

# WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 3rd April 2023 that commenced at 7.00pm when the following business was transacted.

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

County Councillor M Caswell

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay.

75/23 To receive any apologies for absence.  
There were no apologies for absence.

76/23 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.

77/23 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.  
It was resolved to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting (7 in favour, 3 abstentions as not present at the meeting).

78/23 To invite public speaking.  
No member of the public had asked to speak.

79/23 To thank Councillor Mike Solomon for his twenty years' service as a Parish Councillor.

Councillor Mike Solomon was thanked for his twenty years' service to the Parish Council, the last twelve being as the Parish Council Chairman.

The Clerk asked if Councillor Solomon would mind leaving the meeting for a short time. Councillor Solomon left the meeting.

It was unanimously resolved to award Councillor Solomon the honorary title of the Freedom of the Parish of Wembdon.

Councillor Solomon returned to the meeting.

80/23 To consider the acceptance of a quotation of £950 for the construction of a storage compound at the Parklands.  
It was unanimously resolved to accept the quotation and approve the construction of the storage compound.

The expenditure will come from the Parklands budget.

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81/23 To receive the Clerk's report.

Edition 39 of the Parish Paper has been printed and distributed. The next edition will be published in June.

A request has been made by a parishioner for some goal posts to be installed on the playing fields for children to use. This will be included as an agenda item for the next parish council meeting.

82/23 To receive councillor reports on parish matters.

## Highways / Speed Indicator Report

The roll out of the new 20mph speed limit in the village is currently going ahead. More signs and roundels will be installed.

The work has begun to re-calibrate the Speed Indicator Devices to recognise the new speed limit. These are the readings for January 20<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### Fixed Solar: Wembdon Rise Eastbound

Average Speed 22.9 mph; 85<sup>th</sup>ile 26 mph; Top Speed 53 mph on 27/03 at 19:00.

### Fixed Solar: Wembdon Rise Westbound

Average Speed 23.67 mph; 85<sup>th</sup>ile 26 mph; Top Speed 63 mph on 16/03 at 21:00

### Fixed Solar: Sandford Hill Inbound

Average Speed inbound 28.4 mph; Outgoing 31.5 mph; Incoming 85<sup>th</sup> % 34 mph; Outgoing 37 mph. Top speed inwards 78 mph 08:30 on 01/02/23.  
Outwards 72 mph 14:30 on 03/03/23.

## Parklands

Work has begun on the stumpery. Hera fencing is being sourced to protect the area whilst the work is taking place.

## Allotments

New chippings have been delivered and used to enhance the pathways. Two allotment plots have become vacant and have been relet.

83/23 To receive a report regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.  
Reports from recent meetings have been circulated to all councillors.

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84/23 To note all statutory payments made since the last meeting (see minute 181/20).

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Avalonian Landscapes	Maintenance contract	1583.00

The statutory payments were noted.

85/23 To note the following non-statutory payments.

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Tony Jay	Clerk's expenses	101.36
G Lancaster	Repair slabs at park entrance	260.00
South Western Ambulance Trust	Renewal of lease of two defibrillators	3360.00

The non-statutory payments were noted.

A budget update sheet had been pre circulated to members.

86/23 To receive any matters of report.  
The new grit bin has been installed in Oak Apple Drive and has been filled with grit.

There continues to be problems caused by the work of Jurassic Fibre in the parish. A recent power cut in Wembdon Rise was not caused by the work of Jurassic Fibre.

Councillor Chalk has been working on measures to combat dog mess. Wembdon, Pupils from Wembdon St. Georges Church School will be designing posters to be placed in the parish asking for people to pick up their dog's mess. A resident who has expressed concerns about this issue will also be creating posters.

A Wembdon pensioner has been invited to receive Maundy Money from King Charles at a ceremony in York. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of congratulations to the pensioner.

The youth club will be relocating from the Village Hall upstairs Sedgemoor Room to the downstairs Kidsbury Room to enable them to have easier access to the playing fields.

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87/23            Date of next meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This will be the Annual Parish  
Council Meeting.

End of minutes.