

WEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors	D Drought	Chairman
	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
	C Tarsky	
Clerk	R Fairclough	

Minutes of the Wembury Parish Council meeting held at the War Memorial Hall, Wembury, on Monday 28 April 2008.

08-46 OPENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cllr Drought, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He informed members that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Tarsky and this matter would be discussed later in the meeting.

Cllrs, Cammack, Doody, Filby, Gage, Hart, Martin, Newnham, Rowland and Squire were present. District Councillor Cane and five members of the public were also present.

08-47 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Scoble, Tarsky and PC John Nolan (NBM).

08-48 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Newnham had updated his interests and declared that he was the Treasurer of the local branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

08-49 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 31 MARCH 2008.

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

08-50 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

Various items are also discussed later in the minutes under Reports from Committees and Representatives.

08-34) First Devon & Cornwall Ltd

Cllr Filby said that he had spoken to several drivers and they were not aware that the viaduct was a mandatory stop for the Wembury bus service.

Cllr Hart said that people could catch the Target School Bus in the morning from Heybrook Bay, during school term time, as it was licensed for passengers.

The Clerk had exchanged emails with Simon Newport of First but no additional assistance for Heybrook Bay commuters had been confirmed to date.

The Clerk was asked to continue discussions with First Devon & Cornwall Ltd.

08-36 i) Cllr Hart said that the debris along the Church Road verge had now mulched down by usage and that no action would be taken by Devon Highways.

08-36 ii) Down Thomas to Heybrook Bay Footpath

The Clerk was seeking discussions with several people who own the land along the road from Down Thomas to Heybrook Bay regarding the possibility of a designated path along their land.

08-36 iii) DAPC Subscription

Cllr Martin is liaising with DAPC and is to raise the issue of subscriptions at the next DAPC meeting.

08-36 iv) The Clerk is continuing to arrange for Inspector Chivers to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

08-36 v) The Clerk is still trying to arrange a suitable meeting with the Rev T Freeman, Vicar of St Werburgh's church, about the Church Rooms, Ford Road, Wembury. Cllr Rowland offered to assist.

08-36 vi) Damage to Bus Shelter

The Clerk is currently costing out a suitable steel mesh for the side panel of the bus shelter to replace the original glass panel.

08-42 vi) Dog Warden

A successful meeting had been held with the Dog Warden and Police on 3 April 2008 regarding dog issues within Wembury Parish.

Several councillors had expressed concern about the lack of action in prosecuting irresponsible dog owners despite the recent high profile publicity about a clean up in South Hams. It was thought that South Hams DC should take a more robust attitude similar to the one taken by Plymouth City recently.

Additional dog bins were requested in Heybrook Bay and Wembury. One for Down Thomas was also requested, however, finances might limit provision of further dog bins. The Dog Warden, Malcolm Orchard, had provided the Clerk with sticker notices about cleaning up after dogs and several notices have now been put up around the parish. Malcolm also produced an article for the Wembury Review and it should be in the next issue.

Several councillors expressed concern that South Hams now only have part time Dog Wardens, two man-days per week in the summer, for all of South Hams.

Cllr Squire was asked to raise this issue with South Hams DC to see if they would at least agree to provide one full-time Dog Warden and be more robust with prosecutions.

08-44) Cllr Squire again reiterated how dangerous it was to cross the road near the War Memorial Hall, Wembury at the end of the railings. Cllr Hart and the Clerk have both raised the issue with Devon Highways, of extending the railings to create a safer crossing place and both are awaiting a reply.

08-51 THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL WAS SUSPENDED FOR THE PUBLIC TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS OR PUT QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL
The Chairman suspended the business of the Council and opened this session to the public at 7.52 pm.

i) Crime Report March 2008

The Chairman read out the crime report submitted by PC John Nolan, which indicated that there had been no reported crimes since the last meeting.

Several councillors expressed concern about the report as the Wembury Beach toilets had been vandalised twice in the last month.

There was also concern about the lack of attendance of the NBM or Sid Lawrence (PCSO) at the Wembury Parish Council meetings.

Cllr Gage also expressed concern that there appeared to be a lack of communication between members of the Wembury Beach Liaison Group and Police, about local vandalism.

It was acknowledged that the Police liaison meeting was being held in Ivybridge on the same night as the Wembury Parish Council meeting and it was suggested that perhaps a future meeting of the Police Liaison meeting could be held in Wembury soon.

The councillors again reiterated their wish for Inspector Chivers to attend a future meeting in the near future.

ii) Tony Romang as the Parish Tree Warden suggested that his recommended response to the TPO to be discussed later in the meeting should be that no work is required on the tree as it may end up spoiling it.

Cllr Squire had spoken to the South Hams DC Tree Officer and she had recommended not to touch the tree.

The Chairman suggested that perhaps an independent tree expert should take a view on whether the tree should be touched or not, to avoid this incident becoming a neighbour dispute.

iii) Tony Romang had read in the South Hams DC magazine that the mooring charges at Salcombe Harbour are not to be increased. He felt that, as South Hams always seems to be short of money and with a high demand for moorings that the costs should have been raised. Cllr Cane said that the charges had been pegged to encourage more people to use the facilities in Salcombe.

iv) Sue Eden was concerned about the lack of buses to get people to work in Plymouth by 9 am. Cllr Hart reiterated that the Target School Bus could be used in the mornings. Cllr Hart agreed to speak to Sue after the meeting.

v) **Terry Clarke** informed councillors that dogs are now fouling many of the footpaths in the Wembury area and they are becoming a mess. **The Clerk will inform the Dog Warden.**

The Chairman closed the open session at 8.09 pm and resumed Parish Council business.

08-52 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 to these minutes.

08-53 TO RECEIVE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

i) **South Hams DC - Local Government Review**

South Hams DC - Local Government review - Concept Submission

A lengthy debate ensued about the different concept proposals put to the Boundary Commission.

Cllrs Hart and Squire put forward the views of Devon CC and South Hams DC. The Clerk also explained two other submissions from Plymouth and East Devon that would affect Wembury.

It was generally agreed that Wembury Parish Council should comment during the consultation phase of the process. Meanwhile, the Chairman asked the councillors to consider all the boundary review concept submissions put forward to the Boundary Commission and any comments from other interested organisations. He suggested that this matter be fully discuss at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 19 May 2008 with a view to determining the Parish Council's favoured option.

ii) **Society of Local Council Clerks - Regional Conference**

Due to other commitments, the Clerk is not able to attend this year.

iii) **South Devon Coastal Local Action Group**

No specific projects were put forward and the letter was noted.

iv) **NHS - Devon Strategic Review**

No comments made.

v) **Letter from Cllr Tarsky - Resignation as a Parish Councillor**

The Chairman explained that he and the Clerk had met Cllr Tarsky and his reason for resigning was that he considered his hearing problem prevented him from taking an active part in council meetings and being a fully active councillor. The Chairman informed the Parish Council that he had accepted his resignation.

The various councillors thanked Cllr Tarsky for his work on the Parish Council and requested the Clerk to write to him accordingly.

The Chairman asked whether Cllr Cammack would take over Cllr Tarsky's 20 mph Project in Wembury. Cllr Cammack agreed to do so.

The Clerk announced that the vacancy would be advertised in the normal way.

FOR INFORMATION.

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

08-54 URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

The Chairman announced that there would be a Parish Cluster meeting on 20 May 2008 in Ivybridge and that he would be attending on behalf of Wembury Parish Council.

**08-55 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCIL
ON MATTERS AFFECTING WEMBURY
DEVON CC**

Councillor Hart

Cllr Hart had already spoken about the Devon CC boundary concept proposals put to the Boundary Commission and handed out details to be circulated to all the councillors with the next Mailings.

Cllr Hart informed members that Devon Highways would shortly be carrying out surfacing work in Bovisand Lane and Manor Bourne Road, Down Thomas.

Plymouth City, Devon CC and Torbay Council are looking at creating a waste to energy plant for all their future waste, possibly in the Coypool area.

The Primary School details for Sherford are now nearly agreed. The Secondary School is likely to be run by Plymouth CC.

SOUTH HAMS DC

Cllr Squire

Cllr Squire informed councillors that Sherford had now been determined and approved, but he felt that South Hams DC had been forced to determine the application or face an appeal.

Climate change was high on the agenda and there is concern about Sherford destroying green land.

The Planning Committee annual tour is on 16 May 2008 and they will be visiting some of the controversial sites in the Wembury area.

Cllr Squire had recently been to a seminar on Climate Change and heard that the climate will eventually change and be dramatic. He questioned whether the earth's system could sustain the growing population, which is likely to see some drastic migration patterns to cope with the changing weather patterns.

Cllr Cane

Cllr Cane informed members that last week was Nappy Week. Some 28 million disposable nappies are thrown away in Devon each year and this equates to some 5600 tonnes of waste to be disposed of. He would therefore like to see young mothers changing over to the use of the old style towelling nappies in future to reduce waste disposal and this will be promoted by South Hams DC.

He agreed that South Hams DC have had recent waste disposal problems and that it was being looked at. From 12 May 2008, each householder will get a letter outlining the proposed changes to improve the service.

**08-56 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES
AS APPROPRIATE**

i) Forward Planning Working Group

Cllr Filby informed councillors that a leaflet had been distributed with the latest Wembury Review magazine with the aim of building up the contact database of people

interested in assisting with the review of the Parish Plan. The response had been steady and there were now about 60 people on the database. The leaflet cost £25 to produce and distribute, which he thought was good value for money.

The Parish Plan Working Group will meet shortly to coalesce the Parish Plan for the various areas identified.

ii) Wembury Beach Liaison Group - Cllr Gage

Cllr Gage said that a meeting of the group had been arranged for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7 May 2008 at Churchwood Valley Park offices. He hoped that communication between all parties would improve.

iii) River Yealm Harbour Authority

The Chairman informed members that the River Yealm Harbour Authority had recently held its AGM and that the minutes would be circulated with the Mailings shortly.

08-57 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT ANNEX C

i) Financial Statement for April 2008

The Chairman presented the financial report as per ANNEX C.

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

i) Binding of Council Minutes

The Clerk reported that he had liaised with the University of Plymouth and spoken to another company who would bind the minutes for £28 per book. Cllr Filby proposed and Cllr Squire seconded a motion, for the Clerk to arrange for the 2000 to 2007 Parish Council minutes to be bound, within an expenditure of £120. The motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to arrange for the 2000 to 2007 Parish Council minutes to be bound, within an expenditure of £120.

ii) The Chairman reported that 50% of the 2008/9 precept had been received from South Hams DC and that the Annual Return will need to be approved at the next meeting.

iii) Wembury Tennis Courts

The Clerk reported that he had received an invoice from South Hams DC for £500 toward the use of the tennis courts in Wembury. He was not aware of any annual payment to South Hams for the use of the tennis courts, but the Parish Council had previously contributed towards the maintenance costs. He had spoken to John Parkinson of South Hams DC who had stopped the invoice and had suggested a meeting to discuss the future usage of the tennis courts and whether they could be improved to provide a more flexible area for use by the youth as well as tennis players.

A short discussion ensued and it was suggested that an item should be put in the Wembury review asking how many people use the tennis court and what their reaction would be if it was changed to include another facility.

The Chairman suggested that this matter should be taken up by the Parish Plan Working Group.

08-58 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Squire questioned the timings of buses from the Wembury area that do not appear to be useful when making other connections. If buses could leave at 10 minutes to the hour instead of on the hour, then connections to Totnes and Dartmoor could be made at Plymstock, which leave at 10 minutes past the hour.

Cllr Filby informed members that the History Society are keen to see the Odd Wheel pub become a listed building, in order to prevent the pub from being demolished and the land redeveloped once the lease runs out on the pub.

08-59 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

R Fairclough
Clerk to Wembury Parish Council