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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 Wembury War Memorial Hall on Monday 30 November 2015.

15-136 OPENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cllr Stansell, opened the meeting at 7:32 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Tim Pollard, the the new Localities Officer for the Wembury area.

Cllrs Batley, Bennett, Brown, Cammack, Drought, Giles, Hart, Newnham, Packer and Wirgman were present, together with District Councillor Cane, Tim Pollard, PCSO Andy Potter, Lorna Sherriff from the National Trust and five members of the public.

15-137 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Curtis.

15-138 DECLARATION OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None.

15-139 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 7:33 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:-

From 23rd October to 28th November 2015

Wembury Area

Between 25th and 26th criminal damage, damage caused to the metal framed gate at Wembury Playing Field, Barton Close CR07463339/15

1/11, offence under sexual offences act, naked male walker seen by members of the public walking the coastal footpath between Wembury Beach and Heybrook Bay CR/076812/15

17/11, fraud offence involving the theft of money CR/079624/15

PCSO Potter was not able to report on a recently overturned car in Train Road, Wembury.

Cllr Bennett was pleased to see PCSO Potter at the Parish Council meetings and he welcomed his presence. All members agreed that it was good to see PCSO Potter at the meetings.

ii) Lorna Sherriff, National Trust

Lorna explained the National Trust's policy in putting Pay & Display machines into the Wembury Beach car park. This is a national policy and Wembury are one of the first car parks to have the Pay & Display machines. The machines will replace the honesty box which has not been successful. Lorna answered various questions. She confirmed that the car park will still be manned during the summer months and that National Trust members will get a free parking ticket, mainly with the car sticker at present until the machines are modified to scan National Trust member's cards.

iii) Tim Pollard, South Hams DC Localities Officer

Tim gave details of his work history and said that he had a good working knowledge of the Wembury area. He then explained the changes at South Hams DC which had led to the creation of the Localities Team. Trevor Pearce is the man on the ground carrying out day to day tasks and Tim is part of the Engagement Team for Ivybridge West. Tim is customer focussed and his role is to promote customer care in the community by visiting village halls, parish councils or any place where the community gather.

Following a question from **Cllr Wirgman** Tim confirmed that it was part of Trevor's job to put up new planning notices and to take down the old notices.

Cllr Brown explained that this new way of working is an evolving process to best serve the community and progress would be monitored by the South Hams DC Scrutiny Committee.

Members of the Public

a) Kim Ennis spoke at length about planning application 58/2304/15/F 42 Cedar Park, Bovisand. The changes to the chalet had not been carried out in accordance with the original planning approval and were unsightly. She had spoken to South Hams DC but was not getting anywhere and asked that Wembury PC refuse the current application. A lengthy debate followed. District Cllrs Brown and Cane had both visited the site and agreed to discuss this planning application further with the planning officers. The Chairman explained that if the work had not been done in accordance with the original plans then it was a matter for enforcement by South Hams DC.

b) John Eaton introduced himself and said that he represented the Fort Bovisand Trust and was happy to answer any queries about the current planning application to redevelop Fort Bovisand.

There were no further comments from the public and the Chairman closed this open session at 8:10 pm to resume Parish Council business.

15-140 WEMBURY RECREATION GROUND

A public meeting had been held immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting to discuss the Wembury Recreation Ground. South Hams DC had indicated that it was not able to support Outdoor Leisure and Sport as it had done in the past, due to cut backs in finances and staffing levels. South Hams DC has suggested that Wembury Parish Council should take over the recreation ground and facilities.

At the public meeting the current situation had been explained in detail and the community was asked which of the following three options was preferred:-

- a) Do nothing and let South Hams DC continue to manage the Recreation Ground and facilities
- b) Wembury Parish Council takes over the the Recreation Ground and facilities
- c) A Community Group takes over the Recreation Ground and facilities

Those present at the meeting overwhelmingly supported the Wembury Parish Council taking over the Recreation Ground and facilities. It was felt that this option would enable the grounds to be maintained to a better standard, at a lower cost and the local community would have more control over the future development and improvement of the grounds and facilities.

Cllr Brown, as a District Councillor, declared an interest and took no part in the debate or voting.

Cllr Bennett reiterated that the public response had been positive and that the Parish Council should take over the Recreation Ground and facilities. A discussion ensued.

Cllr Newnham was concerned that maintenance of the recreation ground in Down Thomas was carried out by the local community and they should not lose out if the Wembury Recreation Ground was to be maintained by the Parish Council.

Cllr Packer proposed, seconded by Cllr Drought that Wembury Parish Council should enter into negotiations with South Hams DC with a view to taking over responsibility of the Wembury Recreation Ground and facilities, for the benefit of the local community. The resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: Wembury Parish Council should enter into negotiations with South Hams DC, with a view to taking over responsibility of the Wembury Recreation Ground and facilities, for the benefit of the local community.

The Clerk raised the questions of funding for the future maintenance of the Wembury Recreation ground and suggested that the Wembury Parish Council precept should be raised by £5000 to accommodate this. A discussion ensued. It was felt that this was a prudent measure and the Clerk should incorporate this into next year's budget for discussion at the Wembury Parish Council meeting in December.

15-141 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 OCTOBER 2015.

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

15-142 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

15-126 i) Broadband in Devon

Cllr Hart had no further information about the broadband programme.

15-128 i) Speed Warning Sign

Cllr Cammack informed members that the Speed Warning Sign had now been erected in Down Thomas and was working well. Cllr Cammack had other sites in mind, but requested assistance in moving the sign around. **Cllr Packer agreed to help.**

The Speed Warning Sign could record the vehicle speed and time, but it would cost £1600 to update the sign. Following a short discussion it was agreed not to pursue this.

15-128 ii) Church Room Land

The Chairman had again spoken to the Vicar and had not subsequently written to the Wembury PCC as he had been informed that all the PCC were aware of the interest of Wembury Parish Council in acquiring the Church Room land. Apparently, any sale of the land could take some time, as the Church has to conform with the Charities Commission regulations before any sale can take place. A lengthy debate ensued. Cllr Hart proposed, seconded by Cllr Bennett that the Chairman should write a formal letter to the Vicar, for the Wembury PCC, which clearly outlines the Wembury PC proposal in seeking to acquire, or manage, the Church Room land for benefit and use of the community. The resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: The Chairman should write a formal letter to the Vicar, for the Wembury PCC, which clearly outlines the Wembury PC proposal in seeking to acquire, or manage, the Church Room land for benefit and use of the community.

15-128 iii) Urban Grass Cutting – Self Help / TAP Fund 2016

Cllr Curtis had produced a report on the verges around Wembury Parish which required cutting and it was now a matter of how best this could be achieved.

The Clerk informed members that the 2016 TAP Fund requirements had been amended to include verges and repeat work. He suggested that the report by Cllr Curtis should be expanded and a full survey done of all verges within the parish. A decision could then be made as to which verges could be left uncut for the wildlife, which should be cut for safety and aesthetic reasons and which could be planted and turned into flower verges. He suggested that this should make up the 2016 TAP Fund submission.

Cllrs Brown and Hart declared a vested interest and did not take part in the discussions or voting.

A discussion ensued. Cllr Drought proposed, seconded by Cllr Newnham that the Clerk should put in a 2016 TAP Fund submission for £5000, to survey and suitably treat all the verges within the Wembury Parish. The resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: The Clerk should put in a 2016 TAP Fund submission for £5000, to survey and suitably treat all the verges within the Wembury Parish.

15-128 iv) Wembury Recreation Ground – Bench

The Chairman reported that the bench was to be installed within the next couple of days. He then suggested that there should be an official opening of the seat with Cllr Squire and the press, to suitably record the occasion. **The Chairman will select a suitable date and time with Cllr Squire.**

15-130 i) The Big Green Space Challenge

The Chairman reported that Wembury PC had been successful in obtaining a £5000 grant for Phase 2 planting on the Wembury Recreation Ground. **This now needs to be discussed with Keith Rennells and Dean Price who are costing up the Wembury Recreation Ground landscaping scheme.**

15-130 ii) South Hams DC - Section 106 Funding

Cllrs Bennett and Packer attended the SHDC Parish/Town Open Space, Sport and Recreation Plan Seminar about Section 106 Funding on 4 November 2015. Cllr Bennett had produced a report which had been circulated. He said that the Parish Council needs to capitalise on S106 monies.

15-131 Wembury Post Office

Support has been offered to James and family and James had replied that unfortunately, the Post Office will be moving in due course.

The Chairman felt that he should write to the Chairman of the Post Office and express the Parish Council's concern about the simple decision to move the Post Office and the subsequent devastating affect that the closure of the shop will have on Wembury Village, especially for the older people. There was general agreement that the Chairman should write a suitable letter.

15-143 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 had received a reply which said that she should contact the developer. However, they will also

take up the complaints with Taylor Wimpey. She was not impressed with the reply and concerned that Taylor Wimpey continues to commence work earlier and work later than agreed. It seems that they wish to complete the works before the end of the year at any cost. **Cllr Brown** had spoken to Paul Bignall and he was still chasing the money from delivery fines on behalf of the Parish Council. He said that in future Transport and Management Plans need to be more robust.

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

Cllr Drought reported that as the Cedar Park site is locked it is not always possible to visit the site of planning applications. In the past he asked for a gate key but was refused.

Any comments on planning applications always reflect that work should be done in accordance with the plans and Cedar Park requirements.

15-144 TO RECEIVE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION - Emailed Letters & Emails

a) SHDC - TAP Fund Process - 2015/16: Reminder & Revisions

Discussed under item 15-142.

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

b) Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm

Representation by Wembury PC on the Committee is required. A short discussion ensued.

Cllrs Drought and Wirgman agreed to share the role as the Parish Council representative.

c) Devon Wildlife Trust - Road Verges Project

A letter of support had been requested from AONB. However, it was felt that any support should be left until the 2016 TAP Fund has been completed.

d) Devon Senior Voice – AGM on 4 December 2015

Cllr Hart would be attending the AGM and would report back.

Cllr Wirgman had completed the Community Survey and submitted it on line.

15-145 URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

None.

15-146 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MATTERS AFFECTING WEMBURY DEVON CC

Cllr Hart reported that he is currently holding meetings around Devon to again discuss 'Tough Choices'. Even though the Chancellor has allowed a 2% increase on services, there is still some £30M of savings to make next year. The budget is currently being prepared, but the Chancellor is continually moving the date when information will be available, which means the budget dates will be difficult to meet. **A Tough Choices Briefing was circulate via email.**

There will be no TAP Fund in 2017.

John has requested that all the local Parish Clerks, including Wembury, will receive notices of road changes in connection with the Sherford development.

Devolution is on course; some MP's are being difficult but all the District Councils appear to be generally in agreement. The bid, as a combined Devon and Somerset authority, will be made about mid January 2016. However, the government will be asked what the advantages are of an elected Mayor, before making any decision on the administration of new powers.

SOUTH HAMS DC

Cllr Brown reported that the Scrutiny Committee had been reviewing the Customer Service Team and some improvement was required.

He is aware of progress on devolution of powers and an elected Mayor is one way forward.

Cllr Cane reported that the cost of car parking in Ivybridge is to be cut, with the first half hour parking for free. This will be on a 12 month trial basis and will cost South Hams DC some £10,000 of income.

15-147 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

i) WEMBURY SCHOOL REPORT

The written report was taken as read.

Cllr Packer said that as pupils were being turned away from the School, was it possible for the School to now receive some of the Taylor Wimpey S106 money. **Cllr Hart agreed to look into this matter.**

ii) WEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Cammack reported that the Christmas Tree was up and that the Village Hall would soon have Wi-Fi internet connection. The grant application for the replacement of the floors had unfortunately, not been approved.

iii) LEISURE FACILITIES WORKING GROUPS

a) Recreation Facilities

Cllr Bennett reported as follows:-

i) Wembury Youth Club

The leader, Matt Chown, has returned from his travel and is ready to resume with the Youth Club in January 2016.

ii) Wembury Recreation Ground

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

The long grass on the football pitch has now been cut after several requests. It appears that the Ivybridge Depot does not have a rota for grass cutting in Wembury and only responds to specific requests.

iii) Wembury Defibrillators

The box on the Wembury Beach toilet wall has shown signs of water ingress, so new seals have had to be fitted. The emergency telephone sign has now been installed besides the Wembury Beach defibrillator box.

iv) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

Cllr Packer reported on the Steering Group meeting held on 9 November 2015. Progress is slow, but it is following the South Hams DC Locality Roadmap. The current problem being grappled with is how best to communicate with the right people and local organisations. A Newsletter has been placed in the Wembury Review with a view to making more people aware of the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan and to become more involved with it. There is little requirement for a budget at the moment and a grant application will be put in through the Parish Council at the appropriate time. The next meeting of the Steering Group will be on 21 November 2015. **There is lots of information on the Wembury Parish Neighbourhood Plan website and he urged all to visit it.**

v) COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

a) Use of Emails & Facebook

Cllr Packer will contact each Parish Council member and discuss any computer problems with them.

b) Communications Group Meeting

Cllr Packer said that Facebook is being updated regularly. In conjunction with the Chairman he would set up a Communications Group meeting in January 2016.

vi) BEACH LIAISON GROUP

The Chairman and Cllr Packer to arrange a meeting.

vii) RIVER YEALM HARBOUR AUTHORITY

Cllr Drought reported that the Harbour Authority is studying the feasibility of installing a widespread CCTV system to act as a deterrent to wrong doers, including illegal netters. Minutes of the last meeting have already been circulated via email.

15-148 FINANCIAL REPORTS

i) FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 2015

The Chairman presented the financial report as per ANNEX C.

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

ii) TAP FUND CONTRACTS

a) Feasibility Study of Car Parking at Wembury Beach

The Clerk reported that he and Cllr Brown would prepare a suitable report for the January 2016 meeting.

b) Highways Self Help Contract

The Clerk again asked for members to urgently email him with any work that is required to signs or footpaths within the parish, so that he could put a small contract together.

iii) Wembury PC Answerphone

The Clerk reported that the answerphone was now at the end of its useful life and requires replacing.

Cllr Stansell said that he had a suitable answerphone which the Clerk could use.

iv) High Interest Account

The Clerk reported that the £10,000 in a Lloyds 12 month high interest account is about to end and asked whether Wembury Parish Council would like the £10,000 to be invested in another 12 month high interest account.

Cllr Brown proposed, seconded by Cllr Wirgman, that the Clerk is given delegated powers to negotiate another 12 month high interest account with Lloyds bank for the £10,000. The resolution was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: The Clerk is given delegated powers to negotiate another 12 month high interest account with Lloyds bank for the £10,000.

15-149 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Hart apologised for the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked all the councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.08 pm.

Roy Fairclough,
Clerk