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	<b>A Cammack</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
	<b>C Curtis</b>	
	<b>D Drought</b>	
	<b>D Giles</b>	
	<b>J Hart</b>	<b>County Councillor</b>
	<b>R Newnham</b>	
	<b>D Packer</b>	
	<b>A Wirgman</b>	
<b>Clerk</b>	<b>R Fairclough</b>	

**Minutes of the Wembury Parish Council Meeting held at the Silver Jubilee Hall, Down Thomas on Monday 19 December 2016.**

**16-148 OPENING THE MEETING**

**The Chairman, Cllr Stansell**, opened the meeting at 7:31 pm and welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the Parish Council this year. Cllrs Batley, Bennett, Brown, Cammack, Curtis, Drought, Newnham and Packer were present, together with 6 members of the public.

**16-149 APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllr Hart, Giles, Wirgman, District Councillor Cane and PCSO Potter.

**16-150 DECLARATION OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

There were no declarations of Interests and Dispensation Requests. Cllrs were reminded to update or amend their current declarations and send to South Hams DC.

**16-151 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 at 7.33 pm and opened this session to the public.**

**The Chairman** announced that members of the public are only allowed to speak during the open session of the meeting and they should raise any matters of concern, or explanation, including planning items, at that time and not wait until later in the meeting, as they would not be allowed to speak.

**i) December 2016 - Police Report**

PCSO Andy Potter had submitted his written report which the Chairman read out as follows:-

**From 27 November to 12 December**

**Down Thomas Area**

30/11 - Possession of a blade or sharp pointed instrument, offender arrested and charged to court CR/084831/16

No other reported crime.

**ii) Members of the Public**

**Mr Nichols** referred to discussions at the last meeting when self help for highways was discussed. He asked how the community could help.

Cllr Drought said that at the meeting he attended, the way the local community could become involved in highways was not made clear. However, Devon CC was seeking volunteers for suitable highway training. Assistance could always be given with the mobile speed camera.

**The Chairman suggested that a suitable article could be put in the Wembury Review seeking local people who wish to become involved in highway maintenance.**

**Mr A Brown** referred to planning application No 3920, 13 Beach View Crescent, Wembury. He was concerned about the short period for processing this application. There were no notices displayed and it is a large development which needs full consideration. Comments have to be back to South Hams DC by 11 January 2017 and there is Christmas in-between.

The Clerk had only just received the application and said that it would shortly be circulated around the Parish Councillors. He asked Cllr Brown whether there could be an extension of the consultation period on this planning application.

**Cllr Brown will seek an extension if possible.**

**Mr D Pinder** outlined the History Society grant application of £175 for the installation of a screen at the Wembury War Memorial Village Hall which would be controlled electronically. Cllr Hart has donated some money from his County Council budget to purchase the screen.

**Mr B Dixon** said that the Trustees at the Wembury War Memorial Village Hall had supported the grant application for the screen.

**There were no further comments and the Chairman closed this open session at 7.44 pm to resume Parish Council business.**

**16-152 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2016.**

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

**16-153 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**16-140 i) Ivybridge DC Transport Association**

**The Chairman** suggested that this matter was revisited next year when suitable information was available.

**16-140 ii) Down Thomas Community Room**

**The Clerk will report at the January 2017 meeting regarding quotes for painting the outside of the Down Thomas Community Room.**

**16-140 iii) Motocross Track – Down Thomas**

**Cllr Brown** said that this was now a matter for South Hams DC enforcement.

**16-142 Down Thomas Community Room – Defibrillator**

Permission to locate a defibrillator on the wall of the Down Thomas Community Room is being sought from Enterprise Inns.

**16-145 Proposal for a Wembury Wellbeing Centre**

It was suggested that Matthew Chown should write a suitable article in the Wembury Review explaining his proposal and seeking views from the local community.

**Cllr Bennett** has written to South Hams DC to see if the proposed contract to take over the Wembury Recreation ground could be amended to allow a Wellbeing Centre. He was still awaiting a response.

### **16-147 Fly Tipping**

The rubbish dumped in Manor Bourne Road, Down Thomas has now been cleared by South Hams DC.

**Cllr Brown** informed members that the general public should take a note of any builder or clearance contractor and to inform the Police or South Hams DC if they are suspicious or if they are not licensed contractors. This way it may be possible to trace who is dumping rubbish around the Wembury Parish.

### **16-154 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY PLANNING REPORTS**

#### **i) Planning Applications**

**The Chairman** went through the planning applications.

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

### **16-155 TO RECEIVE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **FOR ACTION - Emailed Letters & Emails**

**a) South Hams DC - Knighton Hill Development - Application to Name a New Street - Langdon View.** Following a short discussion there were no objections to the name Langdon View, but members thought there may be confusion as it is not near Langdon. An alternative suggestion was Knighton Paddock.

#### **b) South Hams DC - Domestic Recycling Sacks**

Suitable locations within the parish for outlets for the sacks are currently being sought by South Hams DC. It was suggested that the local shops, Post Office and Doctor's Surgery may be suitable locations.

#### **c) Letter from Mrs A Coumbe**

**Mrs Coumbe** was concerned about speeding vehicles in Traine Road. A discussion ensued.

**Members agreed that her concerns should be passed on to Devon Highways to monitor the situation and to take suitable action if possible.**

Members suggested that the mobile speed camera should be set up in Traine Road to see if it will slow down motorists. **Cllr Cammack to investigate a suitable location for the speed camera in Traine Road and along Knighton Hill.**

#### **d) Four Rivers Dementia Alliance**

The Four Rivers Dementia Alliance is putting in a TAP Fund application and sought support from Wembury Parish Council.

Cllr Drought proposed, seconded by Cllr Cammack that Wembury Parish Council support the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance 2017 TAP Fund application. The resolution was passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: Wembury Parish Council support the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance 2017 TAP Fund application.**

#### **e) Plymouth CC – Consultation on Schools Admission Arrangements**

Wembury Parish Council has no comments to make at this time.

#### **f) Devon Flooding Information**

Will the general public please report any incidents of flooding to DCC. The easiest way is to

use the Devon CC website. The more people that report flooding the more action will be taken by Devon CC.

**16-156 URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**  
None.

**16-157 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ON MATTERS AFFECTING WEMBURY  
DEVON CC**

**Cllr Hart** had submitted a written report as shown below:-

I have circulated to members what I think is the definitive answer about parking on Pavements. It is for the Police to enforce, but is not easy to achieve. Local Government had a private Members bill introduced into Parliament early this year which got to a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. However, the Government asked that it be withdrawn and a Government bill to give Local Authorities power to issue fines for this type of parking was proposed. Unfortunately this new Bill has not yet been brought forward in the current programme of legislation.

I have asked DCC to look at speeding on Traine Road. My instinct is that many users are locals taking a short cut, with some delivery vans using Sat Nav. Making it 'Access Only' would be very difficult to enforce and cost between £5,000 / £6,000 to advertise and sign, assuming there were NO objections to this advertised change in road use. However I would expect a lot of opposition to this action from residents of Wembury if it were suggested. It might be interesting to see if the Speed Monitor has any effect on driver behaviour if it were installed somewhere along the road.

Devon County have set the Target budget today.

There is serious pressure with the Care of people, both in the Children's and Adults service. The Adult Care and Health budget will increase to £216,493,000 - an increase of 9.5% - nearly £19 m. The Children's service will increase to £118,131,000 - an increase of 2% - £2.3 m. There is a small increase of just under £2 m in Communities, Public Health, Environment and Prosperity. At the moment, Corporate Services and Highways and Waste are showing a reduction in spending. However the Highways budget could be increased by using Capital money.

The Draft settlement announced on Thursday now gives a bit of help. The right to put up Council Tax by an extra 1% and an extra share of the New Homes Bonus to help with the Care budget. The County gets more money from the New Homes Bonus but the District Councils get less!

The Heart of the South West Devolution bid with Government was somewhat derailed by a suggested South Devon bid with a Mayor. This has already been discredited by the Media and MPs as splitting the county of Devon. We wait to see what the new year brings.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

**SOUTH HAMS DC**

**Cllr Brown** informed members that the last South Hams DC Council meeting of the year had been lively.

The Joint Local Plan will be consulted upon in March 2017.

Thriving Towns & Villages / Neighbourhood Planning Groups are progressing well.

Whether to go ahead with the Local Authority Control Company will be decided upon in February 2017. If it goes ahead, the company will cost £300,000 to set up and it will spend

£27 m per year in providing all the services for South Hams DC and West Devon DC. This will allow the company to provide services to other councils to increase their income, with the profits shared between the two councils to cover the loss of income from the government from 2020. Staff will be transferred under TUPE regulations and there will be only 27 staff left employed by South Hams DC.

Cllr Brown has recently received proposals for 15 m high lattice Telecom Mast between Down Thomas Village Hall and the first house in Heybrook Bay. Wembury PC has not been consulted on this yet.

South Hams DC are chasing and writing to Taylor Wimpey to get them to surface the car park and provide the footpath at the Wembury Recreation Ground. A short discussion followed. **The Clerk was asked to write to South Hams DC supporting their actions, but to seek a more robust effort to get the works done early next year**

**Cllr Cane** – No report on this occasion.

## **16-158 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

### **i) WEMBURY SCHOOL REPORT**

As the School had broken up for the Christmas holiday there was no report from the Headteacher on this occasion.

### **ii) WEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL**

**Brian Dixon**, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, had submitted a written report which had been circulated to all members and was taken as read.

### **iii) LEISURE FACILITIES WORKING GROUPS**

#### **a) Wembury Recreation Ground**

Consideration of the contract to take over the recreation ground and facilities is in hand.

#### **b) Shared Access Proposals**

**The Chairman** had spoken to Shared Access about the Wembury Parish Council decision taken at the last meeting not to proceed with the proposed mast and lighting scheme.

He was sorry that the Parish Council had lost a good lighting scheme for the facilities in the Wembury Recreation Ground.

**The Clerk** had recently spoken to Shared Access and informed members that although an alternative site had been suggested for the mast, no agreement has been reached between the landowner and Shared Access. So at the present time there are no plans for a telecom mast in Wembury to improve the mobile telephone reception.

#### **c) Recreation Facilities**

**Cllr Bennett** reported that as the lighting scheme for the MUGA has now been lost, he will revisit the local lighting scheme with a local electrical contractor.

#### **Wembury Football Club**

With the resignation of senior managers, and having pulled out of the Football League, many of the players are discussing the way forward for football in Wembury. It is hoped that there will be some concrete proposals in place before the start of the next season.

#### **Wembury Youth Club**

The two young leaders are maintaining standards and introducing more in the way of structural themes. The average number attending is around 15.

### **iv) JOINT LOCAL PLAN & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**Cllr Packer** requested that in future the Joint Local Plan and the Neighbourhood plan are shown as two separate items on the agenda. He considers the Joint Local Plan prepared by

South Hams DC to be strategic and the Neighbourhood Plan, prepared locally, to be local implementation.

**a) Joint Local Plan**

**Cllr Brown** reported that some District councillors feel that the Joint Local Plan is becoming too Totnes orientated. There is also support for the stance taken in St Ives about refusing the building of second homes.

**b) Neighbourhood Plan**

**Cllr Packer** reported that he had invited Neighbourhood Planning groups from Newton & Noss, Brixton, Ugborough and Modbury to the meeting held on 19 December 2016 to share experiences in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

It had been a valuable meeting and a moral boost for the Wembury group, as they appear to be doing very well in preparing the plan compared to others.

The group will be making a comment to South Hams DC in respect of the Joint Local Plan shortly.

**v) COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**

**Cllr Brown** will arrange a suitable meeting of the group in early January to process the App and updated website. Progress has been slow on both counts due to other commitments. Hopefully more time can be put to this in January to enable these schemes to progress.

**vi) OTHER COMMITTEES / GROUPS / REPRESENTATIVES**

**a) River Yealm Harbour Authority**

**Cllr Drought** reported that the River Yealm Harbour Authority had now appointed a new Harbour Master, Bob Reed and he will take over in March 2017.

He also reported that boat visitor numbers were down this year, which reflects a slight decline in general boat usage.

**16-159 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**i) FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 2016**

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

**RESOLVED: The Financial Statement for 19 December is approved, as detailed at ANNEX C.**

**ii) GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**a) New Wembury Sign**

**Cllr Brown** reported that in conjunction with the AONB a new Wembury Sign has been suggested and designed, which would be paid for by the AONB. Cllr Brown would put £150 from his District Council budget and asked Wembury Parish Council to match him with a £150 grant, to install the sign. A lively discussion followed. Cllr Packer proposed, seconded by Cllr Bennett that two new AONB Wembury signs should replace the existing Wembury signs and that Wembury Parish Council grant £300 towards the installation of these new signs. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**RESOLVED: That two new AONB Wembury signs should replace the existing Wembury signs and that Wembury Parish Council grant £300 towards the installation of these new signs.**

**b) WWMVH Electric Screen**

David Pinder had already explained the History Society grant application of £175 for the installation of a screen at the Wembury War Memorial Village Hall which would be controlled electronically. Cllr Packer proposed, seconded by Cllr Curtis that the History Society is granted £175 for the installation of a screen at the Wembury War Memorial Village Hall which would be controlled electronically. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**RESOLVED: That the History Society is granted £175 for the installation of a screen at the Wembury War Memorial Village Hall which would be controlled electronically.**

**c) Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm**

Following a short discussion Cllr Cammack proposed, seconded by Cllr Drought that a grant of £100 is made to ‘Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm’ to enable the good work of the organisation to continue for the benefit of the local community. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**RESOLVED: A grant of £100 is made to ‘Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm’ to enable the good work of the organisation to continue for the benefit of the local community.**

**The Clerk** reported that there was still about £2000 in the grant budget which is used to assist local organisations. He will put an article in the next Wembury Review, but asked members to inform the local organisations that if they have a suitable project, then a small grant may be available from the Parish Council.

**16-160 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

**Cllr Brown** thought that the Wembury Local History Society website was very good and encouraged members to view it.

**The Chairman** thanked all the councillors for their attendance and wished everyone a merry Christmas and a prosperous 2017. He then invited all present to have a festive drink and mince pie with him immediately after the meeting. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.53 pm.

Roy Fairclough  
Clerk