

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 14th February 2022 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Councillors M Solomon (Chairman), D Claydon, L Edwards, D Gliddon, P Major, M Phillips, A Reed and J Wellings.

District Councillor B Bolt.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay

23/22 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors R Webber.

24/22 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 received.

25/22 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th January 2022.

It resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting (7 in favour, 1 abstention as not present at the meeting).

The Chairman signed the minutes.

26/22 To invite public speaking.

No parishioner had requested to speak.

27/22 To receive the Clerk's report.

The Chairman and Clerk attended a briefing with the Bridgwater Town Clerk and Chairman regarding the Local Community Network plan. It is still not known which network Wembdon will be joining, but in all likelihood this will be the one based on Bridgwater with the surrounding parishes.

The Parish Council meeting in March will be the last before the election in May where any new decisions can be taken. The pre-election period, formally called purdah, commences on 22nd March and runs until the election on 5th May.

28/22 To receive a report from Councillor Gliddon on Highways.

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A response has been received from Somerset County Council Traffic Management regarding issues in Wembdon.

“The Parish Council’s request for a virtual footway along Sandford Hill has undergone an in-depth risk assessment and due to a combination of reasons does not meet the necessary criteria to be safely installed in this location.

However, we have been able to arrange installation of a new pedestrian warning sign on the entrance into Sandford Hill by the Wembdon Village name plate as an added warning for drivers. We have also arranged installation of a new Motorway (M5) sign to be added to the directional sign on the A39 to help reduce the traffic trying to find the Motorway connection and inadvertently using the B3339 by mistake. This should hopefully keep those drivers on the A39 through to Junction 24 or 23 instead of cutting through Wembdon. The installation of these two new signs should be carried out within the next month or so.

As well as the above measures, surveys and further analysis are on-going for Wembdon Rise concerns about speeds and pedestrian safety around the zebra crossing. I will update you further when I have more information to provide on this issue”.

The reported pot holes in Perry Green, Moore’s Lane and Blake’s Lane have been repaired very quickly.

Following years of negotiations with county highways, a site meeting has recently taken place regarding the works required to enable the adoption of the entrance to the Village Hall. All necessary work will be carried out in the near future.

Post meeting note: The cost of the adoption work will be £18,379.

29/22 To receive a report from Councillor Phillips on the Footpaths and Verges.

The Community Payback Team are available cut back hedges, brambles etc. on public footpaths along with litter picking work

30/22 To receive a report on the Playing Fields and Common.

The decision regarding the grant application for the accessible swings is due to be made on Friday 18th February.

31/22 To receive a report from Councillor Edwards on the Parklands.

An update was provided regarding the work that PACT has been doing. The Councillors agreed that the Parklands is looking very good.

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- 32/22 To consider a report containing recommendations for the prairie meadow area of the Parklands and a budget figure for any work agreed.
- Councillor Edwards has consulted with a horticultural expert. She gave a verbal report to the meeting, giving recommendations for the prairie meadow.
- It was unanimously resolved to buy four bags of organic compost at a cost of £359.
- 33/22 To receive a report from Councillor Phillips regarding the Village Hall.
- The terrace widening work is beginning on Monday 21st February.
- 34/22 To receive a report on the Parish Paper.
- The next edition will be published in May following the election.
- 35/22 To receive a report from Councillor Claydon on Allotments.
- Every allotment now has a tenant. There is a long waiting list. The Community Payback Team has been working at the allotments, doing path clearing work.
- 36/22 To receive a report from Councillor Gliddon on SID results and Speedwatch.
- When the mobile SID was located in Church Road the average speed was 16.3 mph and the 85th percentile speed was 22.9 mph. The top speed recorded was 40 mph on 1st February at 11.55 pm.
- The solar SID was moved to the Ware's Lane entrance on Friday 29th January using a cherry picker and our volunteers.
- The results from the fixed Wembdon Rise SID (Eastbound) between December 18th to February 11th gave an 85th percentile speed of 26 mph. The top speed recorded was 60 mph on 22nd December at 06:30 a.m. 99.37% of vehicles travelling towards the parish were recorded at less than 36 mph on approximately 26,000 movements. 99.32% of vehicles travelling away from the parish were recorded at less than 36 mph on approximately 26,000 movements.
- The results from the fixed Sandford Hill SID (Eastbound) over eight days gave an incoming 85th percentile speed of 33 mph and an outgoing one of 38 mph. The top speed incoming was 63 mph half past midnight on 9th February, with the highest outgoing speed being 68 mph at 11pm on 10th February. 95.97% of vehicles travelling towards the parish were recorded at less than 40 mph on approximately 5,500 movements.

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90.54% of vehicles travelling away from the parish were recorded at less than 40 mph on approximately 3,300 movements.

37/22 To receive a report on the Village Hall Community Youth Project.

The construction work in the upper room is progressing very well. The opening of the room is planned for early March.

38/22 To consider moving the litter bin from outside the Post Office to the bus shelter.

It was unanimously resolved to move the litter bin.

39/22 To receive a report regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.

Councillor Reed had previously circulated a report to all Councillors.

40/22 To approve the annual grant payment of £2000 to the Village Hall Trust as allocated in the 2021-2022 budget.

It was unanimously resolved to make the grant.

41/22 To note all statutory payments made since the last meeting (see minute 181/20).

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Avalonian Landscapes	Maintenance contract	1417.00
Village Hall Trust	4 th Quarter Hall Rental £250; CCTV Base Station Service £125; Accessible toilet service £125	500.00

The statutory payments were noted.

42/22 To note the following non-statutory payments.

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Tony Jay	Clerk's expenses January 2022	252.72
Screwfix	Clips required for the relocation of the SID	14.99
Avalonian Landscapes	Materials for use at the Parklands	15.00
Parish Magazine Printing	Parish Paper printing	773.50
G A Doble	Bond fees	292.61

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A budget update sheet had been pre circulated to members.

43/22 To receive any matters of report.

44/22 To consider changing the date of the May 2022 Parish Council meeting from Monday 9th May to Monday 16th May.

It was unanimously resolved to change the meeting date to Monday 16th May.

45/22 Date of next meeting: 14th March 2022.

End of minutes