

# WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Councillors M Solomon (Chairman), D Claydon, L Edwards, D Gliddon and A Reed.

County and District Councillors B Bolt and M Caswell.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay

68/22 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors P Major, M Phillips, R Webber and J Wellings.

69/22 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.

70/22 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

It was resolved to approve the minutes (3 in favour, 2 abstentions as not present at the meeting).

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a correct record of the meeting.

71/22 To invite public speaking.

No member of the public had requested to speak.

72/22 To receive the Clerk's report.

Ten people stood for election to the Parish Council, which means that they will all be elected unopposed. These are D Claydon, L Edwards, D Gliddon, B Hedaux, P Major, M Phillips, A Reed, M Solomon and R Webber.

An update has been received from Somerset County Council regarding the safety of the zebra crossing. They are now consulting with the Police with a view to possibly reducing the speed limit to 20mph on Wembdon Rise and Wembdon Hill. The belisha beacons will be upgraded to more conspicuous ones.

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73/22 To receive a report on Highways.

There are a large number of pot holes in Moores Lane. These will be reported to Somerset County Council Highways.

74/22 To receive a report on the Footpaths and Verges.

The Parish Council's contractor has done a great job clearing the footpaths at the allotments. Sedgemoor District Council is currently cutting back the verges in the parish.

75/22 To receive a report on the Playing Fields and Common.

The playing fields and common are looking excellent. Both the Community Payback and 'Give a Day' teams continue to do excellent work.

76/22 To receive a report on the Parklands.

The new signs have been installed. Petty vandalism has taken place recently. The area covered by CCTV in the Parklands will be reviewed. On a positive note, a large number of toads have been spotted in the Parklands. A dead tree branch needs to be removed before it falls. The Parish Council's contractor will be asked to carry out this work.

77/22 To receive a report regarding the Village Hall.

The terrace tables will be delivered shortly. They will provide an excellent outdoor facility for residents.

The 'mosquito' deterrent system has been fitted on the hall terrace. This emits a high pitched sound which can only be heard by young people. This is deterring youths from gathering on the terrace late in the evening and acting in an anti-social manner.

78/22 To receive a report on the Parish Paper.

The next edition will be published and distributed in early May.

79/22 To receive a report on the Allotments.

Two tenants have recently given up their plots, which have been re-let. Another will become available this week. There are now no Wembdon residents on the waiting list, although there are people who live just outside the parish who would like allotments.

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80/22 To receive a report on SID results and Speedwatch.

There was no data available this month. The speedwatch team need to recruit more volunteers to join them.

81/22 To receive a report on the Village Hall Community Youth Project.

The upper room in the Hall has been named the Sedgemoor Suite. The project has been delayed due to contractor illness but is set to be completed in late May.

Funding options for the provision of a Youth Club are being explored.

82/22 To receive a report regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.

No meetings have been attended. All minutes from meetings will be circulated when received.

83/22 To receive an update on the preparations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The Beacon arrangements are progressing well. A full schedule of the events in Wembdon will be published in the next edition of the Parish Paper.

A young volunteer who lives in the Parish has volunteered to help with the jubilee arrangements.

The planting of the final tree in the Queen's Copse will be taking place on the afternoon of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June by David Gamblin as the retiring Chair of Wembdon Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust in recognition of his years of service to the community.

84/22 To consider whether the Parish Council should submit a letter of support regarding the Parish Centre's proposal to create a mental health 'hub' in the centre.

It was unanimously resolved to submit a letter of support.

85/22 To note all statutory payments made since the last meeting (see minute 181/20).

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Avalonian Landscapes	Maintenance contract	1417.00

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SALC	Annual subscription	848.95
SDC	Dog bin and litter bin emptying.	1184.59

The payments were noted.

86/22

To note the following non-statutory payments.

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Tony Jay	Clerk's expenses March 2022	235.01
Sedgemoor Tree Services	Annual Tree Inspection	847.63
GA Doble	Village Hall access work	22085.11
HBC	Village Hall external paving	11423.64

The payments were noted.

A budget update sheet had been pre circulated to members.

87/22

To receive any matters of report.

The protection of the sapling oak trees along the footpath from the playing equipment to the Village Hall was discussed. Sedgemoor Tree Services have recommended that the roots should be protected, as most trees have the roots showing. The Parish Council's contractor will be asked to carry out this work.

The annual tree inspection has taken place and all necessary work identified will be carried out.

88/22

Date of next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022. This will be the Annual Parish Council meeting.

End of Minutes