



# wembury

## Parish Council

<b>Parish Councillors</b>	<b>J Stansell</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
	<b>J Batley</b>	
	<b>J Bennett</b>	
	<b>D Brown</b>	<b>District Councillor</b>
	<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 Wembury War Memorial Village Hall, on Monday 27 July 2015.**

#### **15-089 OPENING THE MEETING**

**The Chairman, Cllr Stansell**, opened the meeting at 7:33 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting on such a fine evening. He explained that the Chairman of South Hams DC, Cllr Ian Bramble would be arriving shortly.

Cllrs Batley, Bennett, Brown, Cammack, Curtis, Drought, Hart, Newnham and Packer were present, together with PCSO Potter, District Councillor Cane and 4 members of the public.

#### **15-090 APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllr Wirgman.

#### **15-091 DECLARATION OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

None.

#### **15-092 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) July 2015 - Police Report**

**PCSO Andy Potter** gave the Police report as follows:-

##### **Wembury**

25/7 domestic assault, no further action taken CR/051785/15

## **Bovisand**

Afternoon of 13/5 theft, bag and property stolen from beach CR/045319/15  
17/7 Harassment, enquiries ongoing CR/049853/15

**PCSO Potter** explained about Speeding Watch, where volunteers are trained to use a speed camera. However, there needs to be a known problem before this can happen.

A discussion followed.

Hollacombe has been identified as a problem area regarding speeding vehicles and may be a suitable location. PCSO Potter said that after the last meeting he had asked his colleague about an extra speed check between 9 am and 3:30 pm during a weekday at Hollacombe.

**The Clerk to circulate further information about Speeding Watch. It was also suggested that the Clerk should put the information into the Wembury Review and volunteers sought. Meanwhile, Cllr Hart would look into the provision of a speed camera.**

**Cllr Cammack** has been contacted about suitable Chapter 8 training, so the Speed Sign recently acquired by Devon CC can be implemented in Wembury.

**Cllr Hart to chase training dates.**

### **ii) Cllr Bramble, Chairman of South Hams DC.**

**The Chairman** welcomed Cllr Bramble to Wembury Parish Council and asked him to explain the changes taking place at South Hams DC.

**Cllr Bramble** then explained in detail the changes taking place at South Hams DC. There has been a reduction in Wards to 20 and a reduction in the number of councillors to 30, which is cutting the cost of local government. With a Conservative majority the council has a clear mandate of continuing with the reorganisation, because after 2020 there will be no financial support from the Government and South Hams DC will need to be self financing.

Consequently, it is necessary for more cuts in staff and services to be made. Joint working with W Devon has saved about £7M but it is not sufficient and as the main costs is salaries, then there are to be more cuts in staff, with a plan put in place to provide services with a smaller number of people.

Mandatory services will have priority and discretionary services will be reviewed. Staff is being given the software tools to do more work with greater efficiency. £4.6M is being invested in the changes which will save £3M per annum. Less staff will require less space and office space will be let to generate income. An Income Generating Unit, Serbico Ltd will be created. The change process started two years ago and is now being implemented. There is no Chief Executive but two Corporate Directors, with 5 Senior Service Managers. At the present time South Hams DC is financially sound.

**Cllr Bramble** then asked for questions.

### **iii) Members of the Public**

**Brian Dixon** expressed concern that when he asked South Hams DC officers to come to Wembury to advise on the proposed new kitchen for the Wembury War Memorial Village Hall he was informed that Wembury was too far to visit. He asked Cllr Bramble to raise this with the officers, who said that he would do so.

**Brian Dixon** also expressed his frustration at the incompetence of the South Hams DC planners and explained that he was currently in the process of writing to the Ombudsman about their incompetent handling of a planning application in Brownhill Lane, Wembury.

**Mr Gibson** raised his concerns about a proposed solar array in Newton & Noss which may be visible from his property at Thorn and asked the Parish Council to oppose this development.

**Cllr Packer** asked if there would be a closer relationship between South Hams DC and Wembury PC to fight off any desires of Plymouth City to take over Wembury.

**Cllr Bramble** explained about the proposed Liaison Officer Scheme where there would be a local point of contact, to establish closer ties between Wembury and South Hams.

**Cllr Brown** considered it very important to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan as it will give the parish a voice which must be heard by the planners. Cllr Bramble agreed.

**Cllr Drought** asked why affordable houses were being built in Wembury when there were no jobs, and limited public transport. Cllr Bramble explained that as places increase in size then the infrastructure shortfalls will be shown, and they will then need to be addressed.

**Cllr Cane** said that Wembury was closer to Totness than Plymouth. Planning applications were being considered by a pool of planners and so some applications may be looked at by planners in Plymouth, but they are under the control of South Hams DC and not Plymouth City Council.

**The Chairman** thanked Cllr Bramble for his detailed explanation of the changes at South Hams DC and for candidly answering all the questions.

**Cllr Bramble** asked to stay for the rest of the meeting.

**There were no further comments from the public and the Chairman closed this open session at 8.35 pm to resume Parish Council business.**

#### **15-093 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 29 JUNE 2015.**

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

#### **15-094 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

##### **15-081 Removal of Old Planning Notices**

**Cllr Brown** reported that in future, the new SHDC Localities Liaison Officers would be removing old planning notices.

#### **15-095 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY PLANNING REPORTS**

##### **a) Leyford Close Development**

**Cllr Brown** reported that he had visited the Show House. He didn't like the external appearance, but the house was nice inside and spacious. There was adequate parking for visitors to the Show House.

However, there were still site working problems and the feedback was not good, as Taylor Wimpey appear to be continually breaking the conditions of their Management Plan. South Hams DC will now be taking enforcement action and Cllr Brown was meeting the planners to discuss how Taylor Wimpey is breaking the Management Plan. Cllr Brown was disgusted at the way that Taylor Wimpey had treated the local residents.

There has still not been any suitable response regarding the 'Fines' money. **The Clerk was asked to chase Taylor Wimpey and South Hams DC regarding this matter.**

**Cllr Wirgman is investigating the Complaint Feedback System as part of the Considerate Contractor Scheme.**

##### **b) Recreation Ground Masterplan**

**The Chairman** reported that details of the site meeting held on 8 July 2015 had been circulated. The meeting had been far reaching and touched on many areas of the recreation ground. The date of a further meeting to finalise all these details is still awaited from South Hams DC.

##### **c) Planning Applications**

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

A lengthy discussion ensued about planning application **37/1426/15/F** - The Good Energy Development (No.23) Ltd proposed Solar PV array at SX 553 496, Newton Downs Farm, Newton Ferrers

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

**15-096 TO RECEIVE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE  
FOR ACTION**

**Letters / Emails**

**a) Devon Senior Voice**

The AGM is on 4 December 2015, Exeter. However, no-one volunteered to attend.

**15-097 URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S  
DISCRETION**

None.

**15-098 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ON MATTERS AFFECTING WEMBURY  
DEVON CC**

**Cllr Hart** reported that several roads in the area will be tar sprayed and chipped shortly. All the Devon CC Residential Homes are now empty and day care has been reorganised. This has saved £10m. However, the new minimum wage will cost more than £6m and Devon CC needs to reduce its spending by £30m. Consequently, there will be far less services provided by Devon CC in the future.

There is to be a study about the North Devon link road and 4 MP's will be visiting Devon next month. Cllr Hart will chase the mobile speed sign for Hollacombe as previously discussed.

All reserve matters have now been agreed for Sherford.

There will be changes to the public transport buses for Down Thomas and Heybrook Bay as discussed over the last 6 months.

There will be no financial help from the Government in future and so many of the services will be reduced. The main services in future will be to provide for the young, old and disabled.

The new powers for Cornwall have shown that all the local authorities need to work together.

**SOUTH HAMS DC**

**Cllr Brown** reported that Tim Pollard would be the Liaison Officer assigned to cover Wembury Parish and he felt that the Localities policy will be very positive.

**Cllr Cane** reported that Sherford was ready to go this Autumn. The main access would be through the King George VI Playing Fields from Hay Road. The construction traffic would travel from Deep Lane and access the site from Vinery Lane.

**15-099 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

**i) WEMBURY SCHOOL REPORT**

This month's report had been circulated via email and was taken as read.

**ii) WEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL**

This month's report had been circulated via email and was taken as read.

**iii) LEISURE FACILITIES WORKING GROUPS**

**a) Discovering Wembury Book**

**The Chairman** reported that he is finalising the quotes for the revised book.

**b) Recreation Facilities**

**i) Wembury Youth Club**

**Cllr Bennett** reported that the Youth Club is now closed for the School summer holidays and will re-open in early September.

**ii) Wembury Recreation Ground**

Wembury PC is waiting for South Hams DC to convene another meeting to finalise where the S106 money from the Taylor Wimpey site will be allocated. There are many options for extra

leisure facilities on the Recreation ground which need to be carefully considered, so that conflicts do not arise.

**iii) Wembury Defibrillators**

The lighting circuit has been repaired in the box on the wall of the Odd Wheel pub. The box on the wall of the toilet block at Wembury Beach will soon be replaced under guarantee because of a water leak.

**Cllr Bennett** has contacted the Salcombe Harbour Master to remind him of the need for a sign indicating where the emergency telephone is located.

**iv) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS**

**Cllr Packer** reiterated the two successful public meetings held in Wembury on 19 June and Down Thomas on 20 June 2015. The Parish Council also had a table at the Wembury School Fayre on Saturday 4 July 2015 to promote the Neighbourhood Plan and gained further names for assistance.

**Cllr Packer had circulated basic information and an agenda for the next public meeting to be held on 5 August 2015 in the Wembury War Memorial Village Hall commencing at 7 pm.** The meeting is to take the next steps in moving the Neighbourhood Plan forwards.

**v) COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**

**Cllr Packer** informed members that the Wembury PC stall at the School Fayre was used to collect email addresses of people who wish to be sent information by the Parish Council.

**He is still preparing a suitable Workshop regarding emails and use of Facebook and will circulate details of venue and dates shortly.**

**vi) OPEN FORUM MEETING – SOUTH HAMS AONB**

**Cllr Curtis** attended the meeting on 8 July 2015 and had circulated a report via email. One of the items discussed was by Nicky Bailey, who is in charge of promoting Sustainable Orchards on community land and has funding to encourage ‘pollinators’ i.e. Bees. One area chosen for this funding is the Wembury area and she will be approaching Wembury PC in due course.

**vii) DALC EFFECTIVE COUNCILLOR COURSE**

**Cllrs Batley and Packer attended this course on 2 July and will make the main points learned from the course available via Drop Box.**

**viii) TOWN AND PARISH MEETING**

**Cllrs Stansell and Packer attended this meeting on 27 July 2015 and will circulate a report of the meeting.**

**15-100 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**i) FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY 2015**

The Chairman presented the financial report as per ANNEX C.

**RESOLVED: The July 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 Wembury Marine Centre staff were now circulating the survey questionnaires and had returned over 100 for analysis. The survey was going well and will continue until the end of September.

**A separate survey for local residents was also being prepared by Cllr Brown.**

The Clerk had circulated the interim invoices to South Hams DC for payment from the TAP Fund, but they had been returned as each TAP Fund project has to be completed before any payment is made by South Hams DC. **The Clerk felt that there was no reason for South Hams DC to refuse legitimate interim payments.**

**b) Highways Self Help Contract**

**The Clerk** reported that he had received suitable information from Newton & Noss PC but was still awaiting information from Brixton PC.

**Cllr Drought** had inspected all the roads in Down Thomas and Heybrook Bay and had produced a report which he handed to the Clerk.

**Cllr Batley** was still finalising his report for Wembury.

**iii) EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

**The Clerk** reported that there were no comments for action from the external auditor and the Annual Report was now signed off. Details have been published on the two main Notice Boards and on the Wembury Parish website at [www.wemburyparishcouncil.info](http://www.wemburyparishcouncil.info) .

**15-101 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

**Cllr Cammack** reported that if Devon Highways were not cutting rural verges, could they at least seed them with wild flowers.

**The Chairman** thanked all the councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.53 pm.

Roy Fairclough,  
Clerk

## ANNEX A to Wembury Parish Council Minutes – 27 July 2015

### 1.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY WEMBURY PC

#### **58/1447/15/VAR – No objection**

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 58/2128/14/F (Demolition of Boathouse & Fishpond Cottages and replacement with new dwelling)

Boathouse Cottage, Thorn, Wembury, PL9 0EQ

#### **37/1426/15/F**

Good Energy Development (No.23) Ltd

Temporary (30 years) change of use to agriculture and solar photovoltaic farm with associated static arrays of photovoltaic panels (proposed output 5mW, site area 11.9 hectares) together with associated structures

Proposed Solar PV array at SX 553 496, Newton Downs Farm, Newton Ferrers

***OBJECTION – The solar farm will be visible from Wembury Parish and Wembury Parish Council object on the grounds that it will impact on the local environment, have an adverse affect within the AONB and an adverse economic impact on local tourism by destroying the beauty of the local area.***

### 2.0 PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY SOUTH HAMS DC

#### **58/1010/15/F Conditional approval**

Householder application for proposed alterations and rear extension

52 Church Road, Wembury, Plymouth, PL9 0JG

#### **58/1012/15/F Conditional approval**

Householder application to replace conservatory with mono pitched extension, replace flat roof on existing extension with mono pitched roof, replacement porch and sedum roof added to garage

85 Church Road, Wembury, Plymouth, PL9 0JW

#### **58/0951/15/F Conditional approval**

Householder application for proposed ancillary building replacing existing garage

50 Hawthorn Drive, Wembury, Plymouth, PL9 0BE

#### **58/0789/15/RM Conditional approval**

Reserved matters application (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) following outline consent 58/1706/13/O for erection of single dwelling house

Development site at SX 532 497 adjacent to 77 Knighton Road, Wembury, Plymouth, PL9 0EA

#### **58/0627/15/F Conditional approval**

Householder application for erection of single storey double garage within front garden

67 Church Road, Wembury, Plymouth, PL9 0JJ

#### **58/3008/14/DIS Discharge of condition approved**

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14 and 16 to planning consent 58/2508/11/F

The Stables, Gatewood, Ford Road, Wembury, Plymouth, PL9 0DZ

### 3.0 NOT CIRCULATED TO WEMBURY PC FOR COMMENT

#### **58/1411/15/DIS**

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (Roofing Specification) and 4 (Door and Window Details) of planning consent 58/2128/14/F Boathouse Cottage, Thorn, Wembury, PL9 0EQ

#### **58/1586/15/DIS**

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (schedule of materials and finishes) of planning consent 58/0913/13/F Spartan, Cliff Road, Wembury, PL9 0HW

## **ANNEX B to Wembury Parish Council Minutes – 27 July 2015**

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

62 General emails circulated since the last Mailings on 24 June 2015

### **MAGAZINES / NEWSLETTERS – Circulated by Hand**

**Clerks & Councils Direct** – July 2015 Issue 100

**Health Watch Voices** – Summer 2015 Issue 9

**Everyone's Tomorrow** – Summer 2015 Issue 27

**The Clerk** – July 2015 Vol 46 No 4

## ANNEX C to Wembury Parish Council Minutes – 27 July 2015

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**Total All Accounts at 29 June 2015** **£52,493.18**

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT 27 JULY 2015

#### Guidebook Account

Opening Balance 29 June 2015		£3,348.59	
Sales for Period	20	£64.00	
Copies remaining unsold	1,763		
July Interest		£0.14	
Closing Balance			£3,412.73
(£10,000 in 12 Month High Interest Account)		<b>£10,000.00</b>	
<b>Balance at 27 July 2015</b>			<b>£13,412.73</b>

#### Instant Savings General Account

Opening Balance 29 June 2015		£36,844.29	
( Includes £5500 Office Fund - 2006-09 )			
(Includes Grant allocation money from 2014-15 budget )			
July Interest		£1.51	
Transfer to Current Account		-£3,000.00	
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<b>Balance at 27 July 2015</b>			<b>£30,845.80</b>

#### Current Account

Opening Balance 29 June 2015		£1,454.02	
JWA Assoc Ltd - NP Leaflet Design	2487	-£52.50	
StuPrint - NP Leaflet Printing	2488	-£133.00	
Every Corner Distribution - NP Leaflet	2489	-£212.00	
Car Park TAP Fund - Marine Centre	2490	-£500.00	
Devon Wildlife Trust-Marine Centre Grant	2491	-£500.00	
Clerks salary & Expenses - June	2492	-£1,221.65	
Grant Thornton - External Audit	2493	-£240.00	
Konica Minolta - Photocopier - copies	2494	-£16.39	
Cllr D Brown - Expenses - School Fayre	2495	-£10.00	
Npower - DT Community Room	2496	-£73.90	
Transfer from General Account		£3,000.00	
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<b>Balance at 27 July 2015</b>			<b>£4,494.58</b>

**VAT to be reclaimed** **£901.29**

**Total All Accounts at 27 July 2015** **£49,654.40**