

WEMBURY PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Wembury Parish Annual Meeting held at Wembury War Memorial Hall
on Monday 18 May 2015 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman	Cllr J Stansell	Chairman of Wembury Parish Council
Clerk	Mr R Fairclough	Clerk to Wembury Parish Council
Public	18 electors were present.	

15-01 OPENING THE MEETING

Chairman Cllr Stansell opened the meeting at 7.04 pm and welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting of the Wembury Parish.

15-02 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2014

The minutes of the Wembury Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 May 2014, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

15-03 MATTERS ARISING

None.

15-04 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman then gave his Annual Report and commented on activities within the Wembury Parish throughout the year 2014 - 2015.

The full text of the Chairman's Report is shown at **ANNEX A** to these minutes and will be published in the Wembury Review and on the Parish Council website at www.wemburyparishcouncil.info

15-05 POLICE ANNUAL REPORT

PCSO Andy Potter gave the Police Annual Report for 2014 – 2015. There had been a slight overall increase in crime over the previous year, with criminal damage and theft being the majority of the crimes committed. The full text of the Police Report is shown at **ANNEX B** to these minutes and will be published on the Parish Council website at www.wemburyparishcouncil.info .

15-06 WEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

Brian Dixon, Chairman of the Wembury War Memorial Village Hall Committee, gave his annual report outlining what had been achieved during the year and what was planned to be carried out in the coming year. The full text of the report is shown at **ANNEX C** to these minutes and will be published on the Parish Council website at www.wemburyparishcouncil.info .

15-07 GENERAL MATTERS

Presentation to John Squire for 51 years Service to Wembury Parish Council

The Chairman thanked John for his tireless service to the Wembury Parish over the last 51 years and endorsed all the comments that had been said at the last Wembury Parish Council meeting.

He asked John to step forward and presented him with a framed photograph of Wembury Beach and St Werburgh Church and a bottle of champagne, to celebrate his retirement.

The Chairman also informed everyone that a seat is to be installed in the Wembury Recreation Ground in John's honour and will be included within the Master Plan planting scheme for the area.

John Squire responded by informing everyone about how the Parish Council operated some 50 years ago and the changes that had taken place over this period. He then thanked everyone for their generous gifts.



15-08 CLOSING THE MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all those attending and closed the meeting at 7.26 pm.

Roy Fairclough
Clerk to Wembury Parish Council

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014-15

Good evening ladies and gentlemen and fellow councillors.
This is my report for the past year.

It's been a busy year! From Robert Rowland resigning as Chairman and Parish Councillor, to battles over Leyford Close, or should I say Barton Brake, to villagers acquiring and siting defibrillators, to questions and answers about South West Water and its sewage disposal problems, to a new vicar, to proposals for a Neighbourhood Plan, to Wembury becoming a social media player, to new plans for Fort Bovisand and the Eddystone Inn, to the retirement of our venerable district Councillor John Squire (51 years service!!) and a general election whose result only one professional Pollster predicted - to the election of our youngest District Councillor Daniel Brown ... phew!

However life in Wembury goes on gently and with great enjoyment, by residents and visitors alike, of our wonderful environment from beach to woodland to pastures and river frontages. I cannot tell you how many people I meet who talk about the joys of living in this village.

And yet there are challenges ahead. We've already experienced the issues presented by Taylor Wimpey's unwanted development in a supposedly protected field adjacent to Leyford Close. We have been warned that without a Neighbourhood Plan – a costly and time consuming exercise involving every concerned villager – that we shall be even more vulnerable than before to unwanted development. We will be holding a series of public meetings from next month to consult villagers and set in motion the preparation of this vital document.

Devon County Council still has to cut its budgets further, threatening public services from road maintenance to bus services. Our bathing water quality fell dramatically in 2014 through no fault of the community and your parish council has tackled South West Water about this, with some expectation that they are making improvements and that we shall see a return to the very high quality we had in 2013.

Our Beach Liaison Group continues to review the issues of users and owners alike with attendances from stakeholders to commercial enterprises about how to maintain this vital amenity. Recently, supported by Brixton PC, we won a TAP fund grant to explore the feasibility of improving the car parking facilities for people visiting Wembury beach and details of our progress will follow in due course.

The Town and Parish Fund (TAP) has also granted us a substantial sum to improve the cutting of road verges around the parish – services no longer provided by the county or parish lengthsman. This was a joint appeal for funds with Brixton and Newton and Noss Parish Councils.

Details of the proposed redevelopment of the Eddystone Inn (into a pub/ restaurant with inclusive holiday flats and adjoining two bedroom apartments for sale) are awaiting SHDC planning approval, and were supported by your parish council.

Plans for a mobile phone mast near to the junction of Spring Road and Gabber Lane – which should improve mobile reception in Heybrook, Wembury Beach and areas in Wembury -- were also supported by WPC and news of their planning approval is expected shortly.

Fort Bovisand is also due to be converted into an interpretation centre, focussing on how its history changed over the years to match the shifting perceptions of how Plymouth should be militarily defended, while also hosting accommodation units and publicly accessible facilities such as cafes and restaurants to help make it a viable business.

During the year we had a new Police Constable – PC Charlotte Mathers took over from Rob Batchelor – and as always is ably assisted by PCSO Andy Potter and we thank them for their regular reports and frequent attendances.

We've also had two new councillors during the year, as Deirdre Giles took up the empty seat in the Down Thomas ward and Dan Brown joined in Wembury and as we've heard he is now also one of our District Councillors, Basil Cane remaining the other – congratulations to both of them for their election victories.

We have supported, as usual, a wide range of bodies and groups throughout the parish and have had presentations from the National Trust and others unconnected to planning or sewage! One notable talk was by Anthony Jinman, about his solo walk to the South Pole. He went to make full evening presentation later to the village. Congratulations to him for his astonishing achievement.

Both Village Halls are in fine fettle. Down Thomas has been doing great things with its grounds, while Wembury has upgraded kitchens, its charitable status and is about to embark on additional work on the floors of the main hall. The new committee, ably led by Brian Dixon, is doing wonders.

Finally I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their support and hard work during the year on a seemingly endlessly increasing range of activities. Some projects such as the introduction of a Facebook page and council e-mails have resulted from the work of the Communications group and in particular Cllr Doug Packer who listened to our ideas, patiently explained how it actually worked and then stitched it all together.

Cllr Amanda Wirgman deserves special thanks for her perseverance in the attempt to ensure Taylor Wimpey did not ride roughshod over the villagers.

Also many thanks to Adam King who has worked tirelessly in producing an excellent Master Plan for the Wembury Recreation Ground, which we should see come to fruition in the next year or so.

We say a sad farewell to John Squire and many thanks to him, Cllr Cane and Cllr John Hart for their reports, their support and especially their advice. We all owe a huge debt of thanks to Roy Fairclough, our Clerk, for his, brilliant organisation and hard work throughout the year.

Here's to a productive and successful year ahead.

Cllr John Stansell
Chairman Wembury Parish Council

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POLICE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014 - 2015

Wembury Parish Annual Police Report 1st April 2014 to 22nd April 2015

Wembury Area

	<u>Detected</u>	<u>Undetected</u>
Non counting action fraud	1	
Assault	1	2
Burglary (non dwelling)	1	
Burglary (dwelling)	1	
Theft	2	7
Criminal damage		10
Communications offence		1
Shoplifting	1	
Dog not under proper control		2
Arson		1

Total: 30

Last year 25 in total

Down Thomas/Heybrook Bay Area

	<u>Detected</u>	<u>Undetected</u>
Assault	1	3
Communications act		1
Criminal Damage		2

Total: 7

Last year 9 in total

Bovisand Area

	<u>Detected</u>	<u>Undetected</u>
Theft		5
Burglary (non dwelling)		1
Criminal Damage		5

Total: 11

Last year 4 in total

PC 11704 Charlotte Mathers
Ivybridge Police Station
Tel no 101

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WEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT 2014 – 2015

The past year has seen various additions and modifications to improve the facilities at the Hall which have included;

- Provision of an ambulatory toilet and baby changing facilities.
- Replacement of kitchen fittings for the Knighton Room kitchen
- Construction of a serving hatch between the Knighton Room and its kitchen.
- Improvement of the paved area adjacent to the Knighton Room fire door and provision of railings to direct those using the door in the event of an emergency away from the drop onto the Knighton Road.
- Repair of potholes in the car park. (undertaken gratis by a local roadwork's contractor)
- Replacement of floor covering for the main hall entrance lobby.

A grant of £10,000 to upgrade the main hall kitchen from Awards for All of the Lottery Commission has been obtained. A task group is bringing together the final details of what should be undertaken with regard to the refurbishing and re-equipping of the main kitchen.

Work is well advanced with assembling all the necessary paperwork for the transition to a CIO and the adjustment of associated banking arrangements. The organisations mentioned in the 1960's constitution have now all been consulted and their agreement obtained for the transition to a CIO;

Three new trustees were welcomed during the AGM bringing the total number to twelve. It is very gratifying to see younger faces amongst the trustees.

A Website and Facebook page has been set and which the community is now using.

WWMVH has had excellent support from the Parish Council and Devon County Council in that all overtures to them for financial assistance have been successful.

A task force has been set up to take stock of storage and which is now progressing making recommendations for storage rationalisation.

A Grant request for £24,000 is being prepared to submit to the Sport's Council by June 5th for funding for the replacement by hardwood floors of the flooring to both the main hall and the Knighton Room.

The next weeks will see the completion of a 5 year Plan for development of the Hall, the intention being that this will be reviewed by current users of the Hall, and when complete, will assist financial planning and Hall management.

Brian Dixon
Chairman