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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 Village Hall, on Monday 31 July 2017.

17-088 OPENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cllr Stansell, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting on such a sunny evening. Cllrs Batley, Bennett, Brown, Drought, Giles, Hart, Newnham and Wirgman were present, together with Steve Jordan, Executive Officer at South Hams DC, Keith Rennells & Nicky Bailey, Wembury Verges Project, Liz Hitchins, Dementia Friendly Parishes Group and 12 members of the public.

17-089 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs Cammack, Curtis and Packer.

17-090 DECLARATION OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

There were no other declarations of Interests or Dispensation Requests.

17-091 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 at 7.32 pm and opened this session to the public.

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 2017 - Police Report

PCSO Andy Potter had submitted a written report from 21st June to 28th July, which the Chairman read out as follows:-

Wembury Area

22/7 report of public order offence, threatening word or behaviour, no further Police action CR/060618/17

Cllr Wirgman reported that chains had been cut at the Wembury Boat Park and 4 kayaks were missing.

ii) Wembury Verges Project – Keith Rennells & Lynne Kenderdine

Keith and Lynne gave an excellent PowerPoint overhead projection presentation about the Wembury Verges Project.

Keith confirmed that Wembury Parish has a good diversity of plants within its existing verges which is a very good starting point for the project. Verges have to be cut, for highway safety reasons, and then some verges need to look good for aesthetic reasons. However, the remainder of the verges could be converted into wildlife verges to encourage local flora and fauna. The verges are either owned / managed by Devon Highways, South Hams DC or in private ownership. In the next few months the project will circulate leaflets and posters to encourage local people to join in community days to convert various verges into wildflower verges.

Lynne explained that she had done a comprehensive survey of all the verges within the Wembury Parish. She then explained the benefits of the verges to local wildlife and the huge number of different species of native flowers and grasses that abound in the local verges. There are 117 different flowering plants in Church Road alone!!

There are three ways to get involved with the Verges Project:-

- 1) Join in with the Community Days to be run in October – watch out for posters and dates.
- 2) Attend a series of Talks / Presentations as well as Walks about the local verges, to understand what they can offer.
- 3) If you maintain a local verge, then seek advice on how best to manage and cut it to encourage local flowers and wildlife to flourish.

Please register your interest, or that of any local organisation, such as the School, Scouts or WI, by sending an email to Keith, at wemburyverges@gmail.com or telephoning Keith, on 07779 242191.

iii) Steve Jorden, Executive Officer at South Hams DC

Steve is in charge of strategy and commissioning at South Hams DC and the buck stops with him. He then gave an overview of the changes taking place within South Hams DC. There has been a three year transformation programme going on which has met the short term objectives. However, there have been some problems along the way. Planning has struggled to keep staff and cope with a 20% increase in applications. The contact centre has struggled with the number of call coming into the Council but the Council is offering a range of different ways in which people can contact the Council so there are many different communication methods available today. However, these changes have made great strides and things are improving. There is still more that can be done and he is looking at different ways to protect front line services.

South Hams DC and West Devon DC are now inextricably linked and £5m has been saved by joint staff working. However, there will be no financial assistance from central government for local government by 2019 and so other ways are being looked at to close the accumulative budget gap of £800,000 per year by 2020/2021 to balance the annual budget and maintain front line services. The next step is to merge South Hams DC and West Devon DC into one new district council. The councillors have agreed to go out to public consultation to seek their views and then will decide in October/November whether or not to submit a proposal to government for consideration by the Secretary of State; finally the government has to give their permission. Within such a merger the Council Tax will have to be equalised between South Hams and West Devon. This means that South Hams Residents will have to pay another £63 / Band D to match West Devon. This increase could be done over several years and any new district council will then have one Council Tax for all residents. Any surplus money will be put towards improved local services or such things as suitable affordable housing. The merger is not a 'done deal' and a decision is likely to be made in late October.

A lively discussion then ensued with questions and answers. Steve was interested in hearing as many residents' views during the consultation process as possible.

The Chairman asked when the Joint Local Plan would have any teeth to prevent unwanted ad hoc development, especially with in Wembury parish. The Joint Local Plan had been submitted today to government for approval and it is likely to be Spring next year when it comes into force. However, it now has some teeth and South Hams DC will defend unwanted planning on that basis from now on.

The Clerk asked about the new electronic method of seeking parish council's views on planning applications. He felt that some improvements could be made and agreed to speak to Steve outside the meeting.

Cllr Packer had tabled a written question about his concern over Tree Preservation Orders. He was concerned that when a TPO was put on a tree by South Hams DC then the planners should enforce their own requirements. However, this has not been the case recently. Steve asked for details to be sent to him for further consideration.

The Chairman thanked Steve for attending the meeting and for ably answering all the questions.

iv) Liz Hitchins – Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm

Liz explained that the Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm are raising awareness of dementia and has been going for 5 years now. The Group has been recognised nationally for their efforts. Maxine has been to conferences, a local film is being made and Wembury is gaining a lot of publicity through the work of the group. However, she was now looking to come back to the local community to see what more can be done within the local parishes. Anyone willing to help should contact Liz or Wembury Parish Councillors Drought or Wirgman.

A local Walking Group has been set up and will start on Wednesday 6 September, for a walk and cup of tea in the Wembury War Memorial Village Hall. They will meet in the Barton Close Car Park at 10.30 am each week on a Wednesday. If you would like to join the walk, or you know someone who would benefit from getting out for a short walk, then please go along and join in.

v) Members of the Public

a) 13 Beech View Crescent, Wembury – Planning Application.

One neighbour explained that he had objected to the proposed alteration and urged the Parish council to object to the planning application.

Another neighbour explained that certain changes had been made and so they did not object to the proposals.

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

17-092 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2017.

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

17-093 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

17-080 i) Hollacombe Bus Shelter Repair

The repairs are now complete.

17-080 ii) Wembury School Summer Fayre

Cllr Brown reported that the Wembury Parish gazebo had displayed lots of information and there was general interest by the public. It was a good PR event for the Parish Council and he recommended it should be done again next year.

Cllr Brown also suggested that a thank you letter should be sent to the School.

Cllr Drought informed members that the new Parish Council gazebo was also used by the Dementia Group at the Yealmpton Show and were so impressed with it, that they are going to buy their own. The gazebo is currently with Cllr Wirgman.

17-082 South Hams DC Development Management Committee

Cllr Brown has provisionally arranged a joint meeting with Wembury and Brixton PC's, SHDC Leader Cllr Tucker, Development Management Committee Chairman Cllr Steer and Vice Chairman Cllr Whymer on 20 September to discuss planning issues.

It was suggested that perhaps Newton & Noss PC should also be invited.

17-085 Beach Liaison Group Meeting

Following the recent meeting of the group Cllr Packer had submitted further information about the Wembury Sewerage Treatment Works. **The Clerk would circulate to all members.**

17-086 Internal Audit Report

The Clerk is complying with the recommended changes.

17-094 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY PLANNING REPORTS

i) Planning Applications

The Chairman went through the planning applications.

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

17-095 TO RECEIVE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION - Emailed Letters & Emails

a) The Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund

The Chairman reported that the Wembury PC application for a grant from the Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund for the Verges Project had been unsuccessful.

Cllr Hart offered to match any shortfall in funding for the Verges Project from his Devon CC Localities budget, up to £1000.

b) SHDC Taxi Licensing Policies – Consultation

No comments.

c) Electronic Planning Consultation

The Clerk will write to South Hams DC regarding improvements.

d) Newton & Noss Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation

Members thought the plan was good and well thought out.

Clerk to send in the members comments.

17-096 URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

a) Telecom Mast – Land at Langdon Barton Farm, Wembury

The Chairman reported that Telefonica UK Ltd had sent a consultation letter to the Clerk about the proposal for a mast at the top of Pump Hill. Such a mast was permitted development; however, a planning application will come to Wembury PC to determine the exact location and the look of the mast. A discussion ensued. It was suggested that a map of the telephone coverage was required before any decision could be made on this mast.

The Clerk was asked to write to Telefonica accordingly. Suitable information about the mast to be put on the Wembury PC Website, Facebook and App sites.

b) New Wembury Signs

The Chairman reported that new Wembury signs had been installed at three locations by the

AONB. There had been no communication by AONB about when the signs would be installed and the Twinning part of the original sign has been omitted. **Cllr Brown is discussing with Devon Highways how they can be amended to include the twinning element.**

17-097 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MATTERS AFFECTING WEMBURY DEVON CC

Cllr Hart reported that Wembury School may become an Academy. The Barton Close S106 Agreement money is now available for the school and highway works to the junction of Church Road and Mewstone Avenue. **Cllr Hart would look into the provision of the new bus shelter paid for by Taylor Wimpey.**

Devon CC will still have to save £30M from next year's budget, but Plymouth and Devon are pilot authorities for taking Business Rates from the government, which could mean more money available. Devon CC is also likely to get some more money to repair potholes.

Following recent accidents on the Devon Link Road Cllr Hart is seeking more money from the government to carry out possible improvements to the road.

There are proposed changes to the Sherford development. Due to slower sales of houses than expected the School construction will be brought forward. However, the road access to and through the site will need looking at and investigations are ongoing into alleviating the flooding problems on the site.

SOUTH HAMS DC

Cllr Brown thanked Steve Jordan for his earlier presentation.

Cllr Brown was sceptical about a single new council but it seems the obvious choice for the way forward. However, he will await the outcome of the public consultation which commences on 14 August to the end of September. He urged people to get involved and have their say.

He was pleased with the anti fly tipping posters and the campaign was going well. Wembury and Brixton are pilot authorities in the campaign and he was delighted to note that fly tipping in the area had reduced recently. Members congratulated him on a good campaign.

The proposed changes to the Sherford development were going to a South Hams DC Committee on Wednesday for consideration.

Cllr Cane

No report on this occasion.

17-098 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

i) WEMBURY SCHOOL REPORT

The School is on holiday so there was no report on this occasion. Read the Headteacher's BLOG on the School website at www.wemburyprimary.co.uk/17717.

ii) WEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

Brian Dixon, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, had submitted a written report which had been circulated to all members and was taken as read.

iii) LEISURE FACILITIES WORKING GROUPS

a) Wembury Recreation Ground

i) Transfer of Land & Facilities

The Clerk reported that South Hams DC were insisting on putting lots of covenants into the contract which are not acceptable, nor appeared to be necessary and this was holding up progress of the transfer. Cllr Brown has suggested a meeting with the lawyers concerned to find out why these are being suggested. A short discussion followed.

Cllr Brown was asked to find out more information and report back.

ii) Taylor Wimpey Work – Wembury Recreation Ground

The Chairman reported that little is being done on site at present as the contractor is waiting for materials for the new access. The fence across the access to the Recreation Ground has been moved to allow access until work re-commences.

b) Wembury Future Verges Action Plan

The Chairman urged everyone, as well as local organisations, to get involved in the verges project.

c) Recreation Facilities

Cllr Bennett reported as follows:-

i) Youth Club

The Youth Club is now closed for the School holidays and will reopen in September.

ii) Football

The senior club team has still not been organised and so there is no team for the 2017/18 season. The junior team, now under the School organisation, will play in September.

iii) Beach Emergency Telephone

The assistant Salcombe Harbour Master, Chris Gill, is due to send some new stickers to replace faded ones on the emergency telephone indicating the position of the emergency telephone.

d) Community Asset Group

The group met on 19 July 2017 and notes of the meeting had been circulated. The group was continuing to apply for the Mussel Inn to become a Community Asset. A listing of the building, whilst protecting the fabric of the building, would not guarantee it remained a pub, so this is not being pursued at present.

iv) LOCAL PLANS

a) SHDC Joint Local Plan

Cllr Brown reported that the Joint Local Plan has been submitted today to government for approval, which is likely early in 2018.

b) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Packer had circulated an email indicating that the next meeting would be on 14 August 2017. The Community Survey is now being finalised and distribution methods are being discussed. The Housing needs assessment has stalled but is being kick started again.

vii) OTHER COMMITTEES / GROUPS / REPRESENTATIVES

a) River Yealm Harbour Authority

Cllr Drought reported that the Harbour Authority will be examining the Yealm Steps on the Noss side after the Annual Regatta. The minutes of the last meeting have been circulated by email.

17-099 FINANCIAL REPORTS

i) Financial Statement for 31 July 2017.

The Chairman presented the financial statement as per ANNEX C.

RESOLVED: The Financial Statement for 31 July 2017 is approved, as detailed in ANNEX C.

ii) Cleaning of Bus Shelter Contract

The Clerk reported that he had received two quotes for the cleaning of the bus shelters, details of which had been circulated to members.

He recommended the lowest price contractor for acceptance.

Cllr Brown proposed, seconded by Cllr Wirgman that the quote from Peter Whitley for cleaning the six bus shelters in the parish four times per year, is accepted in the sum of £160 per annum. The resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: The quote from Peter Whitley for cleaning the six bus shelters in the parish four times per year, is accepted in the sum of £160 per annum.

iii) Discovering Wembury Books

The Chairman reported that even though the Discovering Wembury books have been updated, they are showing signs of their age and the staples holding them together are rusting.

A discussion ensued. It was agreed that the books wholesale price should now be reduced by £1.20.

Cllr Brown proposed, seconded by Cllr Wirgman that the wholesale price of the Discovering Wembury Book is reduced by £1.20. The resolution was approved by 7 votes for with 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED: The wholesale price of the Discovering Wembury Book is reduced by £1.20.

17-100 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Drought reported that postmen / women are now being trained to notice any problems in houses due to possible dementia of the residents. Tavistock and postcode area PL8 are currently being trialled.

The Chairman thanked all the councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.05 pm.

Roy Fairclough
Clerk

ANNEX A to Wembury Parish Council Minutes – 31 July 2017

1.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY WEMBURY PC

2105/17/FUL – *No objection*

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new low energy PassiveHouse dwelling
Greystokes Beach Road Heybrook Bay Devon PL9 OBS

2184/17/CLE 172184– *No objection*

Certificate of Lawfulness Existing Use
Lawful development certificate for existing use of land as cultivated garden/domestic curtilage
Lower Ford Road From Langdon Barton Farm To Ford
Road Wembury Devon PL9 0DZ

2153/17/HHO– *No objection*

Householder application for demolition of existing garage, alterations and extensions to existing dwelling (north-west and south-east elevations) including raised roof and rooms in roofspace, adjustment of garden levels and raising of height of boundary walls to south-west and south-east
13 Beach View Crescent, Wembury, PL9 0HL

2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

2024/17/NMM

Non Material Minor Amendment
Application for non material amendment following grant of planning consent 2742/15/HHO
Bovisand Lodge Cottage, Bovisand Cottage To Bovisand Court Staddiscombe Devon PL9 AA

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FOR INFORMATION - Emails & Emailed Letters

Wembury Bay WI - Verges
SW Coast Path 2017 Challenge
Wembury Marine Centre – Thank you for the grant
Wembury Allotment Association – Thank you for the grant
Various Planning Comments

MAGAZINES / NEWSLETTERS – Circulated in the normal way

The Clerk – July 2017 Vol 48 No 4
Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2017 Issue 112
LCR – Summer 2017

EMAILS

95 General emails circulated since the last Mailings on 21 June 2017

ANNEX C to Wembury Parish Council Minutes – 31 July 2017

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total All Accounts at 26 June 2017 **£54,982.14**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 31 JULY 2017

Guidebook Account

Opening Balance 26 June 2017		£3,785.63	
Sales for Period	0	£0.00	
Copies remaining unsold - now updated book	1,694		
July Interest		£0.16	
Closing Balance		£3,785.79	
(£10,000 in 12 Month High Interest Account)		£10,000.00	
Balance at 31 July 2017			£13,785.79

Instant Savings General Account

Opening Balance 26 June 2017		£39,964.74	
Includes £5500 Office Fund - (2006-09)			
Includes £5000 Grounds Maintenance Fund			
July Interest		£1.66	
Transfer to Current Account		-£3,000.00	
Transfer to Current Account		-£3,000.00	
Balance at 31 July 2017			£33,966.40

Current Account

Opening Balance 26 June 2017		£804.91	
Viking Direct - Stationary	2627	-£66.59	
Communi Corp Clerk & Clls Direct mag subs	2628	-£24.00	
Wembury Marine Centre - s137Grant	2629	-£500.00	
J Friend - Works No 3	2630	-£141.28	
Electronic Transfers			
HMRC Tax & NI		-£1,091.85	
Clerks Salary & Expenses -June		-£1,492.42	
Transfer from General Account		£3,000.00	
Transfer from General Account		£3,000.00	
BT - Telephone		-£93.19	
Balance at 31 July 2017			£3,395.58

VAT to be reclaimed **£453.49**

Total All Accounts at 31 July 2017 **£51,601.26**