

## WEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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	<b>A Cammack</b>	
	<b>M Doody</b>	
	<b>D Drought</b>	
	<b>P Filby</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
	<b>J Gibbons</b>	
	<b>J Hart</b>	<b>County Councillor</b>
	<b>R Newnham</b>	
	<b>D Packer</b>	
	<b>J Squire</b>	<b>District Councillor</b>
	<b>J Stansell</b>	
<b>Clerk</b>	<b>R Fairclough</b>	

**Minutes of the Wembury Parish Council meeting held at the War Memorial Hall, Wembury, on Monday 31 October 2011.**

### **11-118 OPENING THE MEETING**

**Cllr Rowland** opened the meeting at 7.30 pm and welcomed so many people to the meeting, especially on Halloween night. He explained that following the Police Report there would be a presentation by representatives of Cavanna Homes Ltd about the Knighton Hill development.

Cllrs Bennett, Cammack, Drought, Filby, Gibbons, Hart, Newnham, Packer, Squire and Stansell were present.

District Councillor Cane, PC R Batchelor, PCSO Andy Potter, Adam King Wembury Tree Warden, 3 representatives of Cavanna Homes Ltd and 36 members of the public were also present.

### **11-119 APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllr Doody.

### **11-120 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests.

### **11-121 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 7.31 pm.**

#### **i) October 2011 Police Report**

**PC R Batchelor** reported as follows:-

**Jl/11/820 , Jl/11/824 , Jl/11/835** - 3 x thefts –garden ornaments stolen from three front gardens of homes in Southland Park Road overnight Sun 2 Oct and Mon 3 Oct 11

**Jl/11/869** - assault on 17 Oct actual bodily harm

**Jl/11/899** - offence under the Communications Act 2003- silent telephone calls from withheld number

**J1/11/917** - criminal damage –damage to fence post

**COMMUNITY:**

**PCSO Andy Potter** said that normal Police patrols were carried out in the area as required and he had been making himself know to the local people within the Wembury area.

**Cllr Rowland** asked whether the Ivybridge Police Station had been closed.

**PC R Batchelor** said that the enquiry office has been closed to the public. The CID response officers have gone to Plymouth and future 999 calls will be answered from Plymouth. However, both he and Andy are still based at the Ivybridge Station.

**Cllr Rowland** described a strange and disturbing phone call he had received recently.

**PCSO Andy Potter** said that on ‘call back’ if it is a number withheld, then it can be traced by the Police, otherwise it is untraceable and probably computer generated.

**Cllr Rowland** asked if the Parish Council could have the incident numbers to the crimes in the report in future, in case anyone wished to follow up about the crime.

Cars parking at the end of Traine Road around the junction near to the Odd Wheel pub were becoming a problem when trying to exit the road. **The Police agreed to monitor the situation and act if there is a clear obstruction to the highway.**

The Chairman thanked the Police for their report.

**ii) Cavanna Homes Ltd – Knighton Hill Development**

**Michael Newman**, Development Manager for Cavanna Homes, explained that at a previous meeting of the Parish Council he had given an outline of the Knighton Hill development scheme and had asked for feedback. He was delighted with the subsequent feedback, both with the number of responses he had received and the constructive nature of the comments. The feedback fell into five broad categories:-

- 1) Traffic generation of the scheme must not make the traffic situation in Wembury worse
- 2) The parking on Knighton Hill is already at a maximum and so the site should have adequate parking
- 3) The development should be sympathetic to the village scene and not be offensive
- 4) The landscaping should ensure that the scheme sits well within the existing landscape and blend into it
- 5) Affordable housing should be available for local people

Other comments were about the access to the site and a possible one-way system within the site.

Cavanna Homes have had one meeting with South Hams DC officers and one with the Wembury Action Group. Both meetings have provided very similar feedback and following the meetings two concept schemes have been drawn up for discussion.

Michael then outlined the future programme for the scheme. He was to have another meeting with South Hams DC, and then there will be a presentation during November in the village hall where local people will have more time to consider the two alternative

schemes. Following a further meeting with the Wembury Action Group, he hoped to submit the planning application for the scheme by the end of the year.

Michael then introduced Chris and Stuart who are the Project Architects from Harrison Sutton Partnership.

**Chris and Stuart** then outlined the two concept schemes for the Knighton Hill development with the use of display boards.

**Scheme 1** is inward looking and set back from Knighton Hill, with landscaping to minimise the impact of the scheme. It comprises 30 houses and provides 49 car parking spaces.

**Scheme 2** is bolder, enhances the streetscape and gateway to the village with a row of reduced height cottages facing Knighton Hill. It comprises 28 houses and provides 50 car parking spaces.

Both schemes have one access off Knighton Hill with a few houses having direct access to the lane. The footpath to the rear of the site to the school and playing fields was also a feature of both schemes.

A lengthy and lively discussion was then held by all present, with both schemes having its supporters.

**Cavanna Homes Ltd. will produce feedback forms for comments by residents on the two concept schemes. Meanwhile, the display boards are available for inspection in the entrance to the War Memorial Hall, Wembury.**

### **iii) Adam King, Wembury Tree Warden**

**Adam King** informed members about the Big Green Space Challenge and said that 20 projects had been submitted and all were seeking funding from the Langage Power Station scheme. Six schemes had been submitted from Wembury Parish and these were:-

- 1) Enhancement to the Wembury Community Orchard
- 2) Longlands Woodland, Heybrook Bay
- 3) Down Thomas Recreation Ground
- 4) Amphitheatre for the School
- 5) Wembury Allotments
- 6) Enhancement to the Wembury Recreation Ground.

The last scheme already has some money allocated for the works.

Adam said that he would report to the Parish Council when he knew the results of the various applications.

The Chairman and members thanked Adam for all his hard work in assisting with grant applications.

### **iii) Members of the Public**

**Giles Broadfield** expressed his concern about the reduction of street lighting in Wembury during the night. It appeared that the main road in and out of Wembury was still lit but that the Mewstone Avenue section was not. Wembury is a rural village and when there are no lights on at night it is pitch black and dangerous to walk along the footpath without a torch. He asked whether a reduced wattage light could be used or whether every sixth light could be left on within Wembury, for safety reasons.

**Cllr Bennett** had received a similar complaint about lights not being on early in the morning.

**Cllr Hart** said that the timings of the lights being switched on and off are still being resolved and fine-tuned.

**He would ask Devon CC Highways about low wattage lights and the possibility of some lights being left on at strategic locations within Wembury.**

**The Chairman thanked the public for their comments and closed this open session at 8.57 pm to resume Parish Council business.**

#### **11-122 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2011.**

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

#### **11-123 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES**

##### **11-108 i) Wembury Bus Service**

**Cllr Filby** referred to the response from Devon County Councillor Hughes to the recent letter from the Parish Council. However, he was trying to have a dialogue with John Richardson-Dawes of Devon CC about the Wembury bus service, but without success. The Parish Council had asked Devon CC to carry out a feasibility study into the possibility of running a Wembury Down Thomas Plymstock Broadway circular service as a possible fall back position in case funding is reduced even further and is still awaiting a further response.

**Cllr Hart** responded that the cost of an alternative shuttle service to Plymstock was high and not favoured by Devon CC. The current Wembury service is all that Devon CC can afford and one bus does link to Plymstock.

A general discussion ensued about the cost of subsidising rural bus services in Devon.

**Cllr Hart** said that the government rural fuel subsidy was being cut in April and some bus services may be cut. Wembury currently had a good bus service when compared to other rural villages in the area.

**Cllr Hart agreed to let Cllr Packer have details of all the subsidised rural bus services in Devon.**

**Cllr Filby agreed to draft a further response to Devon CC.**

##### **11-108 ii) WPC Notice Board – Wembury Point**

Written permission has now been received from the landowner and the notice board has been erected.

##### **11-108 iii) Seat in Church Road**

**The Clerk** had put a suitable notice in the Wembury Review magazine and on the Parish website. He had received an enquiry from a local resident who wished to donate a seat in memory of her late husband.

**Cllr Squire** said that he had spoken to South Hams DC but they had no spare seat at present.

**Cllr Bennett** said that the redundant basketball post and hoop on the Wembury playing field had been removed by South Hams DC and it had gone to a good home in West Devon.

**It was agreed that the Clerk should pursue the donation of the seat from the local resident.**

##### **11-108 iv) Information Board**

**Cllr Filby** agreed to meet David Pinder of the Amenity Society next week, to progress the manufacture and erection of the Notice Board.

### **11-108 v) Winter Gritting**

**Cllr Stansell** was due to have some Snow Warden training shortly.

**The Clerk** was still waiting for a price from Steve Cane regarding additional gritting to roads in Wembury. He raised the question of insurance and said that the use of red diesel for gritting purposed is illegal. These issues need to be resolved with Steve Cane.

**Cllr Hart** said that those Parish Councils with a Snow Warden would get 5 tonnes of grit free from Devon CC. This could be in a large bag, or in smaller bags, which would probably suit Wembury better. Several residents in Wembury have already asked for a small bag of grit to be placed at the end of their road when the roads are icy.

**Cllr Stansell, the Wembury Snow Warden, agreed to discuss these matters with Devon CC and Steve Cane.**

### **11-108 vi) Wembury Carnival Accounts**

**The Clerk is still waiting to receive the £100 refund from the Carnival Committee.**

### **11-112 i) Re-opening of the Down Thomas Post Office**

**The Chairman** informed members that the Down Thomas Post Office would re-open on Friday 9 December 2011. The Post Office will be open on a Tuesday from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm and on a Friday from 1.00 pm until 3.00 pm.

### **11-112 ii) Councillor Training**

**Cllrs Gibbons and Stansell** would be attending a training course for new members, on Wednesday 2 November 2011.

**Cllr Packer** will receive suitable information for new councillors via email.

### **11-113 i) Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England**

**The Boundary Commission for England** has recently published its initial proposals for new parliamentary constituencies in England. Each constituency covers a population of about 76,000 people. Wembury and Brixton Parishes have initially been put in with the Plymouth Sutton Constituency.

**Cllr Hart** has written to the Boundary Commission with alternative proposals, which puts Wembury Parish in with the Tavistock / Okehampton constituency. He also hopes to speak about this issue at a meeting in Exeter during December. A lengthy discussion ensued about the merits of the original proposal, which was felt to be unfair and undemocratic, and the Parish Council favoured Cllr Hart's alternative proposal. It was agreed that the Parish Council should support the alternative proposal put forward by Cllr Hart and that as many people as possible should write to the Boundary Commission supporting this alternative.

**Cllr Filby** proposed, seconded by Cllr Bennett, that Wembury Parish Council write to the Boundary Commission in support of Cllr Hart's alternative proposal for the revised Parliamentary constituencies. The motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED: That Wembury Parish Council write to the Boundary Commission in support of Cllr Hart's alternative proposals for the revised Parliamentary constituencies.**

**The Clerk** was asked to put a suitable notice in the next Wembury Review and on the Wembury Parish website asking people to support Cllr Hart's alternative proposal.

### **11-124 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY PLANNING REPORT AT ANNEX A**

**TO THESE MINUTES**

**i) Planning Resolutions**

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.**

**11-125 TO RECEIVE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE**

**FOR ACTION**

**i) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons – 4 June 2012**

The **Chairman** referred to recent correspondence about beacons being lit across the country to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year. He asked whether the Parish Council wished to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee or not. It was suggested that at the last Jubilee celebration, the Parish Council gave the schoolchildren a small gift and perhaps the same could be done next year. In addition, a beacon was lit at HMS Cambridge. A short discussion followed.

**The Chairman suggested that a small working party is set up to investigate this matter further.**

**ii) Sherford New Community Proposal**

South Hams DC has asked for comments on the Sherford New Community Proposals.

**Cllr Squire** said that this week South Hams DC is going to consider whether the full council should determine the Sherford application or just the Development Control Committee. There will be a site inspection on 30 November and the determination of the planning application will be on 7 December.

He said that the baseline percentage of affordable housing has reduced from an initial 50% down to 12.7%. In addition, the road infrastructure will be phase in with the housing development. The full document is 411 pages long. A discussion followed.

**Cllr Drought** proposed, seconded by Cllr Newnham that Wembury Parish Council write to South Hams DC expressing concern at the reduction in affordable housing and phased infrastructure development in the Sherford New Community Proposal.

The motion was carried by 10 votes for and Cllr Hart abstained.

**RESOLVED: That Wembury Parish Council write to South Hams DC expressing concern at the reduction in affordable housing and phased infrastructure development in the Sherford New Community Proposal.**

**iii) Ken Abraham, Internal Auditor – New 5 year Contract**

**iv) South Hams DC –May 2011 Parish Election costs**

It was agreed the above two items will be discussed at the next Finance Sub-Committee meeting.

**FOR INFORMATION.**

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

**11-126 URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

None.

**11-127 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MATTERS AFFECTING WEMBURY**

## **DEVON CC**

**Cllr Hart** said that the Tough Choices tour was going well although half the numbers of people are attending than did last year. Devon CC cut £80m from the budget this year and has to cut £40m next year. What is coming through from the meetings is that the government's proposal for a one-year reduction in Council Tax will not be useful.

The County Committees are disbanding and any future committees will be more aligned with the Rural Districts and Town Councils.

Training for Snow Wardens is going ahead and Wembury should expect a delivery of free grit, probably in small bags.

There is currently a property review of publically owned buildings in Devon.

Devon CC has been asked by the government to take the lead in looking at Families in Need and how 'joined up working' across government departments could assist.

Devon CC are supporting Cornwall who are seeking 100% Council Tax on second homes, this would generate about £1.7m extra for Devon CC if approved and applied to Devon.

## **SOUTH HAMS DC**

**Cllr Squire** informed members that works on refurbishing Follaton House is progressing well. Devon CC will be taking some accommodation within Follaton House upon completion of the works.

**Cllr Cane** was concerned about the changes to the Sherford development and suggested that Parish Council members should email all members of the South Hams DC Development Control Committee expressing their concern.

The District Council is working with Devon Renaissance to see how they can help local businesses ie subsidised training, IT advice.

He also said that all the electorate should make sure that they are on the current electoral role so they can vote in any future elections.

## **11-128 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES AS APPROPRIATE**

### **i) PARISH PLAN ACTION GROUP**

#### **a) Information Board & Bus User Group**

**Cllr Filby** had already dealt with these issues earlier in the meeting.

### **ii) WEMBURY SCHOOL REPORT**

**Cllr Filby** had previously circulated the latest report from the Headteacher.

The recent loss of governors have been replaced and suitable training is now being organised.

**Cllr Filby agreed to provide the Clerk with a list of School Governors.**

### **iii) LEISURE FACILITIES WORKING GROUP**

#### **a) Down Thomas Play Area**

**Cllr Bennett** informed members that the official opening of the new play area took place on Sunday 9 October. All the equipment is being well used and enjoyed by youngsters of all ages. The gate to the young children's play area is easily left open and may encourage dogs to enter. A self-closing type would be better if funds allow.

**b) Wembury Playing Area**

The basketball post and hoop has been picked up and removed by South Hams DC as mentioned earlier in the meeting.

During half term, an unofficial ramp was constructed adjacent to the skatepark. As this was dangerous, it was quickly removed by South Hams DC.

**iv) PARISH CLERK'S WORKSHOP**

**The Clerk** had attended a Parish Clerk's Workshop in Newton and Noss Parish on 18 October 2011. The meeting had been wide-ranging and very informative.

The topics discussed ranged from South Hams DC / Devon CC cutbacks, Snow Wardens, Lengthsman, Street Sweeping to transfer of Land Assets.

The Clerk explained that all the parish councils considered that two lengthsman to cover all of South Hams DC was totally inadequate and false economy on highway maintenance by Devon CC. All the Parish Council's were being asked to write to Devon CC requesting more lengthsman. A short discussion ensued.

**The Clerk was asked to write to Devon CC to request more lengthsman.**

The Clerk also expanded on the street sweeping issues discussed at the meeting.

**He informed members that if they would let him know which areas required specific cleaning or sweeping, then he could arrange that with the South Hams DC sweepers.**

**11-129 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT ANNEX C**

**i) Financial Statement for October 2011**

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

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

**ii) Finance Sub Committee**

**The Clerk** informed members that there were several financial items that required consideration and suggested that a Finance Sub Committee is arranged. A short discussion ensued. **It was agreed that a Finance Sub Committee would be held in the Down Thomas PO Community Room at 6.30 pm on Friday 11 November 2011.**

**11-130 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

**Cllr Hart** informed members that the gritting route has been extended to include Deep Lane to Brixham and from Lee Mill to Yealmpton.

The brickworks at Steer Point are currently being demolished. Eventually there will be a consultation on the future use of the site.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.22 pm.

Roy Fairclough  
Clerk