

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 11th December 2023 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Councillors A Reed (Chairman), L Edwards, D Gliddon, J Hayden-Briffett, B Hedaux, P King, P Major and M Phillips.

County Councillor B Bolt.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay

258/23 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor D Claydon.

259/23 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.

Councillor Reed declared an interest in agenda items 262/23 and 263/23. Councillor Phillips stated that he would take part in the debates for agenda items 262/23 and 263/23 but that he would abstain from voting.

260/23 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th November 2023.

It was resolved to approve the minutes (7 in favour, 1 abstention as not present at the meeting).

261/23 To invite public speaking.

No member of the public had requested to speak.

Councillor A Reed left the meeting. Councillor P Major chaired the next two agenda items.

262/23 To consider a request from the Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust for a donation towards the cost incurred in the installation of the recently installed height barrier at the entrance to the hall car park.

The Clerk explained that there was a budgeted figure of £2,000 in 2023-24 to the Trust to be used for a project such as this.

It was resolved to donate £2,000 to the Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust (7 in favour, 1 abstention).

263/23 To consider quotations received for the replacement of one side of the fence on the bridge between the Liddall fields and the Parklands.

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It was resolved to accept a quotation of £850 for the work. (2 in favour, 1 against, 4 abstentions), which was not the lowest quote, but it was felt that the contractor submitting the quotation was the most suitable for this work.

Councillor A Reed returned to the meeting and resumed the Chairing of the meeting.

264/23 To receive councillor reports.

The latest edition of the Parish Paper has been distributed. All councillors were thanked for delivering the copies throughout the parish. The next edition will be published in February.

The latest Local Community Network meeting was held in Wembdon Village Hall and was well attended. The minutes of the meeting have been circulated. The next meeting will be in Nether Stowey on 31st January.

The flooding at Moores Lane was discussed. Some of the ditches have been cleared by a local farmer. Pipework underneath a drove will need to be enlarged to enable the flood water to be carried away.

The latest Speed Indicator Device information has been downloaded. High end speeders continue to be a problem, especially in the early mornings and late evenings. On Sandford Hill only 57% of vehicles are travelling below 25mph in the 20mph limit, whereas on Wembdon Rise by Wares Lane 89% are driving under 25mph. The volume of vehicles passing through the parish has reduced dramatically. On Wembdon Hill, in May 2022 979 vehicles per day were coming down the hill but in December 2023 this had reduced to 717 per day. Cannington are looking to follow our lead and considering introducing a 20mph speed limit in their village.

The speedwatch team will be operating again shortly.

CCTV and 'Keep Dog's on Leads' have been removed from a post in the Parklands. Replacement signs will be ordered.

The Councillors will hold a budget setting discussion at 6.30pm on Monday 29th January, with a Council meeting held at 7.30pm that day to agree the budget and precept demand.

265/23 To note all statutory payments made since the last meeting (see minute 151/23).

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Avalonian Landscapes	Maintenance contract	1583.00
Somerset Council	Litter bin emptying	781.25

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Somerset Council	Litter and dog bin emptying	362.54
Somerset Council	Dog bin emptying	1839.55

The statutory payments were noted.

266/23 To note the following non-statutory payments.

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Tony Jay	Clerk's expenses November 2023	154.98
Sedgemoor Tree Services	Tree management	1054.64
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Sedgemoor Tree Services	Tree management	409.48
Parish Magazine Printing	Parish Paper	629.00
Avalonian Landscapes	Tree staking	35.00
Fine Memorials	Plaque	472.80
Fine Memorials	Plaque	440.88
Give a Day team	Plants and bulbs	87.48

The non-statutory payments were noted.

A budget update sheet had been pre circulated to members.

267/23 To receive any matters of report.

There were no matters to report.

268/23 Date of next meeting: 8th January 2024.

End of minutes.