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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 18 December 2017.

17-147 OPENING THE MEETING

The Chairman, Cllr Stansell, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and welcomed everyone to the Christmas meeting of the Parish Council. Cllrs Batley, Bennett, Brown, Cammack, Curtis, Drought, Giles, Newnham, Packer and Wirgman were present, together with 7 members of the public.

17-148 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Hart, District Cllr Cane and PCSO Potter.

17-149 DECLARATION OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

Cllr Curtis declared a personal interest in planning application No 3953/17/HHO, 8 Hawthorn Park Road, Wembury and took no part in the meeting during this item. There were no other Declarations of Interests or Dispensation Requests.

17-150 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 7.31 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) December 2017 - Police Report

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

From 25th Nov. to 16th Dec

Wembury Area

Overnight 10th / 11th December - A car parked on a driveway had all four wheels stolen

ii) Members of the Public

a) Planning Application No 3953/17/HHO - 8 Hawthorn Park Road, Wembury.

i) Andrew Thompson

Andrew explained that he and his wife objected to the above planning application due to a loss of privacy from the proposed balcony, which is less than one metre from their boundary. Also from a side window in the West side which overlooks their property, which he felt should contain obscure glass. Their own balcony is set back so does not overlook the neighbours. He circulated photographs to the members to illustrate his points. Andrew has commented on the South Hams DC web page and he urged the Parish Council to reject this planning application.

ii) Peter Ward

Peter and his wife supported the above planning application. He explained the need for more accommodation so that they could look after Mrs Bass full time and still have a private area for the family, hence the upstairs extension. He felt that the proposals were modest and in keeping with other extensions in the area, as there was already an element of overlooking of neighbours properties. Peter asked the Parish Council to support this planning application.

A general discussion ensued. The Chairman asked whether the two neighbours could reach an agreement outside the meeting. He explained that this planning application would be discussed later in the meeting.

There were no further comments and the Chairman closed this open session at 7.46 pm to resume Parish Council business.

17-151 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2017.

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

17-152 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

17-139 i) South Hams DC Development Management Committee

Cllr Brown reported that he has invited the leader of the South Hams DC Development Management Committee, Cllr Steer, to the January meeting of the Parish Council to discuss planning and TPO issues. **He was awaiting confirmation.**

17-139 ii) New Wembury Signs

Cllr Brown discussed this matter as part of his report later in the meeting.

17-146 i) Wembury Recreation Ground - Barrier

Cllr Cammack had requested the erection of a suitable access barrier at the Barton Brake access to the Wembury Recreation Ground to prevent unauthorised access by cars and motorbikes. **The Chairman requested that the Wembury Recreation Ground Working Group meet to discuss how this might be achieved and report at the next Wembury PC meeting.**

17-146 ii) Tim Pollard

Following a short discussion it was agreed that Tim Pollard should only be asked to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council when there was a specific issue to be discussed.

17-153 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY PLANNING REPORTS

i) Planning Applications

The Chairman went through the planning applications in Annex A of the Agenda.

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

17-154 TO RECEIVE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION - Emailed Letters & Emails

a) Plymouth CC – Schools Admission Arrangements 2019/20120 – Consultation

Several members had problems accessing this document on the Plymouth CC website.

Cllrs would try again and make any necessary comments.

b) Brixton Neighbourhood Plan Group

The First draft of the Brixton Neighbourhood Plan is out for public and statutory consultation.

Wembury PC had no comments to make on this good plan.

c) Brixton Parish Council

Brixton PC had requested support from Wembury PC for a joint Dementia Friendly Parishes

Application to the TAP Fund 2017. The Chairman proposed the following resolution,

seconded by Cllr Brown which was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: Wembury Parish Council support a joint Dementia Friendly Parishes Application to the TAP Fund 2017.

17-155 URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION

None.

17-156 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MATTERS AFFECTING WEMBURY

DEVON CC

Cllr Hart had submitted a brief written report which the Chairman read out as follows:-

The draft Budget went to Cabinet last week, which suggests an increase in spending of some £17million - £13million to be spent on Adult Services with £6.5million extra on Children Services. The spending is predicated on a Council Tax rise of 3% for Adult care and a 1.9% for inflation and all other pressures. Totalling 4.9% increase.

Devon CC is hoping to hear from Government tomorrow about the Provisional Local Government settlement and how it will effect Devon. Assuming the figures are as promised in the Medium Term Financial Statement, Devon CC target budget is manageable.

The Clerk sent out a comment about Purbeck Council now supporting the Dorset Unitary bid. However Christchurch Borough Council has voted 84% against joining a proposed Unitary Council with Poole and Bournemouth, on a 55.6 turnout.

Happy Christmas to all and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

SOUTH HAMS DC

Cllr Brown said that as the ‘One Council’ proposal will not be going ahead now, there will be a budget gap for 2018/19 of £157,000 rising to a gap of £339,000 within 5 years. The District Council are looking at ways of saving money and one suggestion is to either charge, or close, some toilets within South Hams, as the provision of toilets is not a statutory function.

Consequently, the toilets at Wembury may be affected. The various options are:-

- 1) to charge for their use
- 2) Wembury PC to take over the asset and manage the toilets
- 3) The National Trust takes them over or contributes to their management
- 4) Close them

A general discussion ensued about the toilets, which members considered should be kept open because of the isolated nature of the beach.

Cllr Brown was asked to find out more information about the cost of running the Wembury Beach toilet and the maintenance costs.

Cllr Packer and the Clerk suggested that South Hams DC should consider various other options for keeping the toilets open, such as:-

- 5) The toilets are sponsored by a local business or organisation
- 6) A local Community Group could take them over
- 7) Various combinations of the above

The Chairman suggested that a small group of members from the Beach Liaison Group should get together, to consider all the various options available to retain the Wembury toilets and report back. Cllr Packer to action.

Cllr Brown resumed his report and said that the cost of altering the new Wembury Signs to include the Twinning element would be £80 for each sign and £352 for erection / installation. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was felt by all the members that as the AONB / Devon CC had replaced the original sign incorrectly, then they should be liable for the cost of putting the new signs right. Alternatively, they could replace the original signs. **The Clerk was asked to liaise with Cllr Brown and to write to the AONB / Devon CC accordingly.**

Cllr Brown resumed his report and confirmed that Steve Jordan would be leaving South Hams DC for Swindon in the New Year and that Sophie Hoskins would be in overall charge at South Hams DC as Head of Paid Service, until a review in May 2018.

Pre planning discussions have been held at South Hams DC regarding a proposed housing development at South Barton Farm. It looks likely that it will be submitted for consideration early in 2018.

Cllr Cane

No report on this occasion.

17-157 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

i) WEMBURY SCHOOL REPORT

The School is currently on holiday.

Read the Headteacher's BLOG on the School website at www.wemburyprimary.co.uk

ii) WEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

The report from The Chairman, Brian Dixon was taken as read.

iii) LEISURE FACILITIES WORKING GROUPS

a) Wembury Recreation Ground - Transfer of Land & Planting

The Chairman reported that the contract is still awaited for signing.

The planting along the car park fencing, approved at the last meeting, is due to commence on 15 January 2018.

The Chairman suggested that setting up a Management Group, including members of the public, can be discussed at the next Wembury Recreation Ground Working Group shortly to be arranged.

b) Recreation Facilities

Cllr Bennett reported that the meeting with Sovereign Play has been postponed until 15 January 2018 at 2 pm and members of the public have been asked to attend.

A meeting to discuss the future of the Wembury Youth Club will be held on 3 January 2018.

Cllr Bennett attended a meeting with members of the School, AONB and Keith Rennells to discuss planting Wild Flowers around the School Community Orchard. Notes of the meeting have been circulated. A lengthy discussion ensued about School safety and public access to appreciate such an orchard when it is on School land.

Cllr Bennett to investigate further and report back.

c) Wembury Future Verges Action Plan

The Chairman reported that the wildflower seeding programme was complete up to the end of March 2018. A new programme of work is awaited and Wembury could benefit from becoming part of a much larger Corridors and Connections project.

Keith Rennells has agreed to carry out a suitable presentation at the January meeting of the Parish Council.

d) BT Box – Down Thomas

The Chairman reported that last year Wembury PC had agreed to take over the BT Box at Down Thomas. However, BT had recently written to the Clerk to say that as the BT Box is on private land, permission was required from the land owner, before they could finalise the adoption to the Parish Council.

The Clerk has spoken to the land owners, John & Carol Benney and they have replied saying that they wish to take over the BT Box and to maintain it. A discussion ensued.

Cllr Brown proposed the following resolution, seconded by Cllr Drought, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: Wembury Parish Council has no objection to John & Carol Benney adopting the BT Box in Down Thomas, providing that it is left in place and adequately maintained for the general appreciation of the local community.

iv) LOCAL PLANS

a) SHDC Joint Local Plan

Cllr Brown reported that the lead member at South Hams DC for the Joint Local Plan, is now Judy Pierce.

b) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Packer said that the group will be looking closely at the Brixton and Newton & Noss Neighbourhood Plans at their next meeting.

vii) OTHER COMMITTEES / GROUPS / REPRESENTATIVES

None.

17-158 FINANCIAL REPORTS

i) Financial Statements for December 2017.

The Chairman presented the financial statements as per ANNEX C.

RESOLVED: The Financial Statement for December 2017 is approved as detailed in ANNEX C.

ii) Quarterly Bank Reconciliation

The Chairman presented the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation as shown in Annex D

RESOLVED: The Quarterly Bank Reconciliation is approved as detailed in ANNEX D.

17-159 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Curtis expressed concern about some dead Elm trees shedding branches onto the road at the junction of Church Road and Mewstone Ave, Wembury.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Cammack had also reported this matter and Devon CC were currently looking into the safety of the trees and responsibility for their management.

Cllr Giles reported that there appeared to be a problem with sight lines in the Wembury Recreation Car Park when a large vehicle is parked in the first marked out space. This may create a dangerous situation for motorists and pedestrians entering the car park.

The Clerk was asked to investigate the problem.

The Chairman thanked all the councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.44 pm. He invited all members to join him in some Christmas festivities.

Roy Fairclough
Clerk

ANNEX A to Wembury Parish Council Minutes – 18 December 2017

1.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY WEMBURY PC

3939/17/HHO – No objection

6 Brookside Close Heybrook Bay PL9 0BY

Householder application for rear garden decking/seating area

3953/17/HHO – No objection – However, there was concern about overlooking of neighbour and the planning officer is requested to visit the site to clarify this issue.

8 Hawthorn Park Road Wembury PL9 0DB

Householder application for demolition of existing conservatory, construction of single-storey extension to rear and alterations to roof to provide first-floor accommodation.

3966/17/HHO – No objection

28 Heybrook Drive Heybrook Bay PL9 0BN

Householder application for alterations to the ground floor, an extended first floor and a studio area/loft room

3985/17/HHO – No objection

9 Knighton Road Wembury PL9 0EA

Householder application for a two storey side extension

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FOR INFORMATION - Emails & Emailed Letters

South Hams DC – Fly Tipping – Anti Fly Tipping Video

DCC / SHDC: Town and Parish Council Event - Monday, 27 November 2017 – Video

Four Rivers Dementia Alliance - Let's Talk About Dementia Event on 2nd February 2018 at the Watermark Ivybridge

Ivybridge Neighbourhood Area - Voted a resounding yes to South Hams District Council using the Neighbourhood Plan for Ivybridge

South West Coastal Path - Coast Path Trail

Cyber Crime - Protect Yourself and Your Business this Christmas

Planning Comments – Various

MAGAZINES / NEWSLETTERS – Circulated in the normal way

None

EMAILS

67 General emails circulated since the last Mailings on 21 November 2017

ANNEX C to Wembury Parish Council Minutes – 18 December 2017

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total All Accounts at 27 November 2017 **£60,315.74**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 18 DECEMBER 2017

Guidebook Account

Opening Balance 27 November 2017		£3,866.43	
Sales for Period	0	£0.00	
Copies remaining unsold - updated book	1,654		
Closing Balance		£3,866.43	
(£10,000 in 12 Month High Interest Account)		£10,000.00	
Balance at 18 December 2017			£13,866.43

Instant Savings General Account

Opening Balance 27 November 2017		£44,788.32	
Includes £5500 Office Fund - (2006-09)			
Includes £5000 Grounds Maintenance Fund			
Electronic Transfers			
Post Office - DT CR Donation		£90.00	
Transfer to Current Account		-£3,000.00	
Balance at 18 December 2017			£41,878.32

Current Account

Opening Balance 27 November 2017		£1,034.92	
P Whitley - Bus Shelter Cleaning	2645	-£30.00	
S137 Grant - Wembury Defibrillator Group	2646	-£110.00	
S137 Grant - Citizens Advice South Hams	2647	-£250.00	
Electronic Transfers			
Clerks Salary & Expenses - November		-£1,130.91	
Transfer from General Account		£3,000.00	
Balance at 18 December 2017			£2,514.01

Sub Total **£58,258.76**

VAT to be reclaimed **£626.07**

Total All Accounts at 18 December 2017 **£58,884.83**

ANNEX D to Wembury Parish Council Minutes – 18 December 2017

WEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL BANK RECONCILIATION 18 DECEMBER 2017

DETAILS	WPC Book Acc	WPC General Acc	WPC Current Acc	Lloyds Deposit Acc	TOTAL	VAT Outstanding
From 18 December 2017 Financial Statement						
Closing Cashbook Balance	£3,866.43	£41,878.32	£2,514.01	£10,000.00	£58,258.76	£626.07
Lloyds Bank Statement	£3,866.43	£41,878.32	£2,910.01	£10,000.00	£58,654.76	£0.00
Difference	£0.00	£0.00	-£396.00	£0.00	-£396.00	£626.07
Uncleared Book Income	£0.00					
Uncleared Cheque Expenditure						
	2641		£6.00			
	2645		£30.00			
	2646		£110.00			
	2647		£250.00			
Total			£396.00			
Reconciliation to Cashbook			£2,514.01		£58,258.76	£626.07