

WEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors	D Drought	Chairman
	J Bennett	
	A Cammack	
	M Doody	
	P Filby	
	M Gage	
	J Hart	County Councillor
	N Martin	
	R Newnham	
	R Rowland	Vice Chairman
	L Scoble	
	J Squire	District Councillor
Clerk	R Fairclough	

Minutes of the Wembury Parish Council meeting held at the War Memorial Hall, Wembury, on Monday 26 April 2010.

10-042 OPENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cllr Drought opened the meeting at 7.30 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cllrs Cammack, Doody, Filby, Gage, Hart, Martin, Newnham, Rowland, and Squire were present.

District Cllr Cane, Sgt Anya Teakle and nine members of the public were also present. Minutes of the meeting would be taken by Cllr Filby in the absence of the Clerk.

10-043 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Bennett, Scoble and the Clerk, Roy Fairclough.

10-044 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No new interests were declared.

10-045 THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL WAS SUSPENDED FOR THE PUBLIC TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS OR TO PUT QUESTIONS

The Chairman suspended the business of the Council and opened this session to the public at 7.33 pm.

i) Crime Report April 2010

Cllr Rowland had attended the recent Police Liaison Meeting and recommended that the monthly report to Wembury Parish Council should include "what the police have been doing in Wembury" in addition to the usual report of crimes. This was welcomed by Sergeant Anya Teakle, who proceeded to report as follows:-

Jl/10/328

Between Saturday 3rd April 2010 and Tuesday 6th April 2010, two domestic cats have sustained injuries, which were initially believed to be caused by air pellets. Further

inquiries at the scene in Wembury Road now lead Police to believe that the cats may have been accidentally caught in cross fire from shotgun pellets, which are believed to have been discharged in nearby woodland.

JI/10/341 & JI/10/364

Overnight between Monday 12th April 2010 and Tuesday 13th April 2010, a car parked in Beach View Crescent has been entered by unknown means. Nothing from within the vehicle was stolen. The motive of the offender is unknown. This incident has been recorded as an attempted theft.

The following night the same vehicle was entered again, this time it was believed to be with a key. Nothing was stolen from within, but a 'cover strip' was stolen from the exterior of the vehicle.

There have been two domestic related incidents. Force policy does not allow disclosure of information.

Other Incidents this month in Wembury involving local Police, include:-

Stopping a vehicle in Southland Park Road, towing 5 males on skate boards

Assisting to return a lost boy on Wembury Beach to his family

Offering crime prevention advice to residents of a recently burgled property in Wembury Road

Attending Hollacombe brake to offer advice in long running neighbourly dispute

Protracted enquiries involving a disqualified driver

Enquiries relating to driving without due care and attention in Down Thomas

Anti-social behaviour at Bovisand

Speed checks have been carried out in Wembury Road and the average speed was 28.3 mph. One driver was found to be driving at 43 mph.

Following PC John Nolan's promotion to sergeant, PC Rob Batchelor will be appointed as the Neighbourhood Beat Manager on a temporary basis for 6 months.

ii) Public Comments

Alan Hawthorn: expressed concerns about the development at Knighton Road. At the request of the Chairman Cllr Squire responded and explained the history of the project. He reiterated the Parish Council's objection and expressed his concern about a proposed meeting on 10 May 2010 between South Hams DC officers and a developer, Cavanna Homes. He felt that this was much too premature and anticipated a public consultation for which a date had not yet been published.

Alan Hawthorn then asked about the possible development of plot 3 as raised by Mr Dumbleton at the previous meeting. It was explained that this site had already been rejected by the Prince's Trust Foundation as unsuitable.

Mr Adams of Knighton Road said that he had seen various officials at the site with maps and plans.

A general discussion followed in which **Jean Fletcher** and others commented on the lack of information available and asked why there was not more publicity. The Chairman explained that the matter had been under active consideration by the Parish Council ever since it became public and that The Parish Council had made its views clear that it was against the development. These views have been publicised in the minutes of the meetings and in the Wembury Review.

Cllr Rowland questioned the wording of the Parish Council minutes in supporting up to 10 houses on the site. He claimed that this had never been put to the vote.
Clerk to check minutes to test this and inform members accordingly.

The Chairman, in conclusion, urged those present who objected to the plan to lobby South Hams DC themselves and get as many others as possible to do the same.

Mr Adams asked if an officer from South Hams DC's Planning Department could attend the next meeting of the Parish Council. The Chairman agreed to his request.
Clerk to invite a planning officer from South Hams DC to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Mr Hawthorn asked about the removal of the bottle bank from the Odd Wheel car park and was told that it had been removed at the request of the owners of the pub.

Mr Adams asked about dog fouling on the Wembury football field. The limited availability of the Dog Warden was explained, but a persistent offender had recently been caught and dealt with. The possibility of excluding dogs from both the playing fields and the allotments was discounted because it would require the introduction of a new by-law.

Mr Adams asked about notices at the top of Knighton Hill. It was explained that the notices were on private land and therefore not subject to Highways rules. It was agreed that a reminder notice should be inserted in the Wembury Review.
Clerk to insert a reminder notice in the Wembury Review.

Jean Fletcher reported that street lighting was left on during the day near the Wembury Post Office. It was explained that this was probably due to a power cut upsetting the timing. **Cllr Hart agreed to look into it.**

Brian Nichols asked if Totnes could have its Fore Street resurfaced why not Wembury. Was it anything to do with Totnes being an important town in South Hams?
Cllr Hart denied this and added that Mewstone Avenue was on the list for resurfacing, but not for another 2 or 3 years. They were trying to tackle the worst cases first.

The Chairman closed this open session at 8.15 pm and resumed Parish Council business.

10-046 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 29 MARCH 2010.

The minutes were agreed as being a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

10-047 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

10-036 i) Woodland Trust – Longland Brake, Heybrook Bay

An email had been sent to the Woodland Trust and a reply was awaited. An article had been put in the Wembury Review.

10-036ii) Mrs Hall - Dog Fouling

Both the Chairman and the Dog Warden had checked the path the following day and found no evidence of dog fouling. It appears that the problem may have been exaggerated.

10-036 iii) Spencer Pearson – Wembury Carnival

No formal grant request has been received yet.

10-039 i) Litter Policy on Wembury Beach

South Hams DC claims that beach cleaning is the responsibility of the National Trust. South Hams DC will continue to collect waste from the bins adjacent to the toilets, which are located on South Hams DC leased land.

Cllr Squire will ask South Hams DC for a collection timetable.

10-024 Potholes & Road Surfacing

Cllr Hart said that action was continuing.

10-027 i) Missing Rack Corner Sign

Devon Highways has ordered the sign and it is awaited.

10-048 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY PLANNING REPORT AT ANNEX A TO THESE MINUTES

The Chairman went through the planning report shown in Annex A of the Agenda.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Report with resolutions as detailed in ANNEX A of these minutes.

10-049 TO RECEIVE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

i) Epiphany Trust – Grant Request

This is an organisation that works overseas and therefore Wembury Parish Council cannot consider funding for such organisations.

The Clerk to advise the Epiphany Trust accordingly.

FOR INFORMATION.

The letters in ANNEX B had all been circulated and were taken as read.

10-050 URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

None.

10-051 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MATTERS AFFECTING WEMBURY DEVON CC

Cllr Hart explained that it costs £40-48 per ton to dispose of landfill waste. This will rise to £75 per ton over the next ten years. The current fine for over-tipping is £150 per ton. Staff reductions have reached over 300 already, as a result of natural wastage, retraining and staff preferring to work nearer home because of the high cost of travel. This trend is continuing.

The results of the Judicial Review into boundary changes should be published shortly. **Cllr Hart** suggested that delays by the Treasury solicitors might result in the outcome being delayed until after the election. He suggested that Exeter has seriously underestimated the costs of implementing the boundary changes, especially when the actual costs incurred in Cornwall were considered.

Devon CC is carrying out a property review of its holdings in Totnes.

Savings are being made as back office services are being brought together to all work from the same site.

SOUTH HAMS DC

Cllr Squire informed members that a new street cleaning device, a hand-held type of vacuum cleaner known as a Glutton, will be in use on local streets.

South Hams DC is looking to offset the costs of maintaining Follaton House, which are currently at £540 000 pa.

Public sector cuts are inevitable and there will be cuts in services.

The number of services shared with West Devon DC is growing, with many savings being made.

John Halliday reported at a recent Scrutiny Meeting that the roads of Devon are wearing out and an estimate of the cost of rectifying the situation would be £200 million. Cllr Hart added that it may be necessary to abandon some roads in the future.

Cllr Cane informed members that an exhibition to encourage more use of real nappies will be held in the Civic Square in Totnes on 28 April 2010.

Composting at home is easy. A Composting Kit is available from Follaton House for £12.50 with a £2.50 delivery charge.

Clerk was asked to include note in Wembury Review about the Composting Kit.

South Hams DC is cooperating in a rough sleeper's survey in Totnes in conjunction with volunteers and the Police.

10-052 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES AS APPROPRIATE

i) Parish Plan Action Group

Cllr Filby is continuing to enter the Wembury Parish Plan on to the Communities in Action web site. Stands have been taken at the Down Thomas Summer Festival on 12 June and at the Wembury PTA Summer Fair on 3 July, to publicise the Parish Plan. Councillors were invited to help with manning these stands.

ii) Leisure Facilities Working Group

Cllr Bennett is on holiday so there was no report.

Cllr Newnham asked whether damping works had been completed in the skate park because he needed to know if he was authorised to pay for them. An answer would have to wait until Cllr Bennett's return from holiday.

Cllr Squire reported that quotes received for the tennis courts had been accepted and a contractor appointed. Work was proceeding very quickly.

iii) Wembury Beach Liaison Group

Cllr Gage had recommended that Wembury Sailing Club should submit their planning application for the kayak rack, despite their worries about Amenity Society objections.

iv) River Yealm Harbour Authority

Cllr Drought reported that he had attended the recent AGM of the Yealm Harbour Authority. The Yealm Estuary Management Team was meeting this week and no doubt the question of the Waste Disposal Unit at Lee Mill would be discussed.

**10-053 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AT ANNEX C**

i) Financial Statement for April 2010

Due to the Clerk being on holiday there was no financial report this month.

10-054 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Gage had submitted a photograph of a fence at the roadway boundary of a house in Church Road and questioned its status.

The Clerk is asked to raise a query with DCC Highways authority.

Cllr Filby reported that he had spoken to the Odd Wheel management company and had been told that the selection of a new tenant was at an advanced stage and that it was expected that the pub would reopen in early June.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.21 pm.

Peter Filby
Acting Clerk