter** @wembdonpc

Post: Mr Tony Jay, 40 Griffen Road, Weston super Mare, North Somerset, BS24 7HQ

Phone: 07741 461982

Change of Date. Wembdon Parish Council will now meet on the 3rd Monday of the month.

This may be subject to change in which case notification will be via the website and notice boards whenever possible.



Any Concerns?



What can your Parish Council do for you and your village? Does it need improving, installing, repairing, reviewing or removing? Please let us know about any issues or aspects of village life which we may be able to attend to. We welcome your positive feedback as well, so why not let us know if we did a good job too!

Advertise here. To advertise here or for more information please contact Tom Thayer via email: wembdonpc@gmail.com
A5: ½ page £20 ¼ page £10 mini £5 (b&w). If you would like to submit an entry about your club or village event please contact the Communication Team via WPC, as above.

Local contacts and information.

Wembdon community Association (WCA): Graham Grief – 01278 457973

Wembdon Stores: Opening hours Mon-Sun 5:00am – 9:00pm (except Bank Holidays) tel: 01278 434815

The Cottage Inn: Opening hours Mon-Fri 6:00pm- 11:00pm
Sat & Sun 12noon- 4:00pm; 6:00pm-11:00pm tel: 01278 423259

St George's Church office: tel: 01278 423468 / Ed Moll tel: 01278 423647

Beavers / Cubs / Scouts: Group Leader John Ennals tel: 07703 033 947

Brownies: Leader Carol Jarman tel: 01278 445268

Guides: Leader Marilyn Hellier tel: 07946 479 899

Cricket club: Email: wembdoncricket@gmail.com

Youth Team Co-ordinator – Dan Bingham tel: 07841 013 128

Senior Cricket, pavilion hire, sponsorship & enquiries - Dan Bingham

Ladies Cricket – Coraley Dunn tel: 01278 434479

Football club: Caroline Fretwell Email: englandbirdie@aol.com

tel:07736045967

Wembdon Ladies: Ann Collett tel: 01278 451187

Wembdon Toddlers: Thurs 10am-12noon Dawn Brett tel: 01278 422809

Ladies keep Fit: Mon 10:00am-11:00am Viv Tolcher tel: 01278 424491

Art Group: Tues 10:00am-12:30pm Kay Robbins tel: 01278 423212

Jay Singers: Tues 7:45pm Tim Loveday tel: 01278 425422

U3A Bridge: Thurs 1:45pm Ernie Whitehead tel: 01278 424134

Travel Line: (local bus information) 0871 200 22 33