

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

County Councillors B. Bolt and M. Caswell (from agenda item 200/22).

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay

- 191/22 To receive any apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Councillors D Claydon, L Edwards and D Gliddon.
The Chairman told the meeting that Richard Webber had offered his resignation as a Parish Councillor. Richard was thanked for his contribution to the work of the Council, lasting many years. Sedgemoor District Council will be notified of this Casual Vacancy.
- 192/22 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.
- 193/22 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 26th September 2022.
It was resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting (4 in favour, 2 abstentions as not present at the meeting).
- 194/22 To invite public speaking.
No member of the public had requested to speak.
- 195/22 To receive the Clerk's report.
It has recently been confirmed that the Parish Council owns the parcel of land in Church Road between the highway and the gardens of 35 to 49 Church Road. Legal advice will be taken to establish the Parish Council's powers in regard to vehicular access over this land.

The Parish Council holds £1001 in RLT2 funds which can be spent on play equipment. Sedgemoor District Council has agreed for this to be used towards the recent repairs to the flooring at the playground.

A replacement basketball net has been ordered and will be installed shortly.
- 196/22 To receive a report on Highways,
A large number of road works are currently taking place in the Parish, Details are posted on the Parish Council website. Jurassic Fibre recently

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carried out works near to the Wembdon Rise / Orchard Lane junction. They damaged a manhole cover, which has left a hole in the cover. This is a safety risk to pedestrians. A temporary yellow plate has been left, but this is not secure. The Clerk was asked to report this matter to the Somerset County Council Highways Department.

- 197/22 To receive a report on the Footpaths and Verges.
The footpath on Homberg Way is being obstructed by overgrown vegetation. This will be reported to Sedgemoor District Council Clean Surroundings.
- 198/22 To receive a report on the Playing Fields and Common.
The accessible swings have now been installed. Councillor Reed was thanked for all her hard work in achieving this success.
- 199/22 To receive a report on the Parklands.
There was no report given to the meeting.
- District and County Councillors B Bolt and M Caswell joined the meeting.
- 200/22 To consider the installation of additional CCTV cameras at the Parklands.
This item will be adjourned to a future meeting to enable additional CCTV camera options to be explored.
- 201/22 To receive a report regarding the Village Hall.
Two part time caretakers have started working at the hall. A New Years Eve party will be held in the hall, with no-one under 16 years old allowed to attend.
- 202/22 To receive a report on the Parish Paper.
The next edition will be sent to the publishers shortly and will be distributed later this month.
- 203/22 To receive a report on the Allotments.
The Community Payback team have been adding fresh bark to the footpaths and have done a great job.
- 204/22 To receive a report on SID results and Speedwatch.
The latest report can be found in edition 38 of the Parish Paper.
- 205/22 To receive a report on the Village Hall Community Youth Project.
The Youth Club is proving to be popular among young people. The Monday sessions are busy, with Wednesday's being quieter.
- 206/22 To receive a report regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.
All reports and meeting minutes have been previously circulated.

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207/22 To agree the budget and precept demand for 2023-24.
 It was unanimously resolved to submit a precept demand of £110,992 for 2023-24, which is exactly the same as in 2022-23.

The actual amount that Wembdon Council Tax payers will pay will depend on the Council Tax Base i.e., the number of households who pay Council Tax.

208/22 To note all statutory payments made since the last meeting (see minute 181/20).

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Avalonian Landscapes	Maintenance contract September	1583.00
Avalonian Landscapes	Additional tasks	280.00
Avalonian Landscapes	Maintenance contract October	1583.00
Avalonian Landscapes	Additional tasks	160.00

The statutory payments were noted.

209/22 To note the following non-statutory payments.

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Tony Jay	Clerk's expenses September	276.49
Tony Jay	Clerk's expenses October	272.46
Wembdon Village Hall	2022-23 second quarter - Room hire £250; CCTV Base service £250; Accessible toilet service £250	750.00
Gardoo	Compost and bark for Parklands	362.97
Bridgwater Mowers / Morrisons	Community Payback Team fuel and equipment	43.98
Sedgemoor District Council	Refill of water butts at Parklands x 4	134.40
Sedgemoor District Council	Dog bin emptying	1839.55
Sedgemoor District Council	Dog and litter bin emptying	362.54
Sedgemoor District Council	Litter bin emptying	781.25
Microsoft	Annual licence	59.99
GL Jones	Installation of Ability Swing and replace tiles with wet pour.	48,660.00
GL Jones	Post installation inspection	360.00

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Lexis Nexis	50% cost (shared with Wraxall and Failand PC) of latest edition of Local Council Administration edition 13	86.00
Wembdon Village Hall	Community Payback Team expenses	9.25
Taunton Timber	Wood for allotment paths	309.20
Bestport	Weed control fabric	28.97
Somerlap	Woodchip	228.60
GB Sports	Playground inspections Oct - March	180.00

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A budget update sheet had been pre circulated to members.

210/22

To receive any matters of report.

Two trees on the Common need pruning. A quote of £337 has been received from Sedgemoor Tree Services to carry out this work. It was agreed that this work is classed as essential, and therefore should be carried out as soon as possible.

211/22

Date of next meeting: 12th December 2022.