

# WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Wembdon Parish Council held at Wembdon Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Councillors A Reed (Chairman), C Chalk, D Claydon, P King, and P Major.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay.

85/24 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies have been received from Councillors Edwards, Gliddon, Hayden-Briffett, Hedaux and Phillips.

86/24 To receive any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

87/24 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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

88/24 To invite public speaking.

No member of the public had requested to speak.

89/24 To receive the Clerk's report.

Parish Councils are being encouraged to move to .gov.uk websites and email addresses. The Government is offering a £100 contribution towards the set-up costs. It is likely that this will become legislation in the future. Councillor Major is exploring options for the Parish Council.

The track leading to the allotments is full of potholes. The Clerk will be obtaining three quotes for the work and bringing these to the May meeting for consideration.

The PCSO who covers Wembdon, along with other parishes, has now returned to work following a long period of sickness. He was invited to attend this meeting but did not acknowledge the invitation. The Councillors expressed their disappointment that the PCSO seems unwilling to engage with the Council.

Police enquiries are continuing regarding the criminal damage to the accessible trampoline.

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Somerset Council has notified us of the Somerset Day Big Picnic Event 2024, which will be held on the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> May. This is very short notice to arrange such an event.

We are still awaiting permission from Somerset Council to replace the water butt at the Parklands.

90/24 To receive a Somerset Councillor's report.

A report has been received and circulated to Councillors. A copy is available from the Clerk upon request.

91/24 To review the Parish Council's CCTV policy - Public Space Surveillance Code of Practice.

It was unanimously resolved to make a minor amendment to the policy to enable a nominated Village Hall Trustee to view the CCTV footage.

92/24 To consider a quotation received for the painting of the swings in the Recreation Ground.

It was unanimously resolved to accept the quotation of £415.98.

93/24 To receive an update on the arrangements for the D Day commemorations.

The beacon at the allotments will be lit, and the church bells will be rung. Full details of these events will be included in the next edition of the Parish Paper, and published on our website.

94/24 To receive a report on the Parish paper.

The next Parish Paper is due to be published in the second half of May. The theme will be the D-Day commemorations.

95/24 To receive a report on Highways.

More potholes have been reported to Somerset Council. Not all are new, with some being the result of very poor-quality repairs to existing potholes which have been washed away.

The pavement outside 32A was damaged when the adjacent wall fell down and was rebuilt and is in need of repair. The Clerk will report this to Somerset Council.

96/24 To receive a report on the Footpaths and Verges.

The footpath which crosses the Church car park between Church road and Wembdon Motors is in a very poor state of repair. This lane is owned by the

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Church, who will be asked if they are going to carry out the necessary repairs.

97/24 To receive a report on the Playing Fields and Common.

The repairs will be made to the accessible trampoline following the recent criminal damage.

Work is continuing on the registration of Wembdon Common with the land registry.

98/24 To receive a report on the Parklands.

The recent bad weather has delayed the start of the usual work that takes place in the Spring, however this has now begun.

99/24 To receive a report regarding the Village Hall.

The coffee shop is doing very well. There was nothing else to report.

100/24 To receive a report on the Allotments.

Rubbish has been removed from the site by Councillor Claydon, for which she was thanked. Three plots have recently been vacated. Two have been let, but one is still available. There are currently no parishioners on the waiting list.

101/24 To receive a report regarding Perry Green.

The flood water has now receded, but as work has been carried out to alleviate future flooding there will be a danger that the problem will be moved elsewhere. The situation will continue to be monitored.

102/24 To receive a report on SID results and Speedwatch.

There was no report available.

103/24 To receive a report regarding the Transport Forum and the EDF Forum.

There has not been a recent meeting.

104/24 To note all statutory payments made since the last meeting (see minute 181/20).

Payee	Detail	Amount £
GWB Services	Maintenance contract	2828.00*

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The statutory payments were noted.

105/24 To note the following non-statutory payments.

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Tony Jay	Clerk's expenses March	166.28
WWT	Donation for speaking at Parish Assembly	70.00
Chagos Consulting	Annual Parish Online training fee	100.00

Items marked with an asterix include VAT.

The non-statutory payments were noted.

106/24 To receive any matters of report.

A young man taking his Duke of Edinburgh award will be litter picking in the parish as a project. The work will be supervised by his mother and signed off by Councillor Claydon.

The next Neighbourhood Plan update meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> April. One item being considered is an aspiration for a Parish Council office to be situated in the parish. The Councillors will be asked whether they support this aspiration at the next Parish Council meeting.

107/24 Date of next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

End of minutes.