

# WEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT

Parish Councillors	R Rowland	Chairman
	J Bennett	
	A Cammack	
	M Doody	
	D Drought	
	P Filby	Vice Chairman
	J Gibbons	
	J Hart	County Councillor
	R Newnham	
	D Packer	
	J Squire	District Councillor
	J Stansell	
Clerk	R Fairclough	

**Minutes of the Wembury Parish Council meeting held at the Silver Jubilee Hall, Down Thomas, on Monday 30 January 2012.**

### 12-001 OPENING THE MEETING

Cllr Filby opened the meeting at 7.32 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that the Chairman, Cllr Rowland had injured his back and was not able to attend, consequently, he had been asked to Chair the meeting. Cllrs Bennett, Cammack, Doody, Drought, Gibbons, Newnham, Squire and Stansell were present. District Councillor Cane, Wembury Tree Warden Adam King, PC R Batchelor, PCSO Andy Potter and thirteen members of the public were also present.

### 12-002 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs Hart, Packer and Rowland.

### 12-003 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 12-004 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) January 2012 Police Report

PCSO Andy Potter outlined the Police report as follows:-

**JI/12/33 - 1 x criminal damage.** During the evening of 14 Jan, the front window pane of a bungalow was damaged, glass was cracked, believed to have been caused by a stone thrown at the window.

There were no other recorded crimes.

During the afternoon of Sun 22 Jan, speed checks were conducted in Mewstone Close and on the Wembury Road at Hollacombe. No excessive speed was detected.

**Several members of the public asked if the Police could carry out speed checks at peak times in the morning or afternoon.**

**Cllr Doody** said that there was an increasing problem with cars speeding through Down Thomas. **She asked the Police for a speed check at school time in Down Thomas.**

**Cllr Bennett** explained that there had been problems with cars parking in Barton Close, Wembury, when dropping off children to school, as the Village Hall car park can't be used and there is insufficient space in the public Playing Field car park. The Police confirmed that they had been called to several incidents and are willing to provide a letter of support for an extension to the Playing Field car park.

**Cllr Bennett** said that he was looking into the possibility of extending the public car park to allow more cars to be parked off the road at these peak times. He was seeking support from various organisations to make a case to South Hams DC to extend the car park.

**Adam King** said that he was against any extension of the car park into the play area. He felt that the existing car park was not fully used and perhaps the Parish Council should acquire the car park to manage it properly instead of using the green space of the playing field to extend the car park.

## **ii) Members of the Public**

**Alan Puddicombe** asked what the current situation was regarding the cutting back of the hedge overgrowing the road in the middle of Down Thomas village. The Clerk said that all the land owners had been sent a letter asking them to cut back their hedges. Only one person has not complied and Devon CC is currently looking into this.

## **Langdon Court Firework Display**

**Mr Andrews** explained the background to firework displays at Langdon Court during weddings and the distress that it caused horses in his care as part of his stabling business. He thought that during November 2011 he had an agreement with Mr Ede of Langdon Court regarding the use of whisper fireworks for future firework displays. However, on Saturday 14 January the firework display was exceptionally loud and unacceptable, as it did not comply with the Langdon Court Firework Policy. This display also caused severe distress to horses, local animals and other neighbours in the vicinity.

**Mr Gliddon** explained about a previous incident when a horse was injured due to fright at a firework display.

**Mr & Mrs Bourne** have contacted both the Fire Brigade and the Police about firework displays at Langdon Court due to the nuisance factor, affect on their livestock business and safety to life and limb. On the 14 January, the Fire brigade were called out to check hotspots on the thatched roof of their house. Substantial firework debris was collected from the roof the following day.

**The Clerk** informed members that he had received six letters of complaint from residents living near Langdon Court about the firework display on 14 January 2012. He went on to explain that both he and the Chairman had visited Mr Ede on 24 January. Mr Ede claimed that the firework display was a rogue display and that both the groom and firework company had been advised of the Langdon Court firework policy. He apologised for the display and agreed to inform all future booked weddings of their policy on fireworks.

**Cllr Squire** had spoken to the South Hams Environmental Heath officer about the unauthorised firework display and the use of unsuitable fireworks. The South Hams DC

Health & Safety officer was due to visit Langdon Court on Friday to discuss the incident with Mr Ede. Cllr Squire said that there was a local leaflet available, entitled 'Local Environment and Fireworks'.

**Cllr Filby** suggested that a meeting could be held with Mr Ede, local representatives, several councillors and other authority representatives as necessary, to try to reach an acceptable solution to this problem.

**The Parish Council will await the Health & Safety officers report and then liaise with South Hams DC about this problem to determine the best way forward.**

**The Chairman thanked the public for their comments and closed this open session at 8.15 pm to resume Parish Council business.**

#### **12-005 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 19 DECEMBER 2011.**

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

#### **12-006 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES**

##### **11-147 i) Youth Hut**

**Cllr Bennett** said that following the last meeting he had spoken to South Hams DC and they are going to inspect the grassy slope near the youth hut this week and if considered dangerous will create steps using timber sleepers.

##### **11-149 i) Grit Bin at Barton Close**

**Cllr Hart** has the provision of a grit bin in hand.

##### **11-149 ii) Devon CC Matters**

**Devon CC** is considering a larger sign at the entrance to Traine Road.

##### **11-150 Planning Conditions**

Conditions attached to South Hams DC planning approvals can now be accessed via a website link shown in the papers.

##### **11-152 i) Traine Road, Hollacombe**

**Devon CC** will be providing a bolt down manhole cover to stop the water bubbling up through the manhole cover at the bottom of Traine Road.

The Lengthsman has been informed of the 'lake' on the road adjacent to Yolland Wood.

##### **11-156 Sign Posts**

**Devon CC** will be replacing the broken sign posts at Manor Bourne Road and Bovisand Lane, Down Thomas.

#### **12-007 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.**

## **12-008 TO RECEIVE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE**

### **FOR ACTION**

#### **i) Wembury School – Summer Fayre**

**Cllr Filby** asked whether the Parish Council wished to take a stand at the School Summer Fayre on Saturday 7 July 2012 and if so the cost would be £17.

**Cllr Squire** proposed, seconded by **Cllr Bennett**, that Wembury Parish Council take a stand at the Wembury School Summer Fayre on 7 July 2012 at a cost of £17. The resolution was passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: Wembury Parish Council take a stand at the Wembury School Summer Fayre on 7 July 2012 at a cost of £17.**

### **FOR INFORMATION.**

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

## **12-009 URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S**

### **DISCRETION**

#### **Firework Display at Langdon Court**

**Cllr Filby** suggested that a working party should be set up to consider the problem of responsibility for the distress of the local residents and animals due to the firework displays. Also, the question of insurance and risk assessment should be clarified.

**Cllr Squire** said that he would speak to the Health & Safety officer before his site visit on Friday.

**Cllr Stansell** said that Chinese Lanterns should also be considered at the same time.

**A Working Group** would initially be formed of **Cllrs Rowland, Filby, Drought and Squire**, 2/3 local residents and **Mr Ede** from Langdon Court. A preferred time to meet would be during a mid-week evening. **The Clerk to liaise with all concerned following the South Hams DC Health & Safety officers report.**

## **12-010 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MATTERS AFFECTING WEMBURY**

### **DEVON CC**

**Cllr Hart** was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted the following report, which **Cllr Filby** read out:-

**Cllr Hart** had great pleasure in presenting over 30 certificates on Saturday evening to Young People from the Wembury area who had achieved either Gold, Silver, or Bronze in the Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme. Four young people from the Wembury Parish are going to go to the Palace to receive their Gold medals later this year. **Cllr Hart** recorded his thanks to all involved, especially **Sara Brown** of Devon Youth service.

There will be a 0% increase in the Devon CC Council tax for the coming year. Other spending is to be announced next week.

**Cllr Bennett** suggested that the Parish Council should also send a letter of thanks to **Sara Brown** for all her hard work in getting the young people through their Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Everyone agreed. **The Clerk was asked to write to Sara Brown accordingly.**

### **SOUTH HAMS DC**

**Cllr Squire** said that the budget was the chief topic of discussion at South Hams DC and the Executive Committee is to recommend an increase in Council Tax of 2.5%.

The staff will have a nil pay increase for 2012/13.

The pension fund will increase to 15.2% over the next three years and an additional

£77,000 will have to be put in the pension fund.

The income estimate for the next year will also be revised downwards.

There is currently a proposal for the existing three scrutiny committees to be reduced to one in the near future.

Three car parks within South Hams are currently free and it was considered that they should be paying ones in future. However, this has been deferred and all the car parking charges are to be reviewed on all the car parks. This could affect the playing fields car park at Barton Close, Wembury.

The District Council has decided to increase the grant to the Citizens Advice Bureau by £10,000 to £50,000 per annum.

Cllr Squire did not think that the recent vote on Sherford development was the end of the matter. Plymouth will make their decision in February.

Following the recent resignation of Parish Councillors at Buckland Parish, four Parish Councillors have resigned from Modbury Parish. Unfortunately, this appears to be a local disease and on the increase.

**Cllr Cane** said that a person was fined £3000 recently for taking down a building containing asbestos. He said that he had paid to have the material removed. However, if the contractor is not licensed the responsibility reverts back to the owner of the material. Companies can be checked out on the internet to see if they hold a valid licence or not.

Cllr Cane wished to donate £500 from his District Council locality budget to Wembury Parish Council and asked that it be put towards a worthwhile scheme within the parish.

**The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Cane.**

## **12-011 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES AS APPROPRIATE**

### **i) PARISH PLAN ACTION GROUPS**

#### **a) Information Board**

**Cllr Filby** reported that he and David Pinder were shortly to meet Bob Arnold of the South Hams DC graphics section to progress the notice board further.

#### **b) Knighton Hill Development**

**Cllr Bennett** reported that 90% of the design layout is now settled on the outward looking scheme. The top four houses are still being considered by the Architects taking into account local comments. Cavanna Homes will present their final scheme at the Wembury Council meeting on 27 February 2012 after having met with the Action Group in early February.

The footpath access to the village centre has been discussed recently by the Parish Council, National Trust and Cavanna Homes, who have provided the National Trust with three alternatives for their comments. This path will be hard surfaced and link up with the lower end of Footpath No 25 leading to the shop. Upgrading of this section of FP25 together with the new footpath from the site has been a top priority item for Section 106 Agreement considerations.

Cllr Bennett was also looking to make a case for the extension of the Barton Close car park and is exploring this option with South Hams DC. Councillor support would be welcome.

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

**Cllr Filby** had circulated the latest report from the headteacher who thought that it was

an exciting year to come. However, the pupil numbers at the school were low, but the school is doing its best to recruit new students and retain existing students. Parking in Barton Close is still a problem as reported earlier in the meeting. The Olympics will feature throughout the school year to promote the Olympic values through all that the school does.

Thanks were given to Adam King for obtaining a grant to provide a gate and seat to the community orchard, which will make the community use even better.

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

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

Nothing to report.

#### **b) Wembury Playing Area**

Nothing to report.

### **iv) ADDITIONAL GRITTING IN WEMBURY**

**Cllr Stansell, the Wembury Snow Warden**, informed members that a meeting had been held on 17 January with Steve Cane and the gritting routes agreed. He had now compiled a working group of volunteers and would shortly be distributing the 4 tonnes of salt, which had been delivered by Devon CC. He hoped to hold a meeting later in the week with the volunteers to explain what is required of them. He had received the first warning of the year from Devon CC about possible ice on the road this evening.

### **v) IVYBRIDGE & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

**Cllr Rowland** had already circulated a report of the meeting held on 18 January 2012. The report was taken as read.

### **vi) QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE**

**Cllr Rowland** had already circulated the minutes of a meeting of the group held on 18 January 2012.

**The Clerk** reported the group had suggested that school children should be given a small gift to mark the occasion. A medal and bookmark had been suggested and was agreed by the headteacher. He had also written to several local organisations asking if the Parish Council could be of assistance with any celebrations they may be organising.

The Clerk then read out a note from Trevor Gaught regarding the possibility of a war memorial being constructed outside the War Memorial Hall and a suggestion that the road names on the new Knighton Hill development should reflect the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

**The Clerk was asked to arrange a second meeting of the Queens Diamond Jubilee Group to discuss these matters further.**

### **vii) OTHER COMMITTEES / REPRESENTATIVES**

**Cllr Squire** was the Parish Council representative on the group that represented dementia friendly parishes around the Yealm. They have been meeting monthly and are now seeking to formalise the group. They are also trying to engage the services of a worker to co-ordinate their actions. The next meeting is in mid February and any ideas are welcome.

**12-012 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
AT ANNEX C**

**i) Financial Statement for January 2012**

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

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

**12-013 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

**The Clerk** informed everyone that a copy of a map of Langdon, painted by Robert Guyver, was being specially reprinted and if anyone wished to purchase a copy they should let him know.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07 pm.

Roy Fairclough  
Clerk