

Wembury Parish Council Wembury Review Article - March 2009

Early into 2009 and your Wembury Parish Council is busier than ever.

They have set their budget for 2009/2010 at £25,200, which is a nominal increase on last year's budget. Your Parish Council decided that the £2000 unexpected costs of the contested election earlier in 2008, whilst it could be passed on to South Hams DC through the precept, should be split. Consequently, they agreed to pass £1000 on to South Hams DC and to fund the other £1000 from reserves. This means that the Wembury Parish precept has risen by 5% to £21,000 and the increase is solely due to the passed on contested election costs.

Your Parish Council have submitted a planning application for the Wembury Allotments and have been involved with the leasing arrangements of the land from the National Trust to the Wembury Allotment Association. The allotment holders will soon be on their way to growing produce.

A newly formed skateboarding committee of keen enthusiasts in Wembury have redesigned the skateboarding park in Wembury and have applied for grants to fund the project. Your Parish Council are supporting this scheme and have given the Wembury Youth Club a £1000 grant towards it. We hope that it will be completed in the near future.

Discussions are being held with South Hams DC about a refurbishment of the tennis courts in Wembury and with Devon CC about the possibility of constructing a multi user games area (MUGA) adjacent to, or as part of a tennis court. If you are interested in either, then please let Cllr Bennett know on john.bennett36@hotmail.co.uk.

The National Trust is currently preparing suitable public footpaths through the newly acquired Wembury Woods. Your Parish Council have also given a £1000 towards this work, which will open the woods to the public later this year.

Parish councillors have also been active in speaking to First Devon & Cornwall Ltd about changes to the local bus timetable and numerous other complaints from the public about their bus service. If you have a complaint about the local bus service then please let me know and I will pass it on.

The Wembury Parish Plan is nearing completion and draft details are on the Wembury Parish website at www.wemburyparishcouncil.info. The plan is being created from comments made by the public, not by the Parish Council. Cllr Filby will still be pleased to hear from you if you feel something should be in the plan. You can contact him on peterfilby@hotmail.co.uk or through the Wembury Parish website.

Wembury Parish Council meetings are regularly supported by members of the public, but if you want to see what your Parish Council is doing for you, then please feel free to attend one of the meetings. Details are shown on the Parish Council notice boards and on the Wembury Parish website. Comments can now be made to me through the website.

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