

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

District Councillor B Bolt.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay

At 7pm, prior to the meeting commencing, a presentation was given by Nicola Hale, the Community Safety Officer, for Sedgemoor, Somerset West and Taunton Councils who will give an overview of her role.

46/22 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors D Claydon, D Gliddon and R Webber.

47/22 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 of interest.

48/22 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th February 2022.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes as being a correct record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

49/22 To invite public speaking.

No members of the public had requested to speak.

50/22 To receive the Clerk's report.

A wages settlement has been agreed between the public sector unions and the government that all public sector employees, including Parish Clerks, will receive a 1.75% pay increase. This increase is backdated until April 2021. The Clerk's contract allows for this increase to be automatically implemented. The Clerk has decided not to claim the backpay.

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51/22 To receive a report from Councillor Gliddon on Highways.

There was no report this month.

52/22 To receive a report from Councillor Phillips on the Footpaths and Verges.

The Community Payback team have been doing a great job clearing undergrowth including brambles etc. in the following areas of the parish:

- The pavements and gutters on the Inwood estate.
- The bramble and ivy around Wembdon Motors ready for it to be painted to blend in better with the surroundings.
- The planting beds have been cleared of overgrown grass around the nursery pitch.
- All the brambles and overgrowth adjacent to the rhynes near to the nursery pitch.
- Strimming of pathways and overgrowth at Wembdon allotments.

Areas of work for the team in the Parklands will be identified.

53/22 To receive a report on the Playing Fields and Common.

The edges to the surface of the fenced area of the young children's play area need repairing. GB Sports will report on this during their next monthly inspection.

The new accessible swings are due to be installed in the summer.

54/22 To receive a report from Councillor Edwards on the Parklands.

Work has been done on the sensory borders. The red safety fencing will be removed just after the Easter holidays when the plants being protected are established.

55/22 To receive a report from Councillor Phillips regarding the Village Hall.

Anti-social behaviour continues in the vicinity of the Village Hall. The culprits are being caught on CCTV and the police are contacting their parents, through liaison with the schools and Bridgwater College.

56/22 To receive a report on the Parish Paper.

The next edition will be published in mid-May.

57/22 To receive a report from Councillor Claydon on Allotments.

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All allotments are presently tenanted. There are eleven persons on the waiting list, seven of which are Wembdon parishioners and four are from outside the parish. Priority is always given to parishioners over non-parishioners. The Community Payback team are thanked for strimming all the paths, which was a great help

58/22 To receive a report from Councillor Gliddon on SID results and Speedwatch.

There was no report this month.

59/22 To receive a report on the Village Hall Community Youth Project.

Great progress is being made.

60/22 To receive a report regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.

A site stakeholder group meeting has been held, and a transport forum meeting will be taking place shortly. The minutes of these minutes will be circulated when received.

61/22 To receive an update on the preparations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Plans are progressing well. A programme of events will be published when finalised.

62/22 To consider a report from a Working Group of Councillors regarding the use of chemical herbicides and insecticides for weed and pest management purposes in the Parish.

It was unanimously resolved to adopt a Weed and Pest Management Policy. This will initially be for a probationary period of twelve months and will then be reviewed to evaluate the effectiveness of the policy.

63/22 To agree to purchase six benches for £4,896 plus VAT and to donate them to the Village Hall trust.

It was unanimously resolved to purchase the benches.

64/22 To note all statutory payments made since the last meeting (see minute 181/20).

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Avalonian Landscapes	Maintenance contract	1417.00

The statutory payments were noted.

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65/22 To note the following non-statutory payments.

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Tony Jay	Clerk's expenses February 2021	185.30
Avalonian Landscaping	Storm damage work, hedge cutting, tree collection and potting up etc.	260.00
Wembdon Village Hall	Donation	2000.00
Wembdon Village Hall	Xmas meeting expenses	23.90
Bridgwater Mowers	Strimmer wire	15.16
Electro Ltd	Screws and fittings for CCTV signs	35.73
G Lancaster	Relocate litter bin	115.00

The non-statutory payments were noted.

A budget update sheet had been pre circulated to members.

66/22 To receive any matters of report.

There were no matters to report.

67/22 Date of next meeting: 11th April 2022.