

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors M Solomon (Chairman), D Claydon, D Gliddon, B Hedaux, A Reed and J Wellings.

District Councillor B Bolt.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay

145/22 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillors L Edwards, P Major, M Phillips and R Webber.

146/22 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.

147/22 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th June 2022.

It was resolved to approve the minutes as being a correct record of the meeting (5 in favour, 1 abstention as not present at the meeting).

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

148/22 To invite public speaking.

No member of the public had requested to speak.

149/22 To receive the Clerk's report.

An email has been received from a parishioner regarding tree maintenance in the parish. The Clerk was asked to reply to the parishioner that the Parish Council has been guided by the advice of experts in our tree maintenance programme.

District Councillor Bolt raised the issue of the new Local Community Networks which will be formed. There is still a great deal of uncertainty regarding how these networks will be set up, and what finances and powers that they will have.

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The finding of nitrous oxide capsules in the Parklands has been reported to the local secondary schools. Councillor Hedaux was thanked for providing the school contact information.

150/22 To receive a report on Highways.

There are still streetlight problems on Wembdon Hill with two lights permanently on. The Clerk will report this to Somerset County Council.

151/22 To receive a report on the Footpaths and Verges.

There is a willow tree which needs cutting back on Church Path. The Clerk will write to the landowner asking for permission for the Parish Council to cut back the tree.

Councillor Phillips was thanked for the strimming work that he has carried out in the parish.

Councillors reported that the recent hot weather has meant that many of the footpaths and verges in the parish are overgrowing. Councillors will report back to the Clerk when specific work is required by the contractor.

152/22 To receive a report on the Playing Fields and Common.

An additional security gate has been installed to prevent vehicles illegally entering the playing fields. An additional post will be ordered and installed. The Village Hall Trust will be paying half of the cost.

153/22 To consider the expenditure of £4,775 for the cost of resurfacing of the playground wet pour surfaces.

It was resolved to approve the expenditure for the resurfacing cost (5 in favour, 1 against).

154/22 To receive a report regarding the Village Hall.

A new General Manager has been appointed. He will have the responsibility for all matters relating to all properties owned by the Village Hall Trust.

155/22 To receive a report on the Parish Paper.

The next edition will be published towards the end of July.

156/22 To receive a report on the Allotments.

There are four plots that are now overgrown and need urgent attention. Three of these plots have been neglected in the past, and the tenants have

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previously been written to asking them to maintain their plots, but this has again not happened. It was agreed to write to the tenants of these plots giving them notice to quit within 28 days, as per the terms of their tenancy agreements. The tenant of the fourth plot will be sent a warning letter asking them to maintain their plot as a matter of urgency.

157/22 To receive a report on SID results and Speed watch.

The latest SID results were given to the meeting, as follows:

Wembdon Rise (inbound from NDR) average 24.06 mph; top 72 mph
Wembdon Rise (by Wares Lane) average 23.3 mph; top 54mph
Wembdon Hill (up) average 25.57 mph; top 55 mph
Wembdon Hill (down) average 25.3 mph; top 54 mph
Wembdon Hill (top - inbound) average 24.9 mph; top 65 mph
Sandford Hill (inbound) average speed 28.71 mph; top 74mph
Sandford Hill (outbound) average speed 32.27 mph; top 70mph
Church Rd (20 mph zone) average speed 16.3 mph; top 40 mph

The speed watch team have not met recently due to member illness.

158/22 To receive a report on the Village Hall Community Youth Project.

Youth Unlimited have been appointed to run twice weekly youth club sessions, funded by grant money.

159/22 To receive a report regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.

The next transport forum will be held shortly. Minutes will be forwarded to Councillors when received.

160/22 To receive a report on the Parklands.

Councillor Wellings was thanked for removing a large overhanging tree trunk.

Replacement oak trees have been planted in the hall grounds and Wares Lane.

161/22 To note all statutory payments made since the last meeting (see minute 181/20).

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Avalonian Landscapes	Maintenance contract	1583.00
Sedgemoor DC	Non contested election fees	200.00

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162/22 To note the following non-statutory payments made since the last meeting.

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Tony Jay	Clerk's expenses June 2022	117.38
Amazon	Metal paint for beacon	14.67
Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust	Room hire for meetings – £250.00. Rental for CCTV base station service £250.00 Rental for provision of Accessible Toilet £250.00. All second quarter 2022-23	750.00
Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust	Materials for Community Payback Team	57.94
P. Phillips	CCTV duct and pad	1800.00

A budget update sheet had been pre circulated to Councillors.

163/22 To receive any matters of report.

The jubilee beacon has been repainted, and drainage holes drilled in the base.

164/22 Date of next meeting: 12th September 2022.