

WEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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| 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 Silver Jubilee Hall, Down Thomas, on Monday 27 September 2010.

10-103 OPENING THE MEETING

The Vice Chairman, Cllr Rowland opened the meeting at 7.33 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Inspector Chivers.
Cllrs Bennett, Cammack, Filby, Hart, Newnham, and Squire were present.
District Cllr Cane, Adam King, Inspector Chivers and six members of the public were also present.

10-104 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Drought, Doody, Gage and Scoble and also from PC R Batchelor and PCSO Sid Lawrence.

10-105 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Hart declared an interest in planning application 58/2074/10/F.

10-106 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 7.34 pm.

i) Inspector Chivers – Crime Report for September 2010

Inspector Chivers presented the Crime Report for August / September 2010.

Jl/10/721: Between 01/01/2010 and 10/08/2010 a theft occurred from a farm where pins were taken from a tractor. Enquires are ongoing.

Jl/10/735: A domestic assault force dictates non disclosure of information.

Jl/10/748: Between 1200pm and 1400pm on 16th August 2010 a male on Bovisand beach allegedly exposed himself to two women. A comprehensive investigation took place however there are no more lines of enquiry and no suspect was identified.

Jl/10/749: Same as above - as two victims.

Jl/10/765: A domestic incident force dictates non disclosure of information

Jl/10/776: A domestic incident force dictates non disclosure of information
Jl/10/842: Between 19/09/2010 and 20/09/2010 a burglary occurred at a property in Down Thomas. Enquiries are ongoing.

Inspector Chivers informed members that there was currently a trend across the region for thefts of metal, especially from farms and he asked everyone to be vigilant. He reported that the Wembury Parish area was low crime area with 20 crimes last year and 19 this year, a reduction of 5%. The Neighbourhood Beat Team is working closely with the National Trust and involved in day to day problems at Wembury Beach. There were also regular speed checks in the parish and further policing details could be obtained from Force Neighbourhood website at <http://neighbourhoodpolicing.devon-cornwall.police.uk/Pages/FindMyNeighbourhood.aspx>

Cllr Bennett explained about the new and refurbished leisure facilities in Wembury and asked whether this area could be put on the list for a regular patrol by the Neighbourhood Beat Team and for the Police to get to know the youngsters using the facilities.

Cllr Newnham asked for the Police to walk around the community, rather than ride through in a car, so that they could get to know the local people and children.

Cllr Filby said that the Odd Wheel pub had recently reopened but that the Police had not yet spoken to the new landlady or been in the pub.

The Clerk said that the comments being made by councillors were symptomatic of poor communication by the Police with the general community in Wembury. This was also reflected by the poor attendance of the Police at the Parish Council meetings. Little was known about the when the Police are in the area and he felt that with better communication and more advanced information, it would be possible for the Police to meet more people and the Parish Councillors, to discuss local issues in an informal way.

Inspector Chivers responded to the questions and said that the Police do have ongoing work with children, through the schools. He would speak to the team about improving communication and arrange for more informal meetings with the local community. The Police would soon be carrying out a survey in the area to get feedback on their service. He also said that PC Rob Batchelor would remain in the Wembury area for longer than originally thought.

The Vice Chairman thanked Inspector Chivers for attending the meeting and for candidly answering the various questions.

ii) Members of the Public

Mr T Romang referred to the recent planning application by the Wembury Sailing Club, for a boat rack on Wembury Beach. He felt that the current design of the boat rack was too high and asked the Parish Council to consider the visual affect of the boat rack on the views to the sea before making any decision on the planning application. He considered that a lower boat rack would be better and not spoil the enjoyment of the countryside for everyone.

Mrs D Barratt supported the comments made by Mr Romang and said that the visual impact of the racking needs to be kept to a minimum.

The Vice Chairman said that their views would be taken into consideration when the planning application was discussed but that in addition, they should both write to the Planning Office at South Hams DC to express their views.

Mr C Tarsky raised the question of the 48 bus service to Wembury on behalf of the recently formed Bus User Group. He would be convening a meeting of the group in the

near future. He then explained that he had met with First and Devon CC and suggested improvements to the 48 bus service, such as route, timing, stopping times and rescheduling of other routes. However, he had not received any response despite chasing First Buses on several occasions. He would continue chasing both First and Devon CC for a response.

Mr C Tarsky thanked the Parish Council for their contribution to the refurbishment of the Wembury Tennis Courts and said that the contractor had done an excellent job. The Wembury Tennis Club has again risen from the ashes and has managed to regain the money from the old bank account. He urged the Parish Councillors to support their request for a grant to provide labour to paint the posts holding the tennis court netting and South Hams DC will provide the materials.

Adam King, Wembury Tree Warden

Adam reported that he had contacted the Woodland Trust about Longlands Brake woodland and that he would be arranging a meeting with interested parties during October, to discuss the future management of the woodland.

Mr T Romang explained that there were steep steps in the woodland that required work on them and that insurance would be expensive. Adam said that these were some of the issues to be discussed at the meeting.

The Chairman closed this open session at 8.14 pm and resumed Parish Council business.

10-107 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 26 July 2010.

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

10-108 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

10-067 i) Replacement of Street Name Signs

Replacement of the Church Road and Hawthorn Drive signs is in hand by South Hams DC, but may take some time.

10-088 i) Lengthsman

The Clerk reported that the lengthsman had now cleared most drainage problems in the area.

The Clerk had put an article in the Wembury Review asking good neighbours to volunteer to help clean signs and gulleys. However, the Clerk had not received any response from the public to date.

10-088 ii) Bovisand Park Estate Ltd

The Vice Chairman reported that at the recent Bovisand Park Estate AGM, shareholders again voted to keep the site to be closed for 6 weeks during February and March, so that essential repairs and site maintenance can be carried out, in spite of recent planning approval to extend the holiday usage of several chalets to 12 months of the year. However, it was a close vote and may be overturned at next year's AGM.

10-088 iii) Manor Bourne Sewer

The Clerk reported that some work had been carried out to relieve the flooding, but that the sewer has still not been repaired. It is not likely to be repaired, until a TV survey has been carried out, but at the present time there is no money for the TV survey. Meanwhile, the Post Box still remains closed on Health and Safety grounds.

Cllr Hart again agreed to investigate the situation.

10-089 Footpath Past 12 Knighton Road

Cllr Filby reported that the Headteacher does not want another access to the school.

Cllr Rowland was more concerned with improving the footpath past 12 Knighton Road up to the school, to avoid parents and children having to cross the road from the 'footpath' on the other side of the road.

The Clerk was asked to speak to Devon Highways about the matter.

10-091 Devon CC Mobile Library

Wembury Village Hall has rejected the use of their car park for use by the mobile library on insurance grounds. The Clerk had suggested using the Barton Close car park instead. A general debate ensued about the loss of a potential fundraising opportunity by the Village Hall Committee by not co-ordinating some form of coffee morning event at the same time the mobile library visit. It appears that Wembury is the only Parish not to take up this opportunity.

Cllr Hart agreed to speak to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

10-092 Parking Problems in Church Road, Wembury

Cllr Squire reported that from May, South Hams DC had taken on six civil enforcement officers, which should improve the coverage in Wembury.

10-109 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 23 August 2010.

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10-110 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

10-100 i) Lorna Sherriff, National Trust Ranger

Lorna had passed on the relevant information, about the information board supplier, to the Clerk.

10-111 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY PLANNING REPORT AT ANNEX A TO THESE MINUTES

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

Cllr Hart left the room whilst Planning Application No 58/2074/10/F was discussed.

Cllr Filby reported that 12 Knighton Road had three planning applications refused, the owners were currently appealing, the works had a restriction order on it and the area looked a mess. **It was agreed to keep an eye on these works.**

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

10-112 TO RECEIVE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

i) Devon Association of Local Councils

The AGM was held on 25 September 2010 and the Clerk had recorded the Parish Council's apology.

ii) South Hams DC – Local Development Framework – Rural Areas Site Allocations

The Knighton Hill, Wembury, site allocation will be discussed by the Inspector on Wednesday 3 November.

Unknown to the Parish Council, Taylor Wimpey had also included an alternative site at Leyford Close, Wembury, to be discussed by the Inspector on the same day.

A discussion then ensued.

It appears that this alternative will only be discussed if Knighton Hill is rejected. If it is discussed then there will have to be a further consultation period. It appears that South Hams DC will object to this alternative site.

The Clerk was asked to object on behalf of the Wembury Parish Council.

Also unknown to the Parish Council, Cavanna Homes have included the site at Down Thomas to be discussed by the Inspector on Friday 12 November. It appears that South Hams DC will object to this site allocation. A discussion then ensued.

The Clerk was asked to object on behalf of the Wembury Parish Council.

Anyone can object to these allocations to the Inspector, before 18 October 2010.

The Clerk was asked to express concern to the South Hams DC Planning Officer about the additional schemes that have suddenly appeared.

The Clerk was also asked to circulate relevant details to the Parish Councillors for distribution around Wembury and Down Thomas communities.

iii) D & C Police Authority - Police Authority Liaison Meetings

Already discussed under item 10-106 i).

iv) St Werburgh Church Council - Wembury Church Rooms

It appears that the Church Council have now obtained Possessory Title to the Church Room, Wembury. It was agreed that a meeting should be held with the Church Council to discuss the future of the Church Room for the advantage of the Wembury community.

Clerk to arrange a suitable meeting.

v) South Hams DC – Parish Council Service Provision

The Clerk reported that the South Hams DC Cleansing Department wish to improve communication with the Parish regarding the formation of a partnership to provide future cleansing services within the Wembury Parish. At the present time Steve Mason, South Hams DC, is off sick but he will arrange a suitable meeting to discuss future cleansing within Wembury Parish upon his return.

vi) Mrs Crossman

Most of the works identified by Mrs Crossman have now been completed where possible.

vii) Devon CC – Deep Lane Consultation Report

Cllr Hart reported that works have started on the Deep Lane junction and may possibly continue for a further nine months. Suitable diversions are in operation.

viii) Terry Clark

On behalf of the Wembury Village Hall, Terry Clark requested a grant of £300 towards the £600 for a new set of outside Christmas lights for the tree and Hall in Wembury. Funding raising events will raise the remaining money.

Following a short discussion, Cllr Bennett proposed, Seconded by Cllr Filby that Wembury Parish Council grant £300 towards the purchase of outside Christmas lights for tree and Hall in Wembury. Approved by 5 votes for with 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED: Wembury Parish Council grant £300 towards the purchase of outside Christmas lights for tree and Hall in Wembury.

ix) Wembury Tennis Club

Wembury Tennis Club has arranged for a handyman to paint the posts holding the netting around the tennis courts and have requested a grant of £250 towards this work. It has already been agreed that South Hams DC will provide the materials for this job.

Following a short discussion Cllr Cammack proposed, seconded by Cllr Hart, that the Wembury Tennis Club is given a grant of £250 to enable the tennis courts posts to be painted. The motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: Wembury Parish Council grant £250 to Wembury Tennis Club to enable the tennis courts posts to be painted.

x) Clearing Bridleway No 20

John Stansell, Churchwood Valley Park, has cleared Bridleway No 20 and has asked whether the Parish Council would contribute to the costs of clearing this bridleway. A short discussion ensued.

The Clerk was asked to find out how much it cost to clear the bridleway.

FOR INFORMATION.

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

10-113 URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

The Vice Chairman reported that the Parish Council had received an email from Camilla Ayres, Down Thomas Playground Sub Committee, explaining that the children's play equipment adjacent to the Village Hall had recently been condemned and the group are in the process of raising funds to replace the equipment. However, she is also asking the Parish Council for financial support in replacing condemned playground equipment.

Cllr Newnham declared an interest in this matter and took no further action regarding this item.

The Down Thomas War Memorial Village Hall has also applied for grants from the Groundwork Trust and the Co-op Society. It was not clear what the total cost of the scheme was.

The Clerk was asked to write in support of the equipment replacement and to seek further information regarding scheme costings.

10-114 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MATTERS AFFECTING WEMBURY DEVON CC

Cllr Hart said that the new MUGA would be officially opened at 10.30 am on Monday 18 October 2010. A plaque will be unveiled and all the councillors are welcome to attend.

He was shortly to attend an extreme weather event at the Met Office and a new concept in winter maintenance is to be discussed, which may help Wembury with future winter road gritting. More grit boxes will be available and a list of current box locations is being made for further discussion with Parish Councils.

Many different permutations have been put forward for the proposed Local Enterprise Partnership. It looks to be a messy future and the Government will have to decide on the format. However, it is intended that whatever the partnership form will be, it will be chaired by a business person.

Cllr Hart circulated a sheet indicating Tough Choices, which he is discussing with the public at his meetings around Devon. He would welcome the councillor's views, especially at his meeting in Ivybridge in November. He is looking for Devon CC to save £50M in the first year from various expenditure heads.

The Clerk agreed to circulate the sheet to all Parish Councillors.

He informed members that Devon CC have been asked by DEFRA to sort out the Fisheries Group.

Cllr Hart will investigate the final cost of the MUGA with the Clerk and agreed that any underspend would be ploughed back into the Wembury Parish leisure facilities.

SOUTH HAMS DC

Cllr Cane informed members that South Hams DC has now appointed a new Chief Executive, who is shared with South Devon DC. Torridge and Teignbridge DC's are also sharing a Chief Executive.

There is currently a scam going round regarding a Council Tax rebate and he warned members of the public to be aware that it is a scam and to check with South Hams DC before giving out any personal details.

The English Democrats are currently trying to get up a petition to have a vote on whether to have an elected Mayor. If this did happen then it would be a costly exercise for the South Hams DC.

A leaflet from Villages in Action about getting people together, was circulated around the room.

Cllr Squire informed members that if local government raises the Council Tax above the target set by Government then a local referendum will have to be held.

Village Hub, is a discussion by three councils to see how best to get IT into rural villages. There is currently funding for this research but not for the implementation.

The ground works at Langage is complete and an information centre for school children is now available.

The Tenants Initiative, which encourages people to downsize their house for a payment, has been successful.

The Sherford meeting has been deferred. The Section 106 Agreement has not been agreed and the contractor has been given a final warning by South Hams DC.

Eric Pickles is putting pressure on local authorities to cut budgets and South Hams DC has to make tough service decisions to cut £440,000 from their budget. However, South Hams DC was considered to be one of the most resilient Councils to accommodate the government financial cuts.

10-115 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES AS APPROPRIATE

i) PARISH PLAN ACTION GROUP

Cllr Filby reported that to provide the three new National trust Notice Boards cost around £400 plus frames. Therefore, he is currently looking at another suggested supplier and will prepare a figure for a Parish Council Notice Board for next year's budget in due course.

Cllr Filby was currently seeking advice about the best way of putting the Wembury Parish Plan on the Community Users website.

Cllr Filby said that the Wembury Bus Service User Group had been formed and already discussed earlier in the meeting. They would organise a meeting in due course.

ii) LEISURE FACILITIES WORKING GROUP

Cllr Bennett reported on the various leisure facilities.

Tennis Courts

The refurbishment of the Wembury Tennis Courts had been completed on 23 September and the Tennis Club members enjoyed their open day on Sunday 26 September.

Youngsters from 4 years upwards are now able to take part in coaching after school. Ian Shannon, Tennis Club Chairman, is a qualified coach; telephone 862931 to book a session.

The Tennis Club are currently arranging for the posts holding the netting to be painted. A formal agreement between the Wembury Tennis Club and South Hams DC is still to be arranged.

It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter of thanks to South Hams DC for their management and funding of the refurbishment.

MUGA

Cllr Bennett reported that the work on the MUGA is virtually complete and will be officially opened on 18 October by Cllr Hart.

A 62 meter section of the public footpath, from the car park to the MUGA, has also been resurfaced as part of the scheme.

The Clerk was asked to express the thanks of Wembury Parish Council to Cllr Hart and Devon CC for their financial contribution which made the MUGA possible.

Skateboard Park

This is proving to be a very popular and well used facility.

Wembury Play Area

The Parish Council is still waiting for the spinning pole to be refixed, which is due on 1 October.

Down Thomas Play Area

The £3000 held by South Hams DC for play equipment has to be spent by the end of 2010. The War Memorial Hall Committee have applied for grants and hope to raise about £20,000, which is believed to be the cost of the playground equipment replacement. Further details of the proposed scheme are required.

On behalf of the Parish Council, the Vice Chairman thanked Cllr Bennett for all his hard work in making these excellent facilities available within the Parish.

iii) OTHER REPRESENTATION

The Clerk confirmed the following Wembury Parish Council representatives:-

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| Wembury Primary School Governor | Cllr Filby |
| River Yealm Harbour Authority | Cllr Drought |
| River Yealm Estuary Management Group | Cllr Drought |
| Parish Cluster Group | Cllr Drought |
| Wembury War Memorial Hall Committee | Cllr Cammack |
| Forward Planning Group | Cllr Filby |
| Wembury Emergency Plan | Cllr Gage |
| Wembury Beach Liaison Group | Cllr Gage |
| Down Thomas Silver Jubilee Hall Committee | Cllr Newnham |
| Wembury Alms Houses | Cllr Newnham |
| Ivybridge & District Association of Parish Councils | Cllr Rowland |
| Conservation Matters | Cllr Scoble |

The Police are shortly to carry out a survey within the Wembury Parish and so a representative for the Liaison with Neighbourhood Watch position was held over for further consideration and liaison with the Police.

Representatives for the following are no longer required:-

- Wembury Point Management Group
- Wembury Youth Club

iv) EMERGENCY PLANNING ROADSHOW

Cllr Gage had submitted a written report on the Emergency Planning Roadshow held at the Glazebrook House Hotel on 23 September 2010. The report had been circulated with the meeting Agenda and was taken as read.

Cllr Gage would like every household to have an Emergency Check List and an A4 laminated red H suitable for display in a window by anyone needing help.

It was agreed that Cllr Gage liaise with Peter Dale, South Hams DC Emergency Planning Officer regarding his suggestions.

The Clerk agreed to circulate a copy of the Wembury Emergency Plan to the Police for their information.

v) WEMBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

A written report by the Headteacher, Susie Evans, had been circulated with the meeting Agenda and was taken as read.

Cllr Filby, on behalf of the Parish Council, congratulated the headteacher for the excellent improvements she has made over the three years of her headship. The school is now above the Devon and National average in Achievements and Standards, and is in the top 5% nationally.

The Headteacher is continuing to pursue a ‘new build’ of the school and is encouraging the building of relationships and integration of the school into the community, as much as possible

Susie is very open and welcoming and will take into consideration any ideas, suggestions or comments from the Parish Councillors.

**10-116 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AT ANNEX C**

i) Financial Statement for August/September 2010

The Vice Chairman presented the financial report as per ANNEX C.

RESOLVED: The monthly financial statement was approved as detailed at ANNEX C.

10-117 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Squire had received a complaint about an overgrown tree in Brownhills Lane. It was agreed that the landowner should trim the tree.

Cllr Filby said that the concessionary bus pass was refused on the Wembury 23.05 service at the weekend, despite an assurance from Marc Reddy at a previous Parish Council meeting that it could be used, and has been a number of times in the past

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.19 pm.

Roy Fairclough
Clerk