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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 26 October 2015.

15-123 OPENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cllr Stansell, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and welcomed everyone.

Cllrs Batley, Bennett, Brown, Cammack, Curtis, Drought, Hart, Newnham, Packer and Wirgman were present, together with District Councillor Cane and nine members of the public.

15-124 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr, Giles, and PCSO Potter.

15-125 DECLARATION OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None.

15-126 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) October 2015 - Police Report

PCSO Andy Potter had provided a written report which the Chairman read as follows:-

From 26th September to 23rd October

Wembury Area

12th October, report of criminal damage, offender arrested and charged to court, CR/071073/15

ii) Members of the Public

a) Mr B Hall spoke about planning application 58/2174/15/VAR Trenear, Trainee Road, Wembury. He explained the history of the application and why he was objecting to this planning application. The the current work is not in keeping with the approved drawings and the variation will result in a loss of his privacy. He could not understand how this could happen and urged the Parish Council to reject this planning application.

Cllr Brown thought that the work being carried out was a contradiction of planning plans and principles. **Cllr Bennett** agreed.

b) Mr A Puddicombe asked about the current provision of broad band within Devon.

Cllr Hart explained the current progress within Devon and said that it is gradually working its way towards Down Thomas and Heybrook Bay. **He agreed to check out timescales for implementation in Down Thomas and Heybrook Bay.**

Cllr Packer thought that broadband for Wembury was planned within the next 18 months.

c) Mr M Elburgh explained the history of planning application 58/1736/15/F – 3A Beach View Crescent, Wembury. He and his neighbour had objected to the supplementary application and the Parish Council had objected to it at their meeting in August 2015. He was concerned that the SHDC Planner is not considering this variation as a new planning application and is currently recommending approval at the SHDC Development Control Committee on 18 November 2015. He asked if a member of the Parish Council could attend to explain their reasons for refusal.

Cllr Brown is aware of this application and considers it to be an overbearing development and there will be a loss of light to neighbours properties. There will be a site meeting on 9 November 2015 which he will attend.

Cllr Cammack agreed to attend the meeting on 18 November 2015 behalf of Wembury Parish Council.

d) Mr T Clarke expressed concern about a recent increase in vandalism and damage to the Wembury Tennis Court fencing. The Police should be contacted in cases of vandalism, or South Hams DC / Cllr Brown, regarding maintenance of play equipment.

There were no further comments from the public and the Chairman closed this open session at 7:58 pm to resume Parish Council business.

15-127 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2015.

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

15-128 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

15-115 i) Speed Watch

The Chairman reported that no further people had come forward to volunteer to be trained for Speed Watch. A discussion ensued and the operation of Speed Watch was clarified. There appears to be insufficient interest by the community to pursue this scheme.

15-115 ii) Speed Warning Sign

Cllr Cammack has been trained in the use of the Speed Warning Sign. It has been erected in Hollacombe and is working well. Cllr Cammack explained about the sign and the necessary equipment required and said that he needs more brackets and clips.

He agreed to adjust the current position of the Speed Sign and to draw up a schedule of suitable locations within the parish for its deployment.

15-115 iii) River Yealm Parishes – Working Together

The Chairman reported that he will attend the next meeting on 2 November 2015.

15-115 iv) South Hams DC Localities Officer – Tim Pollard

The Chairman reported Tim Pollard has agreed to attend the next Parish Council meeting and the public meeting immediately before it. He will also be attending Bumps and Toddlers on Friday with Cllr Brown.

15-116 Taylor Wimpey Delivery Fines

The Chairman reported that the question of fines, imposed by Taylor Wimpey on some of their delivery companies, being transferred to the Parish Council, has still not been resolved. **The Clerk to liaise with Paul Bignall, SHDC Enforcement Officer, about this matter.**

15-117 i) Church Room Land

The Chairman had written to the Vicar expressing concern about the sale of the Church Room land but had still not received a formal reply. He had again spoken to the Vicar who had said that the sale of the land had been put on hold due to procedural issues. The Chairman had spoken to several members of the PCC and he was concerned that they did not appear to be aware of the Wembury PC interest in acquiring the land. A general discussion ensued.

It was agreed that Wembury PC should write to all the members of the PCC to inform them of the Wembury PC interest in acquiring the land.

It was felt that if the land could be registered as a community asset by South Hams DC, then any sale would need full consultation before proceeding. **Cllr Brown to investigate.**

15-117 ii) South Hams DC – Planning Consultation re Change of Use

Many parish council's have written to South Hams DC regarding this matter.

Cllr Brown said that a formal response was due to be sent out shortly. However, it appears unlikely that SHDC will change their stance.

15-117 iii) Devon CC – Urban Grass Cutting – Self Help

Cllr Cammack informed members that he will be trained in Chapter 8 Signing in December and will be able to supervise people working adjacent to a public highway. However, he will need volunteers if the grass verges are to be cut by the local community. A discussion ensued about grass cutting. Several parishes have taken over the cutting of verges from Devon CC and South Hams DC. It was suggested that plans should be obtained of all the grass verges cut by Devon CC and South Hams DC for further discussion.

Cllr Curtis agreed to pursue this matter further with the Clerk.

15-120 Wembury Recreation Ground – Bench

The Chairman reported that Mr K King had laid the concrete base for the seat at no cost to the Parish Council. **The Chairman was now sourcing suitable brackets and the seat would be fixed in place soon.**

15-129 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY PLANNING REPORTS

i) Leyford Close Development

Cllr Wirgman reported little change with Taylor Wimpey still doing their own thing. The lights are still on all night and there is still some loading outside agreed hours. She felt that any fight against a developer in future, should concentrate on the design of the scheme and the Management Plan. **Cllr Brown** agreed that unless the Traffic and Management plan is robust there is little action that can be taken against a developer.

ii) Wembury Recreation Ground Masterplan

a) Meeting with South Hams DC on 13 October 2015

The Clerk reported on the meeting with South Hams DC officers regarding the possible transfer of the Wembury Recreation Ground to the Parish Council or a Community Group. He outlined the key points of the discussion and what it will mean if the Parish Council take over the facilities. He outlined the costs involved and said that it could mean a large increase in the precept to cover future management and maintenance of the facilities. However, the transfer of S106 money would enable Wembury PC to improve many facilities throughout the parish and could be used to attract further funding.

The public meeting on 30 November, to gain the communities views about taking over these facilities, will enable key decisions to be made by the Parish Council. Meanwhile, SHDC agreed to prepare a Heads of Terms Agreement for such a transfer.

b) Meeting with Consultant / Contractor on 15 October 2015

The Clerk reported on the meeting with Keith Rennells and Dean Price regarding the work

they are doing for the Parish Council.

Planning Application

They are currently preparing the planning application plan for the car park extension, location of future pavilion and the footpath link from the new development in conjunction with Adam King. They hope to present the plan to the 30 November Parish Council meeting for approval.

Sport & Recreation Policy

They are also preparing a Sport & Recreation Policy for Wembury Parish. There is a SHDC template which needs to be followed. Initially there needs to be an audit of all the sport and recreation carried out within the parish. Then the aspirations of the various clubs and societies needs to be identified for future improvements. **Notices in the Wembury Review, website and Facebook will be required to ensure an initial response from all the sport and recreational activities within the parish.**

Wembury Recreation Ground MasterPlan

They are also finalising the Masterplan in conjunction with Adam King and hope to present it to the 30 November meeting for final approval. A copy of the final plan needs to be erected on the recreation ground so people can see the aspirations of the Parish Council.

iii) 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.

15-130 TO RECEIVE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

Letters / Emails

a) SHDC - Big Greenspace Challenge

There is up to £5000 available for community greenspace projects and due to time constraints, the Clerk has submitted an application for £5000 for Phase 2 planting on the Wembury Recreation Ground. **The members unanimously ratified the application for this funding.**

b) SHDC – Knighton Road Wembury

The new developer for this site has requested changes to the original S106 Agreement for this development. In conjunction with Cllr Brown the Clerk has objected to these changes. **The members unanimously ratified the objections to the proposed S106 Agreement changes.**

c) South Hams DC - Section 106 Funding

SHDC are holding a Parish/Town Open Space, Sport and Recreation Plan Seminar about Section 106 Funding on 4 November 2015. **Cllrs Bennett and Packer volunteered to attend on behalf of Wembury Parish Council.**

d) Community Resilience

An event is being held on 10 November 2015. No-one volunteered to attend.

e) Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm

The Chairman of the group would like Wembury PC to be represented on the Committee. A short discussion followed. **The Clerk was asked to find out more information about the workload involved and the frequency of the meetings.**

15-131 URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

The Chairman informed members about the proposed changes to the Wembury Post Office. A lengthy discussion followed. It is likely that in the near future, the Post Office will move to the Knighton Store and the Wembury Store will eventually close.

The Parish Council members wished to offer support to James and his family at the Post Office, if he wished to object to the proposed changes.

The Post Office is also proposing to change the opening hours of the Down Thomas Post Office. The Clerk has already objected to the changes as it will be less convenient and more

difficult to remember when the Post Office is open. **The members unanimously ratified the objections.**

15-132 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MATTERS AFFECTING WEMBURY DEVON CC

Cllr Hart reported that the traffic lights at a site entrance to Sherford need to be adjusted to work properly. He has also passed on details of several Traffic Orders and road diversions in connection with the Sherford works. He also felt that Wembury Parish Council should have a representative on the Sherford Liaison Committee. Cllr Brown is already on this committee and will represent the Parish Council interests. The next meeting is on 24 November 2015.

Cllr Hart felt that the Parish Council should look at cutting all the verges within the Wembury Parish as other parish councils have been successful in doing this for the last few years.

The TAP Fund in future can be used for clearing out drains and ditches.

There is to be a series of 10 Tough Choices meetings around the County as Devon CC has to save around £30m this year and about £27m next year. It has already saved £175m over the last 5 years.

Devon and Somerset have put in a bid to government for devolved powers and have been asked to submit final details by 18 December 2015.

Business rates are likely to be given over to local councils in future and there needs to be a balancing between the amounts received by the county and districts.

Cllr Bennett asked about the future of bus passes. Cllr Hart said that he is still talking to MPs about it. Just a £30 charge for the bus pass would raise some £1.75m, which would help the financial situation.

SOUTH HAMS DC

Cllr Brown had submitted a written report as follows:-

Last Wednesday the Development Management Committee approved the proposed redevelopment of the Eddystone Inn site. As ward Members Cllr Cane and I both supported this application, as did the Parish Council. It was passed, and work can now begin on site. A developer has come forward for the Knighton Hill site at the top of Knighton Hill, which we will remember already has planning permission. Park Green has come forward for as the developers for the site. I for one hope that we can overcome the 'hurdles' for this application and see this site come to fruition. The original developer Cavanna homes, from what I understand actually did a very good job of working with the community, unfortunately this was whilst I was still a student in London and before I came onto the Parish Council.

There are a few hurdles in the way at the moment, regarding section 106 monies, which both the Parish Council and myself as ward members have made known our objections to. Let's hope that this does however, eventually get built.

I had a question from Cllr Packer regarding the 'New Homes bonus' money this month. You are right, this has been going on since 2009, and is used to help support the revenue budget at the Council. The Section 106 agreement monies will where possible, and where a plan is in place to use it, go towards the local Community. However in times of economic constraints on the Council, which we are doing our best to deal with during the T18 process, we are utilising funds where we can to ensure the council can continue its work, and continue to deliver the services that we have to provide for residents.

The recent statements from the government, suggest that we will take full control over areas such as business rates from 2019, and get to keep more of it. However in real terms South Hams is unlikely to see any change in income, as we get to keep around 6.5 pence in the pound from business rates. This along with the reduction of Revenue Support Grants from the Government, which essentially disappear from 2019, meaning that the Council, and I say this again, must utilise what it can to continue, and to deliver services to residents. We are in the process of developing our business arm, in order to continue to find find sources of income that

can continue to help us deliver core services to residents.

Members were given a presentation from Rent-plus, which is a new form of affordable housing scheme. I believe that this is the first example of a truly aspiration affordable housing scheme that we have seen. I shall be meeting with Rent-Plus this week to learn more about their scheme, which I will of course fill the Parish council in on in November.

I will end on a slighter lighter note. Two weeks ago the Senior Leadership Team gave members (particularly new members) for a tour around Follaton House, so that we can better navigate our way round to find officers. The agile working area, is I think, a very good idea, and an extremely modern way of working, something which perhaps some other members found a little odd. However, with this new way of working, most officers at the council do not in-fact have their own permanent desk. Instead officers essentially have the freedom work to go to which ever desk they want when they arrive in the morning, plug their laptop in and away they go. I think that this is the future of working in that style of office environment, but perhaps not something that was picked up in 'Back to the Future'.

Cllr Cane congratulated Cllrs Brown and Drought on their representation at the recent Development Control Committee meeting about the Eddystone Pub redevelopment..

He also suggested that Wembury should cut their own verges, as it is being done successfully in Brixton Parish.

15-133 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

i) WEMBURY SCHOOL REPORT

The written report was taken as read. Cllr Packer said that the School was grateful for the money received from Devon CC, for the new boiler and the facelift to the outside of the School. The School is looking to raise additional money and any fund raising ideas will be gratefully received.

ii) WEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

No report on this occasion.

iii) LEISURE FACILITIES WORKING GROUPS

a) Discovering Wembury Book

The Chairman reported that this is in hand.

b) Recreation Facilities

i) Wembury Youth Club

Cllr Bennett reported that unfortunately no parents turned up to the meeting on 2 October to try to find ways to run the club during the Autumn term. As a result the Youth Club will close until January 2016, when the leader returns.

ii) Wembury Recreation Ground

Thanks to the efforts of Cllr Giles, her builder Mr K King, has laid a concrete base for the Cllr Squire seat at no cost to the Parish Council.

The football pitch has also been earthed and seeded and due to the recent dry weather the pitch has been played on.

iii) Wembury Defibrillators

The sign indicating the location of the emergency telephone has been produced, but it has not yet been installed.

iv) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

Cllr Packer reported on the public meeting held in Wembury on 12 October 2015 when a SHDC officer addressed the meeting. Notes of the meeting have been circulated.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 27 October 2015, mainly for the Steering Group to digest the information and to move forward together. However, the public are welcome to attend as observers. There is lots of information on the website.

SHDC has now approved the Wembury Parish Neighbourhood Area Plan.

v) COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

a) Use of Emails & Facebook

Cllr Packer has prepared suitable Workshops regarding emails and use of Facebook and will suggest suitable dates to run some Workshops.

b) Communications Group Meeting

Cllr Packer said that he would try to arrange a meeting of the Communications Group for the first week in December 2015.

vi) BEACH LIAISON GROUP

Cllr Packer reported on the quality of the bathing water at Wembury Beach and said that he would like a representative from the Environment Agency to address the next meeting of the Beach Liaison Group. A discussion ensued about the quality of the bathing water and the implications for Wembury Beach if it failed the water quality tests.

Cllr Packer is hoping to arrange a Beach Liaison Group meeting the last week in November 2015.

vii) PARISH CLERKS WORKSHOP

The Clerk informed members that he had attended a Workshop for Parish Clerks on 7 October 2015 which he found very informative. There had been wide ranging discussions about Neighbourhood Plans, TAP Fund, Parish Paths Partnership, Speed Watch, Chapter 8 Training and Planning matters.

15-134 FINANCIAL REPORTS

i) FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER 2015

The Chairman presented the financial report as per ANNEX C.

RESOLVED: The October 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 the survey has gone really well and the Wembury Marine Centre staff will have analysed the results by the end of October. **The Clerk and Cllr Brown will then prepare a report for the Parish Council.**

b) Highways Self Help Contract

The Clerk reported that apart from reports from Cllrs Drought and Batley, he had not received any information with which to prepare a suitable contract. A discussion ensued about the type of work required and where it could be obtained.

He again asked for members to let him know of any work that is required to signs or footpaths within the parish so that he could put a small contract together.

iii) GRANT REQUESTS

a) Wembury PCC

The Wembury PCC has made a grant request of £500 towards the upkeep of the churchyard grounds. A short discussion followed. Cllr Brown proposed, seconded by Cllr Hart that Wembury PCC is granted £500 towards the upkeep of the churchyard grounds, but request a response from the PCC about the interest of Wembury PC in acquiring the Church Room land for community use. The resolution was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: Wembury PCC is granted £500 towards the upkeep of the churchyard grounds, but request a response from the PCC about the interest of Wembury PC in acquiring the Church Room land for community use.

b) Terry Clarke

Terry Clarke has made a request for a grant of £700 towards an external PA System for

Village events within the parish. A discussion ensued about type of system, usage, maintenance and management of the equipment. Terry is happy to manage and maintain the system on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Drought proposed, seconded by Cllr Brown that Wembury PC purchase an external PA System for Village events within the parish and request that Mr Clarke manage and maintain the system on behalf of the Parish Council. The resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION: Wembury PC purchase an external PA System for Village events within the parish and request that Mr Clarke manage and maintain the system on behalf of the Parish Council.

iv) BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE

The Clerk reported that he had received an acceptable quote of £500 plus materials, from Mr Day, to inspect, sand down, repair and paint with black hammerite the 5 No Bus Shelters within the parish. Cllr Hart proposed, seconded by Cllr Packer that the quote to refurbish the 5 No Bus Shelters of £500 plus materials, from Mr Day is accepted. The resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: The quote to refurbish the 5 No Bus Shelters of £500 plus materials, from Mr Day is accepted.

v) DOWN THOMAS VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

The Clerk reported that Cllr Hart has kindly offered £250 from his Devon CC Local Community Budget to improve Down Thomas village by clearing out ditches, channels and weeding pavements within Down Thomas. The total cost of the works is £300 and the Clerk requests that £50 is taken from the Wembury PC Self Help budget to cover the shortfall for this work. Cllr Drought proposed, seconded by Cllr Wirgman that £50 is taken from the Self Help budget to cover the shortfall to improve Down Thomas village. The resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: That £50 is taken from the Self Help budget to cover the shortfall to improve Down Thomas village.

15-135 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Brown reported that after the recent SHDC Development Control meeting a local resident objecting to the Eddystone Pub redevelopment, accosted him and made unacceptable remarks. This matter has been reported to South Hams DC but no further action is to be taken.

Cllr Bennett reported that at the Wembury Twinning Association AGM on 19 October 2015 no-one agreed to become the Committee Secretary and four more Committee Members are required. Consequently, there will be a special meeting on 11 January 2016 to resolve this situation, otherwise the Wembury Twinning Association may not survive.

The Chairman thanked all the councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.42 pm.

Roy Fairclough,
Clerk