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Parish Council

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	J Bennett	
	D Brown	District Councillor
	A Cammack	Vice Chairman
	C Curtis	
	D Drought	
	D Giles	
	J Hart	County Councillor
	R Newnham	
	D Packer	
	A Wirgman	
Clerk	R Fairclough	

Minutes of the Wembury Parish Council Meeting held at the Silver Jubilee Hall, Down Thomas, on Monday 25 April 2016.

16-044 OPENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cllr Stansell, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and welcomed everyone. Cllrs Batley, Bennett, Brown, Cammack, Curtis, Drought, Giles, Hart, Newnham, Packer and Wirgman were present, together with; Debbie Holloway, from Rentplus an Affordable Housing Organisation, Cassandra Harrison, South Hams DC Affordable Housing Officer, Greg Humphreys and two other directors from Tamar Properties Ltd, Beverley Robinson, Sue Atkinson and Barbara Tope from the Local Wembury Warden Scheme and Brian Dixon, Chairman of the Wembury War Memorial Village Hall CIO.

16-045 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from PCSO Andy Potter and District Cllr Cane.

16-046 DECLARATION OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None.

16-047 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.

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) April 2016 - Police Report

The Chairman read out the written report from PCSO Andy Potter as follows:-
From 20th March to 20th April

No reported crime

The Chairman raised the following matters which PCSO Potter had commented on:-
Damage to trees in Wembury Recreation Ground – the Police are pursuing this matter
Fly tipping which is on the increase – Police patrols have been made aware of the problem, however, it is a district council matter if tipped on the highway or public land
The burned out car in the National Trust car park – the car has not been identified, but recovered and there are no further enquiries at present

Cllr Drought had reported to the Police two road speed signs which had been damaged. One on the exit of Down Thomas heading south and one at the entrance to Heybrook Bay, one has been refixed and one removed

ii) Debbie Holloway, from Rentplus an Affordable Housing Organisation

Debbie introduced herself and gave out a booklet on Rentplus. She said that demand exceeds supply for affordable houses and went on to explain that Rentplus had been formed some 5 years ago to help young people to get into a home of their own. The company has been operating for about 1.5 years with its hybrid scheme, which is a rent to buy product for affordable housing. Debbie then went on to explain how the scheme works. Basically a person signs up to either, a 5, 10, 15 or 20 year rental agreement and at the end of their agreed period buys the house. At that time, the company gives the purchaser 10% of the house value as a deposit and it is hoped that over the rental period the person has had time to save in an ISA to buy the house. Rentplus liaise with developers and act like a Housing Association in agreeing the number and type of affordable housing with the local authority and then manage the houses until sold.

Debbie answered many questions and Cllr Brown thought that this was a good aspirational scheme to encourage young people to buy a house in future years.

Rentplus homes are suitable for anyone who is local to the area, is working or in training, has an aspiration to own their own home at some point in the future, has an income of less than £80,000 p.a. (in line with 'Help to Buy Shared Ownership') and are currently unable to save for a deposit. To be considered, households will need to be registered on their local authority choice based lettings housing register, shared ownership register or Help to Buy register.

Full details of the Rentplus scheme can be found on the website at www.rentplus-uk.com or by contacting Debbie Holloway on 01752 388940.

Rentplus is currently working with the developer Tamar Properties Ltd, who is looking at developing the site at Knighton Road. The Clerk explained that a local working group had spent a lot of time with the previous developer agreeing the layout and housing style and suggested any changes should be minimal. Greg Humphreys explained that there would only be minimal changes, mainly to the interior of the properties and he hoped that any changes would be an improvement to the existing scheme. It was suggested that it was crucial for the company to maintain good communication with the parish council and the local community over this development, especially residents of Knighton Hill.

The Chairman thanked Debbie for her presentation and Greg for his reassuring comments.

iii) Beverley Robinson, Sue Atkinson and Barbara Tope, from the local Wembury Caring Volunteers Group

Beverley introduced the other two members of the Wembury Caring Volunteers present, Sue Atkinson, and Barbara Tope who was the new co-ordinator. She explained the history of the scheme which had started in 2002 and had been used by the doctors at the Wembury surgery to refer patients for local assistance. Due to ever increasing legislation the doctors were no longer able to refer patients and the scheme was in danger of folding. A small group of enthusiastic supporters formed a new group on 1 September 2015 called The Wembury Caring Volunteers Group. They have spent the last year sorting out all the legal requirements and safety checks, so the scheme can continue. However, this has been an arduous task and an almost full time job to

prepare the necessary documentation. Consequently, Barbara has been taken on as a co-ordinator, on an honorarium and the scheme needs about £3000 per year to continue. The group have lots of enthusiastic local volunteers to help the old, young mums, the lonely or depressed and those referred from the Wembury surgery. Cllr Hart has given the group a grant of £1000 and they are now seeking £2000 and any new volunteers who wish to help to continue the scheme.

Cllr Wirgman asked whether they worked with people who had dementia and had they liaised with the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance who already had the necessary documentation in place. The group had spoken to the Dementia Alliance and they had one dementia patient. However, they would like to establish their group first and felt that their work was local and they helped a different and wider section of the community than the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance. A general discussion ensued.

Brian Dixon said that there were grants available and he would be able to help them if required. Also, that they should consider the changing the group to become a CIO.

The Chairman thanked Beverley, Sue and Barbara for their presentation and said that their grant request would be discussed later in the meeting.

iv) Members of the Public

None.

There were no further comments and the Chairman closed this open session at 8:30 pm to resume Parish Council business.

16-048 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2016.

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

16-049 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

16-036 i) Bus Shelter

The Wembury Recreation Ground Working Group is to meet within the next two weeks to finalise the location of the new bus shelter.

16-036 ii) Wembury Recreation Ground – Bench

The Chairman would let members know the date of the official inauguration of the seat for Cllr Squire, which has been delayed by his poor health.

16-036 iii) Cedar Park

The Chairman is still awaiting a response for the name of a Duty Director to contact in respect of future planning applications.

16-036 iv) Four Rivers Dementia Alliance

Cllr Wirgman felt that the Wembury Caring Volunteers Group should get together with the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance to help each other.

Cllr Wirgman will speak to Maxine of the Alliance.

16-036 v) Queens Birthday Celebrations

The School will let the Parish Council know if they require any assistance.

16-036 vi) Old Peoples Sheltered Accommodation

The Chairman informed members of an interesting meeting with Blue Cedar, a development company who build houses and bungalows for people over 55 years of age. They are proposing to build about 3 houses and 13 bungalows on a plot of land in Werburgh Close, Wembury.

Once the scheme has been worked up they will present it to Wembury Parish Council and seek public consultation.

16-038 Ivybridge DC Transport Association

Both the Clerk and Cllr Giles have been in contact with the Ivybridge DC Transport Association about a local Wembury Car Service and discussions are ongoing.

16-043 Clean For The Queen

Cllr Giles had identified the local people who had cleaned Down Thomas and a letter of thanks has been sent to them.

16-050 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.

16-051 TO RECEIVE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION - Emailed Letters & Emails

a) Wembury Caring Volunteers – Request for a grant

b) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – Request for a grant

Both these grant requests were considered later in the meeting.

16-052 URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

None.

**16-053 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCIL
ON MATTERS AFFECTING WEMBURY
DEVON CC**

Cllr Hart reported that several devolution bids are failing, due to the government promoting the Mayoral system and with so many unknowns, such as the business rates and top up money. Devon is not ready to consider a mayoral system.

The Crime Commissioner Tony Hogg has come to the end of his term of office and new elections are to be held on 5 May 2016. There are six candidates and each will have to promote themselves via debates on radio and local advertising. The poll turnout is likely to be low, but whoever wins will need to make changes.

Devon CC has received an extra £1.9m to repair potholes. Unfortunately, this will not go far with 8000 miles of road in Devon, and many minor roads are unlikely to be maintained.

Cllr Hart disagreed with the governments push for School Academies, as the local authority schools in Devon have a better rating than the local School Academies. It will also cost millions of pounds to convert the schools over to Academies.

SOUTH HAMS DC

Cllr Brown had submitted his written report which had been circulated to all members and was taken as read. The main points were:-

South Hams District Council is introducing a new Waste Collection scheme for a small percentage of properties across the District. In total only around 5000 out of around 45000 properties across the South Hams will be affected by this new scheme including just under 50 in Wembury Parish. Again, I emphasize that only a small number of properties are affected by these changes, and those who are should already be aware that they are affected.

I met with Nick Colton earlier this month to discuss traffic issues, particularly the issue of Church Road; and volume of traffic during peak season. Although a survey commissioned by Wembury Parish Council in the summer of 2015, found that statistically respondents did not see this as a problem, it is an area that we need to continue to monitor. I suggest that this is an

item of discussion for the June Parish Council meeting, at which time the setting up of a working group is considered.

The performance of the South Hams website is an issue that has been picked up by a number of members; it can be slow at times, or even not load at all. This is of a particular nuisance when viewing planning applications, as the size of files may vary, meaning that the length of time documents take to load can also vary. This is a situation that South Hams continues to monitor in conjunction with IT contractor Civica. The Contractor has been given until the end of May to improve the performance of the IT systems; and will be presenting to Members in late May. CIL; South Hams District Council have as yet not voted to implement or reject the Community Infrastructure Levy. South Hams are likely to come to a view on CIL before the end of 2016.

Cllr Cane - no report on this occasion.

16-054 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

i) WEMBURY SCHOOL REPORT

The report had been circulated to all Parish Councillors and was taken as read.

Cllr Packer informed members that he had been a School governor for four years but had recently resigned because the job of a governor is becoming even more onerous and he just does not have the necessary amount of time to give to the job. If anyone would like to become a School governor then please contact the School headteacher.

The Parish Council are not aware of what the School is doing to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday.

Cllr Hart has purchased a TV for the School with a grant up to £1800. However, it was felt that the Parish Council should assist the School when asked for something specific in future.

The Clerk will ask the School to write an article for the Wembury Review about speeding vehicles past the School.

ii) WEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

Brian Dixon had submitted a written report which had been circulated to all members and was taken as read.

The Clerk displayed the two signs of the whole Wembury Parish produced through the 2015 TAP Fund and suggested that one is given to each village hall for suitable permanent display.

The Clerk was asked to approach each village hall committee accordingly.

iii) LEISURE FACILITIES WORKING GROUPS

a) Discovering Wembury Book

The Chairman asked how many revised copies of the booklet should be printed. A short discussion ensued. **It was agreed that the Chairman should obtain prices for 1000 and 2000 copies and report back for approval.**

b) Recreation Facilities

Cllr Bennett reported that there had been vandalism on the Wembury Recreation Ground and three recently planted trees have been broken. The Police are pursuing enquiries. If anyone sees any vandalism in the area then please report it to the Police.

The Wembury Youth Club has bought some tennis racquets to encourage more outdoor activities. Coaching is available from Ian Shannon, Chairman of the Wembury Tennis Club.

The club are due to install another storage hut obtained from the School.

Adam King is to speak to the youth about the Wembury Recreation Ground Master Plan and its proposed implementation.

A label on the Wembury Beach defibrillator is peeling off and it will be refixed shortly.

iv) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

Cllr Packer reported that minutes of the last Steering Group meeting on 18 April 2016 would be circulated via email and on the website shortly. The group is progressing well and discussing lots of areas. A plan of the Wembury area has been obtained, through the 2015 TAP Fund, which will help the group. A grant request has been submitted and is discussed later in the meeting.

v) COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Cllr Brown informed members that at the last meeting on 6 April 2016 the Communications Group recommend the following:-

- The creation of a Wembury Parish App for use on mobile phones, tablets and other electronic devices. The app will cost £200 to set up with a £25 per month management charge ie £500 in year one. Cllr Brown thought it important to do this and to review the situation after one year.
 - The upgrade of the current website. The current website provider will do this for £750. The new website will contain all the information on the existing site, be more user friendly and easier to use on other electronic media devices.
- A discussion ensued and most members were agreeable to the proposals. The costs are discussed later in the meeting.

vi) PEER PLANNING GROUP

The Chairman attended the Peer Planning Group in Totnes on 18 April 2016. Parish Chairmen from all over the district attended and all thought that the service provided by South Hams DC was very poor. The comments ranged from the IT system doesn't work, we never see our liaison reps, poor communication and a total lack of effectiveness. Following the meeting a report will be written and all at the meeting urged South Hams DC to publish it, although there is no requirement for them to publish. Cllr Brown has received the comments made at the meeting, and said that they will be discussed further within South Hams DC. Cllr Brown proposed, seconded by Cllr Drought that the report from the South Hams DC Planning Peer group meeting held on 18 April 2016 is given to all the Parish Councils within the district. The resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: The report from the South Hams DC Planning Peer group meeting held on 18 April 2016 is given to all the Parish Councils within the district.

16-055 FINANCIAL REPORTS

i) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR APRIL 2016

The Chairman presented the financial reports as per ANNEX C.

RESOLVED: The 31 March 2016 and 25 April 2016 Financial Statements are approved, as detailed at ANNEX C.

ii) TAP FUND SCHEMES

a) 2015 TAP Fund – Highways / Signs

The Clerk reported that this TAP Fund project is now complete with only final payments to be made.

iii) UPGRADE OF WEBSITE AND PURCHASE OF A PARISH COUNCIL APP

Members readdressed the earlier discussions on this topic.

Cllr Brown proposed, seconded by Cllr Drought that the Wembury Parish website is upgraded at a cost of £750. The resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: The Wembury Parish website is upgraded at a cost of £750.

Cllr Hart proposed, seconded by Cllr Curtis that a Wembury Parish Council App is purchased at first year cost of £500, with a review in one year's time. The resolution was approved by 10 votes for with 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED: A Wembury Parish Council App is purchased at first year cost of £500, with a review in one year's time.

iv) S137 GRANT REQUESTS AND DONATIONS

a) IDC Transport Association

Discussions are ongoing with the organisation regarding a local Car Service for Wembury Parish.

b) Wembury Caring Volunteers Group

Members readdressed the earlier discussions on this grant request for £2000.

Cllr Hart proposed, seconded by Cllr Cammack that £500 is granted towards the costs of running the Wembury Caring Volunteers Group. The resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: That £500 is granted towards the costs of running the Wembury Caring Volunteers Group.

c) Neighbourhood Plan Group

Members were reminded about the grant request of £2000 to cover any Direct Grant shortfall to enable the Wembury Parish Neighbourhood Plan to be completed. Cllr Giles further explained the reason for the request and a general discussion ensued.

The Clerk reminded members that there was already £500 in this year's financial budget and rather than make a grant, it would be prudent to increase the budget from reserves, which could then be spent upon receipt of approved invoices.

Cllrs Giles and Packer took no part in the following vote.

Cllr Hart proposed, seconded by Cllr Brown that the Neighbourhood Plan section of the Parish Council budget for the 2016 / 17 financial year is increased from £500 to £2000 from reserves, to be paid upon receipt of approved invoices. The resolution was approved by 10 votes to nil.

RESOLVED: The Neighbourhood Plan section of the Parish Council budget for the 2016 / 17 financial year is increased from £500 to £2000, from reserves, to be paid upon receipt of approved invoices.

d) Mobile Speed Camera

Cllr Cammack outline the additional equipment required to ensure that the Speed Camera is put up in a safe manner, which came to a cost of £193.95 to be shared with Brixton PC. He informed members that Brixton PC had set a budget of £200 to cover any costs with this project. The Clerk informed members that this money could be spent from the Self Help section of the Parish Council budget, rather than a separate budget.

All members agreed that £200 should be earmarked from this budget. Cllr Cammack would discuss this further with Brixton PC and come back with costs for Wembury PC.

Cllr Packer raised the question of an upgrade to the system to gain more useful data to assist traffic management within the two parishes.

16-056 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Hart reported on the 60th Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and was pleased to note that a local person, Bracken Brown, gained an award.

The Chairman thanked all the councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.03 pm.

Roy Fairclough
Clerk