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Parish Council

Parish Councillors	J Stansell	Chairman
	J Batley	
	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 21 December 2015.

15-150 OPENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cllr Stansell, opened the meeting at 7:32 pm and welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year.

Cllrs Batley, Brown, Cammack, Curtis, Giles, Newnham, Packer and Wirgman were present, together with PCSO Andy Potter and two members of the public.

15-151 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs Bennett, Drought, Hart and District Councillor Cane.

15-152 DECLARATION OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

All Parish Councillors had applied for and been granted a dispensation to discuss and vote on financial matters at this meeting.

15-153 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 7:34 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) November 2015 - Police Report

PCSO Andy Potter gave his report as follows:-

Wembury Parish

From 29th November to 27th December

No reported crime.

Cllr Brown asked about two abandoned vehicles in Wembury village. PCSO Potter said that the vehicles are taxed and insured and so are not abandoned. **Andy has spoken to the two vehicle owners and he would again speak to them about moving the vehicles.**

The Clerk asked about a caravan left in the lay-by at the entrance to Down Thomas. Andy had spoken to the owner and it had been removed. **However, as it was back he would again speak to the owner about moving it.**

The Chairman thanked Andy for his regular attendance at the Parish Council meetings and wished him a merry Christmas from all the councillors.

PCSO Potter thanked the chairman and wished all the members a merry Christmas.

Members of the Public

a) **Bob Harvey** wished all the parish councillors a Merry Christmas.

There were no further comments from the public and the Chairman closed this open session at 7:36 pm to resume Parish Council business.

15-154 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER 2015.

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

15-155 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

15-140 i) Wembury Recreation Ground

The Chairman reported that two meetings have been arranged with South Hams DC and Devon CC for the 12 and 18 January 2016 to further progress the takeover of the Wembury Recreation Ground and facilities.

15-142 i) Church Room Land

The Chairman has written to the Vicar expressing disappointment at the sale going ahead and reiterated the Parish Council's interest in acquiring the land. He has suggested that it may be more beneficial if we all work together.

15-142 ii) Urban Grass Cutting – Self Help / TAP Fund 2016

The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk had put in a 2016 TAP Fund submission for £5000, to survey and suitably treat all the verges within the Wembury Parish.

15-142 iii) Wembury Recreation Ground – Bench

The Chairman reported that the bench has been installed and he is arranging a suitable date with Cllr Squire and the press, to record the occasion. **The Chairman will inform members of the date and time for the official opening of the seat.**

15-142 iv) The Big Green Space Challenge

The Chairman reported that the Recreation Ground Working Group would shortly be discussing a suitable planting phase of the Wembury Recreation Ground with Keith Rennells and Dean Price who are costing up the Wembury Recreation Ground landscaping scheme.

15-142 v) Wembury Post Office

The Chairman has drafted a suitable letter to the Chairman of the Post Office and will send it shortly.

Meanwhile, the current Wembury Post Office is to close on 25 February 2016 and it will be reopened in the Spar shop. Everyone wished James good luck for the future.

15-156 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY PLANNING REPORTS

i) Leyford Close Development

Cllr Wirgman had written to the Considerate Constructors Scheme with a list of complaints about Taylor Wimpey and the continual breach of the Transport and Management Plans. She felt that the scheme was a waste of time, but she would circulate her correspondence for future reference.

She also queries the pond on the site which was just a muddy mess and not really a pond. A general discussion ensued about whether it would ever be a pond or just be an underground water storage system. Most of the properties on the site were now occupied.

Cllr Brown had written to Taylor Wimpey about the the money from delivery fines, but had not received a reply.

The Clerk reported that South Hams DC was now applying to Taylor Wimpey for all the S106 monies to be paid.

ii) 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.

Cedar Park

The Chairman reported that as the Cedar Park site is locked and it is not always possible to visit the site of planning applications, contact should be made with Cedar Park to have a point of contact who could open the gate and discuss the planning applications when necessary.

The Clerk to investigate.

15-157 TO RECEIVE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION - Emailed Letters & Emails

a) Citizens Advice South Hams

A grant request has been made for £100 to assist with the running of the Citizens Advice Centre in Ivybridge, Kingsbridge and Dartmouth. A short discussion ensued.

Cllr Brown proposed, seconded by Cllr Curtis that a £100 is granted to the Citizens Advice Centre South Hams to assist with the running of the service. The resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: A £100 is granted to the Citizens Advice Centre South Hams to assist with the running of the service.

b) Big Greenspace Challenge 2015 – 2016

The £5000 granted to Wembury PC was already covered earlier in the meeting.

c) DCC: Tough Choices Briefing

The councillors had read the briefing and had no specific comments to make at this time.

d) The Chairman reminded people about the various celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday and the request from the HM Lord-Lieutenant of Devon for local celebrations. A short discussion ensued. It was suggested that the Down Thomas Summer Fete could have such a birthday theme. **The Clerk was asked to put a short article in the Wembury Review to see if any local organisation will be holding a suitable celebration.**

15-158 URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

None.

15-159 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MATTERS AFFECTING WEMBURY DEVON CC

There was no report on this occasion

SOUTH HAMS DC

Cllr Brown reported that it had been a very interesting and difficult year with the transformation of the district council well under way. There had been a loss of staff but more staff sharing. He recognised there had been problems with planning and answering the telephone but he was assured it will get better. The new planning system has gone live and there is due to be a reduction in the time of answering telephone calls.

‘Our Plan’ with Plymouth CC and West Devon DC is being pursued to produce one presentation and suitable plan.

Devolution will make a huge difference to the way local government will work in the future. There will be a rapid transformation in 2016 for implementation in 2017. The SW bid has to have the agreement of all the local authorities, on an equal basis and it is almost ready for submission. Devolution will be a hot topic in 2016 and Cllr Brown will keep the Parish Council informed of progress.

Cllr Brown reported that **Cllr Cane** was not well and had been in hospital for a short while, but that he was now home. All the councillors wished him a speedy recovery.

15-160 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

i) WEMBURY SCHOOL REPORT

There was no report on this occasion.

Cllr Packer said that the School was due an OFSTED inspection at any time and the Governors will be reviewed in February 2016.

ii) WEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

A report had been circulated via email and was taken as read.

Cllr Cammack reported that WiFi was now available in the hall.

iii) LEISURE FACILITIES WORKING GROUPS

a) Recreation Facilities

The Chairman reported as follows:-

i) Wembury Recreation Ground

Discussed earlier – meetings on 12 and 18 January 2016.

ii) Discovering Wembury Book

A volunteer has agreed to walk the new footpaths and to produce suitable walking cards.

Once these are received then all the new information can be collated and the Chairman will obtain suitable quotes for the book upgrade.

The Clerk asked that once the upgrades have been completed, that all the councillors help to promote and sell the updated book.

iii) Wembury Youth Club

The leader, Matt Chown, has returned and the Youth Club will re-open at the Scout Hut on Friday 15 January 2016. The club is looking at ways to develop a more meaningful programme of personal development for youth club members. This may mean changing the meeting to a weekend with activities on the beach. **A questionnaire has been circulated to the parents of the youth club for a suitable feedback. Please support this very active youth club.**

iv) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

Cllr Packer reported on the Steering Group meeting held on 7 December 2015 when statistics from the 2011 census about the Wembury area were discussed. For example he quoted the median age within the Wembury Parish to be 57 and that there are only a few people in the age range 18 to 32 years old. However, Cllr Packer said that there is a lot more information analysis to be done yet. A discussion ensued. The next meeting of the Steering Group is on 22

December 2015 in the Silver Jubilee Hall, Down Thomas, when the discussion will be about Themes. **Check out the Wembury Parish Neighbourhood Plan website at www.wemburyparishcouncil.org/neighbourhoodplan**

v) COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

The Chairman informed members that the next meeting of the group would be in the week commencing 26 January 2016 and he will let everyone know the exact date shortly.

vi) BEACH LIAISON GROUP

The Chairman informed members that the next meeting of the group would be in the week commencing 18 January 2016 and he will let everyone know the exact date shortly.

15-161 FINANCIAL REPORTS

i) FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 2015

The Chairman presented the financial report as per ANNEX C.

RESOLVED: The December 2015 Financial Statement is approved, as detailed at ANNEX C.

ii) FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

The Chairman outlined the resolutions as detailed in Annex D of the Agenda papers.

The Clerk pointed out the proposed 20.4% increase in the precept was to be able to manage the Wembury Recreation Ground when taken over from South Hams DC. A discussion ensued. Members agreed to vote on all the resolutions en bloc.

Cllr Cammack proposed, seconded by Cllr Packer that the resolutions shown in Annex D of these minutes are ratified. The resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: The resolutions shown in Annex D of these minutes are ratified.

15-162 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Cammack informed everyone that he had successfully passed the Chapter 8 Training Course and would receive his certificate shortly. All congratulated Cllr Cammack on his success.

The Chairman thanked all the councillors for their attendance, wished everyone a merry Christmas and closed the meeting at 8.43 pm.

He then invited everyone for a Christmas drink, with sausage rolls and mince pies.

Roy Fairclough,
Clerk