

WEMBURY PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Wembury Parish Annual Meeting held at Wembury War Memorial Hall
on Monday 21 May 2018 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman	Cllr J Stansell	Chairman of Wembury Parish Council
Clerk	Mr R Fairclough	Clerk to Wembury Parish Council
Public	14 electors were present.	

18-01 OPENING THE MEETING

Chairman Cllr Stansell opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting of the Wembury Parish.

18-02 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2017

The minutes of the Wembury Annual Parish Meeting held on 22 May 2017, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

18-03 MATTERS ARISING

None.

18-04 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman then gave his Annual Report and commented on Parish Council activities within the Wembury Parish throughout the year 2017 - 2018.

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

18-05 POLICE ANNUAL REPORT

PCSO Andy Potter had provided a written report and the Police Annual Report for 2017 – 2018 was read out by the Chairman. 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.

18-06 WEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT

Brian Dixon, Chair of Trustees, the Wembury War Memorial Village Hall CIO, had provided a written annual report, which was read out by the Chairman.

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.

18-07 WEMBURY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

The Headteacher, Susie Evans had provided a written annual report which the Chairman read out.

The full text of the School Report is shown at **ANNEX D** to these minutes and will be published on the Parish Council website at www.wemburyparishcouncil.info.

18-08 GENERAL MATTERS

None.

18-09 CLOSING THE MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all those attending and closed the meeting at 7.16 pm.

Roy Fairclough
Clerk to Wembury Parish Council

Signed by Wembury PC Chairman Date

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CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017 – 2018

It has been a strange 12 months, with many of the issues I mentioned last year– the transfer of the recreation ground and the associated Section 106 money reaching our bank account, completion of the Joint Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan still outstanding, -- while the work on the car park, several verges and Brownhill Lane have eventually been done. The last remaining practical task is the new Bus Shelter – originally proposed to be at the junction of Church Road and Southland Park Road – but with the change to City Bus (which is offering more frequent journeys) it may have to be relocated. In contrast with other years we failed to achieve a grant from the TAP fund – perhaps we were too advanced in proposing to digitise the Wembury Guide, or maybe it was because the parish council was not represented by a senior parish councillor.

Nonetheless there have been many other changes that will, I believe, benefit the community. The work on the recreation ground and its car park, with shrubs planted to shield the pedestrian walkway from the vehicles, more tree planting, development of the trim trail and plans to upgrade the playground are all beneficial steps forwards, as are the project to add wildflowers, and thereby wildlife, to our verges. A new telecoms mast in Pump Hill has very recently started working, and it reaches the beach and many parts of Wembury for O2 customers, with Vodaphone users reportedly not far behind.

Langdon View is nearing completion with the inevitable conflict between those who like it and those who would rather not see any development at all. And development is an issue that parishioners should take seriously. Landowners in the village are working with an energetic, and well prepared, solicitor to exploit the vulnerability of the parish to significant development due to the lack of protection from either a Joint Local Plan or a Neighbourhood Plan. It is worth reflecting on the fact that the Joint Local Plan forecasts a need for no more than 30 extra homes in the Parish for the 30 years the plan supposedly covers. But it doesn't limit growth to this number. It is worth noting that Wembury has had 66 extra homes in the past few years.

The Joint Local Plan is on its way to being approved, but it won't come into force until 2019. Wembury's Neighbourhood Plan is enjoying a resurgence after a series of volunteer problems and we anticipate that it will regain its earlier momentum and apply for approval by the community in the near future. I encourage any parishioners who care about the welfare of Wembury Parish to step up and assist in the process. We also have concerns about the planning process itself, a worry that is shared by many other town and parish councils. There seems to be a divide between the skills and competences of planning officers and the decisions taken by elected members of the district council, which has led to inconsistencies and decisions that apparently take no note of what locals feel or want. We shall be holding a special meeting with the chair of the development management committee in the near future to air our views and seek changes.

One of our major concerns is that with urban and district councils feeling the pinch from government cuts in funding, responsibility for local activities is increasingly falling on volunteer bodies such as parish and town councils. While this is welcome in the respect that communities can make and enact their own decisions, it is a serious problem if members of communities do not come forward to join those bodies.

Another concern is about the membership of the Parish Council. Most councillors are past retirement age and while no doubt all are possessed of the wisdom that experience conveys, their energy and ability to deal with modern issues is less certain. Several councillors are preparing to retire before the elections in 2019. We urgently need younger and more up to date parishioners to come forward for the benefit of the community. Please volunteer!

Cllr John Stansell
Chairman, Wembury Parish Council

Signed by Wembury PC Chairman Date

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**POLICE
ANNUAL REPORT 2017 - 2018**

From 20th April 2017 to 24th April 2018

Wembury Area

Theft x 16
Fraud x 1
Theft from motor vehicle x 8
Vehicle interference x1
Disqualified driver x 1
Criminal damage to motor vehicle x 1
Assault x 7
Public order x 2
Harassment x 1
Nuisance/threatening phone and texts x 3
Dog not under proper control x6

47 in total [29 last year]

Down Thomas / Heybrook Bay Area

Harassment x 1
Theft from motor vehicle x 1
Attempt burglary non dwelling x 1

3 in total [4 last year]

Bovisand Area

Public Order x 1
Burglary non dwelling x 5
Attempt burglary non dwelling x 1
Dog not under control x 1
Theft from motor vehicle x 1
Criminal damage x 1

10 in total [5 last year]

PCSO 30540 Andy Potter
Ivybridge Police Station
Tel no 101

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WEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT 2017 – 2018

The Trustees have become aware that some confusion still exists as to the status of the Wembury Village Hall and its management. Clarification of its basis has therefore been included several editions of the Wembury Review.

In order to address the above issue and possibly increase Hall usage a leaflet drop was organised publicising an open house coffee morning at the Hall. An aspect of the intent of the open house was to let villagers meet with the Trustees and discuss with them Hall usage and obtain a better understanding of its basis and its potential for increased utilisation. This event took place in May and was extremely well attended with representatives present of the majority of the groups who use the Hall. The event also resulted in some funds being raised for the Hall floor replacement.

Two Rock'n'Roll evenings were held both of which were overwhelming successes with a sell-out of tickets and requests received to hold more.

Fund raising for Hall floor replacement has been and continues a significant item. A dedicated bank account has been set up to deposit all funds raised.

Some while ago a telephone coin box was set up in the Hall aimed at providing emergency communication due to lack of a reliable signal for mobile telephones. Since installation the telephone has been used on three occasions to seek the assistance of the emergency services.

Recruitment of younger members of the community as Trustees has met with little success and continues to be a concern however additional senior members have now joined the board and are contributing.

A 5 year Plan for the hall continues to be developed.

R Brian Dixon
Chair of Trustees Wembury War Memorial Village Hall CIO

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WEMBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2017 – 2018

In October 2017 Wembury Primary School became a partner school in the Westcountry Schools Trust (WeST). This was a decision made after many years of considering available and possible options. Despite external pressures, governors ensured decisions were well informed, and that other schools considering becoming part of this MAT (Multi Academy Trust) were like minded, and that the benefits would improve outcomes for our pupils and the community. Since becoming a partner school we have arranged joint training and bulk purchasing, which have obviously ensured financial savings but also ensured a sense of consistency across schools, without becoming blue prints of one another. Pupils have had opportunities to work alongside both primary and secondary pupils, with further plans for other initiatives and opportunities, in the coming year. Staff have shared expertise, to support and coach each other, including crossphase. (Primary to secondary.) Whilst there have been many positives there have also been some glitches, mainly with setting up of IT!!! However, I know that our pupils will benefit from further experiences and certainly staff are embracing the opportunity to work with other colleagues.

Wembury Primary is now a host school for Maths' mastery as part of the Maths Hub working in the South West. Over the past two years we have been working alongside a group of schools and this year we were asked if we would be a host school, due to the recognition of the quality of our Maths' provision and leadership. Mrs Susie Jackson is our Maths lead, supported by Ms Patricia Kernevez and Mr Greg Chantler. (Mr Chantler has also recently gained an additional role as a Maths mastery specialist teacher. As a consequence of all this Wembury will be providing support, coaching and modelling mastery to other local primaries as well as within WeST. On top of this Mrs Lyn Chamberlain is an 'Oracy Champion' working alongside another primary to develop English, through rich talk and vocabulary; engaging pupils in rich language, developing their writing skills.

The most recent news, received only this week, was that at last we have been allocated the required additional funding, to replace the swimming pool changing rooms, through capital funding (SSIF) that the MAT receives automatically, due to the number of pupils on roll. We are absolutely delighted, after years of raising funds through FroWS and other school events, and frustrations at costs. This will take place over this summer and it is hoped that Wembury Primary will be able to generate some additional income through this, with other WeST schools utilising the provision for their swimming curriculum. (This year is the first year we will have to report on the number of Year 6 children who are able to swim 25m.) This leads well into our sporting prowess. Yet again we have entered a phenomenal amount of sporting events, for those both talented and those less confident, and both within and beyond school. These also included qualifying for three level 3 (county) events! As you may remember we were awaiting to be presented our GOLD sports mark, for five years on the trot, and because of this we were eligible to apply for PLATINUM. We successfully gained the platinum, which actually means we hold this award for two years and do not have to apply for the award this year. (I think staff are happy to lose some bureaucracy!) We were one of only one hundred and four schools nationally who gained this, at both primary and secondary level, so a great accolade for Wembury, and one we are very proud of.

As you know music is another passion of the school. Ms Boucherat has sadly retired from her regular work at Wembury Primary, but hopefully we will continue to involve her in special events and productions. Mr Martin Calvert has now taken up this role and will add a different dimension to our repertoire. This academic year's Christmas performances were out of this world; the talent amongst our primary aged pupils is truly outstanding. Lion King was a hit amongst all and we were so honoured to be praised by Sir Tim Rice! The school choir then went on to win a plethora of trophies at the Saltash Music, Choir and Drama Festival. Another very proud moment for the school, especially the pupils and their parents. As you are

Signed by Wembury PC Chairman Date

aware staff and governors strive to ensure pupils have every opportunity to flourish; recognising and nurturing the talents and skills of each one. We continue to have many enquiries about pupil places but we are still having to turn some away, in specific year groups. Again, this coming September, our number in Foundation Stage will be 29/30 and as per last year we continue to push for the Section 106 funding, (which I believe has increased as a consequence of the Langdon View development) to enable us to develop provision for our Early Years and KS1 needs. Fingers crossed this WILL happen next summer in readiness for September 2019 intake!

FROWs (Friends of Wembury School) continue to organise and run very successful events, raising much needed additional funding. The Camp Out is happening again on the weekend of 16th & 17th June. This is a very popular event and there are some additional activities planned, including the use of the school pool. (This is where the new changing rooms would have been very beneficial.) This year FroWS has provided funding to purchase new interactive TVs (at around £1200 each), purchased Lego and new swimming equipment. They have also retained raised funding towards the cost of the changing rooms. However, as usual, there are always additional items we have not been able to purchase i.e. a further two interactive TVs which will ensure every class has access. (Should any members of the Parish, or the Parish itself consider supporting we would be exceptionally grateful.)

As per every year there is frustration and challenge; from cuts in funding, external demands and the demands of the curriculum. What I can assure the community is that Wembury Primary remains at the forefront of learning; it continues to provide a unique and purposeful curriculum and hopefully serves its community well? Learning remains fun, varied and challenging! Please check out our website and Twitter feed; if you wish come and join in and be part of the fun, please contact the school. I am also very proud that the excellence and quality of provision has been recognised beyond local borders especially that of a rural school, that so often get negative press. I am very proud that Wembury Primary School remains a very unique and special place to be and that it is well supported by the local community.

Should you wish to contact the school to help or support in any way, or if you wish to discuss anything mentioned in this annual report please do, via the school office, on admin@wembury-primary.devon.sch.uk

Thank you all for your continued support and interest in our achievements.

Susie Evans
Headteacher