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Parish Councillors	D Brown	Chairman and District Councillor
	J Stansell	
	J Bennett	
	M Chown	District Councillor
	D Drought	Vice Chairman
	D Giles	
	R Newnham	
	D Packer	
	G Truscott	
	C Smith	
	M Newstead	
	M Kenny	
	Clerk	A Towill

Minutes of the Wembury Parish Council Meeting held at the Silver Jubilee Hall, Down Thomas on 24th June 2019

19-072 OPENING THE MEETING

Cllr Brown opened the meeting at 19.30. He welcomed the new councillors and gave a short speech about the refreshing diversity now in the Parish Council and his wish to keep meetings as concise as possible.

19-073 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Drought

19-074 DECLARATION OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

Cllr Smith said that as an employee of the Wembury Marine Centre she had an interest in Agenda item 8 regarding the request for a grant.

19-075 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 19.33. Seven members of the public were present including Cllr Hart and PCSO Andy Potter

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) Police Report

PCSO Potter 30540. From 29th April to 23rd June

Wembury

4th June, public order, threatening words or behaviour CR/053766/19

8th June, indecent exposure CR/053766/19

Bovisand area

22nd May, assault CR/045249/19

3rd June, drunk in charge of a motor vehicle CR/049165/19

Down Thomas

4th May, dog out of control CR/040222/

ii) **Bob Harvey** did not feel that the young people who were protesting about climate change had enough life experience to do so, that they were the ones doing more of the damage to the climate and that changes were very expensive. Additionally, he was concerned about the development across the road from the hall. He felt that the access and visibility was an issue and that the council should not have supported the application when it rejected the previous one. **Cllr Brown** explained that the previous application had been for far more houses and that as the council had already reached a verdict at a previous meeting that it was not possible to revisit that decision.

iii) **Tom Greenland** explained that he was there to represent the defibrillator group. The defibrillator had been used successfully at the beach over the weekend and requested that the beach phone be replaced. The mobile signal was not always reliable and not everyone had a mobile. He also requested that the phone be moved close to the defibrillator if possible and stated that the defibrillator group would be happy to contribute towards the cost of the replacement phone etc.

There were no further comments and the Chairman closed this open session at 19.51 to resume Parish Council business.

19-076 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th May 2019.

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

19-77 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

- i) **Beach Shower.** **Cllr Brown** said that there was a need to replace the beach shower. The cost quoted by SHDC for the water and testing of the water would be £625. SHDC would pay the cost of replacing the shower that was removed. There was a lengthy discussion around the best way forward. **Cllr Chown** explained that he had spoken to Guy Redric who was responsible for the negotiations with the National Trust around the transfer of ownership of the toilet and shower block. Guy felt that there would be a decision on this very soon and **Cllr Chown** thought it prudent to wait to hear what had been decided first. **Cllr Packer** thought that due to the approaching tourist season it was vital to have the shower up and running as soon as possible and not wait for SHDC or the NT to get it installed. There was also discussion around the price quoted for water as it should be metered, so the cost should be a proportion of this. There was some querying of the need to test the water as it came from the mains so would be tested at source. Additionally, it was suggested that WPC pay for the install and water and then reclaim the cost of the install from SHDC. **Cllr Smith** will contact the NT to see if she can find out any more information. **Cllr Brown** proposed the following, seconded by **Cllr Packer**. 9 Councillors agreed and there were two abstentions.

RESOLVED: To agree in principle to get the beach shower reinstalled. Cllr Chown to establish within the next two weeks the time frames for the agreement between SHDC and the NT and Cllr Brown to establish how long SHDC would take to reinstall the shower. For the work to be done within the next three weeks by an independent plumber if necessary. Cllr Brown to check if the water testing is necessary.

- ii) **War Memorial-** The Clerk is awaiting paperwork from Terry Clark before she can proceed.

- iii) **Road and General Appearance of the village, post boxes and phone boxes.**

The grant from Cllr Hart was received in the bank account that day and JFGS has been informed. He is trying to co-ordinate with the road sweeper to save time and therefore money. The Clerk has yet to hear anything about the Post boxes and phone boxes being repainted. Additional post boxes have been identified and The Clerk needs to get some more photographs before submitting another report. The incorrect timings on one post box is yet to be reported.

- iv) **Pedestrian Access, Barton Close Car Park.** JFGS has supplied a quote of a maximum of £263.58 for the work. The Clerk explained that a quote from a professional line marking company was over £500. Cllr Stansell proposed the following, seconded by Cllr Bennett and approved unanimously.
RESOLVED: To contract JFGS to amend the line markings in the car park.
- v) **Bus Route Shelter-** The Clerk is still awaiting a date for this to be installed.
- vi) **Right of Way, Veasy Park.** Peter Guy (Rights of Way Warden) was contacted regarding the footpath sign that had been erected. He stated that there was no problem with the sign and to note that the footpath would be having a very minor amendment.
- vii) **DT Post Office and Community Room.** The Clerk is still liaising with the Village Hall who must check with their insurance and then The Clerk will discuss with Martin at the Mussel to find the best way forwards.
- viii) **Sewage and Outflow. Cllr Packer** asked when a suitable date would be for SWW and the EA to attend a meeting. It was decided that September would be the next most suitable date. **Cllr Packer will organise this and confirm it with The Clerk.**
- ix) **Cycle Path Sustainability study.** Cllr Brown explained that he had contacted Sustrans and was awaiting a reply.
- x) **Speed Monitor Software. Cllr Packer** said that the software had been installed and they now have a bracket to help with it being put up but they need an additional piece of aluminium, which he will source, to make it fit. There will then need to be additional Councillors willing to be trained and then put it up as it takes two people to do so. They will need chapter 8 training. Cllr Packer, Truscott, Stansell and Kenny all volunteered to do the work and training. **Cllr Packer to contact Nick Colton re section 8 training.**
- xi) **Digital Discovering Wembury Book.** The Clerk has sent a hard copy of the book to one company for a quote. Cllr Packer has supplied a quote from his business and Cllr Stansell will approach his contacts to see if they can assist with a third quote. **Cllr Giles** commented that there were a couple of errors in the book that would need addressing.
- xii) **Speed Limit in the Bay. Cllr Stansell and Cllr Packer will organise a working group to address this.**
- xiii) **Clerking Equipment.** The Clerk explained that she had found second-hand fireproof storage for about £150 online as opposed to £500 for new. Cllr Brown proposed the following, seconded by Cllr Newnham the following which was approved unanimously.
RESOLVED: To purchase second hand fireproof storage, up to the value of £150 for storing essential documents.
Cllr Packer had been asked to supply a recommendation for a laptop for the clerk. He explained that it wasn't just a professional quality laptop that was important, but also onsite support for any issues and a hard drive to back up any work. He recommended that a maximum budget of £2000 (intending to get it for much less than this) was agreed. Cllr Stansell proposed the following, seconded by Cllr Truscott and approved unanimously.
RESOLVED: To agree a maximum budget of £2000 for a laptop, onsite support for 2-3 years and an external hard drive as backup.
- xiv) **The Mussel Inn- Community Asset. Cllr Stansell, Packer, Giles, Bennett and Truscott to convene a meeting to start the paperwork.**
- xv) **Skatepark Community Events. Cllr Chown** had previously sent out the email with costings that he had received. He was asked to check how many people they could cater for and how much was normally charged to participate. **Cllr Bennett** stated that he had

been in contact with the scout group about it to see if they would be interested and they will look into it. **Cllr Chown to investigate numbers and standard charge for the event.**

- xvi) **AONB Management Plan Launch.** Cllr Truscott said that he, Cllr Brown and Cllr Packer had attended the event on the 24th May. A book had been developed to explain about the management of land and the work the AONB were doing. It was available online too. **Cllr Brown will obtain the online link and distribute it for people to access.**
- xvii) **Dog Poo Bin at Wembury Beach.** The Clerk is still awaiting a meeting date with localities to discuss this. **Cllr Smith** said that the bin had been replaced due to it rotting away but she was unsure as to why it had been replaced by a normal bin. She thought that this would invite all sorts of rubbish being put in it and would very quickly overflow.
- xviii) **Wembury Recreation Ground. Flytipping and Goalposts.** The Clerk had been informed that the flytipping was from split bags when the playground work was done and not genuine flytipping. Terry Clark has been informed. The goalposts are due to be removed by JFGS when he does other work needing a generator in the park to reduce costs. Cllr Bennett has already approached the representative of the previous football club and they were happy for them to be removed.

19-078 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY PLANNING REPORTS

i) Planning Applications

The Chairman went through the planning applications.

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

19-079 TO RECEIVE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE

i) FOR ACTION - Emailed Letters & Emails

- a) **Grant Request from Wembury Marine Centre.** Cllr Smith left the room at this point due to a declared interest in the matter. The Marine Centre had requested a grant for £500 for either a new chiller unit for the fish tank or a Bioblitz Event. After a short discussion Cllr Packer proposed the following, seconded by Cllr Giles and approved unanimously.
RESOLVED: To grant the Wembury Marine Centre £500 of S137 money towards the replacement of a chiller unit for the fish tank.
Cllr Smith then returned to the meeting.
- b) **Operation London Bridge.** The website provider can replace the front page of the website with a special memorial on the death of each senior Royal at a cost of £35. Cllr Brown proposed the following, seconded by Cllr Bennett and agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: To instruct the website provider to replace the front page of the website with a special memorial on the death of each senior Royal at a cost of £35 per time.
- c) **WWMVH Treasurer.** The Clerk made the council aware that the WWMVH needs a new treasurer and would appreciate them letting people know

ii) FOR INFORMATION- Emailed Letters & Emails

The correspondence in ANNEX B had all been circulated via email and were taken as read.

19-080 MOTION TO CONSIDER A DECLARATION OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY

ANNEXE C was circulated prior to the meeting, which had been drawn up by Cllr Chown. There was a discussion on the third point in the motion. **Cllr Brown** was concerned that with

the lack of funding for District and County councils that a ‘call on’ them to provide funding would not be possible. He preferred the wording ‘work with SHDC and DCC to call on Westminster to provide powers, funding and resources’. **Cllr Truscott** was interested in what the motion would actually achieve and **Cllr Chown** explained that an environment committee including various stakeholders would get people together to collaborate and find ways to reduce the carbon footprint and take action to make improvements regarding environmental issues. Many of the councillors concurred with these aims. Cllr Stansell and Cllr Giles stated they would be happy to be on the committee. **Cllr Smith** asked if the money that Cllr Hart had talked about could be applied for? She also asked if the ‘Environmental Action Plan’ was to be finished within six months or started. **Cllr Chown** said that it should be finished within that time. There was then a discussion around if that was feasible. **Cllr Packer** explained that environmental issues had been coming up in the Neighbourhood Plan and that they could put a policy in such as shelter belts. **Cllr Brown** asked if funding would be needed from the Parish Council, but it was unsure at this stage. An amendment to the motion was proposed for section three. ‘Working with Devon County Council and South Hams County Council, to call on Westminster to implement swift and appropriate actions and provide the powers, funding and resources to make carbon neutrality and environmental restoration possible.’ It was also proposed to accept the motion. Proposed by Cllr Chown, Seconded by Cllr Brown and approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: To amend the wording to section three of the motion and approve the motion to declare a climate emergency.

19-81 URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION

- i) **Memorial Bench.** Cllr Brown explained that The Clerk had received a request from a member of the public, to put a bench in memory of their father, in the Recreation Ground. There was discussion around this issue and what would happen if there were lots of requests for similar and it was felt that it would simply have to be stopped when there were enough benches. Discussion also ensued around whether they could use one of the benches that was due to be put up as part of the trim trail. **The Clerk** explained that the issue with that was timing as the family wanted to do it in the next few weeks. The idea of trees instead of benches was also discussed and it was suggested by **Cllr Packer** that one person would determine where the bench or tree was to go rather than to it coming to council every time. Cllr Bennett agreed to take on this role. Cllr Packer proposed the following, seconded by Cllr Newnham and agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To agree to commemorative benches being put on to the recreation ground as appropriate, with the cost being borne by the family wanting to install one. The location to be decided upon by Cllr Bennett in his role as WRG group Chair.

19-082 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MATTERS AFFECTING WEMBURY DEVON CC

Cllr Hart started by saying that some work had been done in Wembury village recently by the payback scheme which is run by the Probation Service. The hedges in Down Thomas will be addressed once bird nesting season is over.

He spoke at length about the declaration of a Climate Emergency by DCC and said that money had been set aside to find ways of everyone working together to solve the issues. Exeter University and other organisations have also contributed another £250,000 to the pot. The emergency services and Met office have also come on board to the group. There have been meetings with those protesting about the climate emergency and they are hoping to work with Extinction Rebellion (who had a high proportion of Totnes residents at the recent protests) at some point too. There are also moves to reduce traffic in Exeter, but this is a harder task in rural Devon. Devon was the first county council to sign up to reducing carbon emissions and

the only one to put money in place to address it. By 2030 they are aiming to have reduced emissions by 50% and be carbon neutral as soon as possible. At the moment this is not immediately possible because of the welfare risk to residents, but they are working on ways to achieve these goals and hope that other counties and countries follow suit. There needs to be four more substantial power stations built to enable everyone in the country to drive electric cars and far better infrastructure. There are also plans at central government that by 2025 new houses will be heated by a district heating source rather than each house having their own boiler.

SOUTH HAMS DC

Cllr Chown reported that even with the new leaders coming from different standpoints there had been excellent collaboration, sharing of learning and working together to get better. Everyone was still waiting for the outcomes of Westminster before it was clear how it would be possible to move forwards. SHDC had also declared a climate emergency and were working to introduce climate change measures.

19-083 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

i) LEISURE FACILITIES WORKING GROUPS

a) Wembury Recreation Ground. **Cllr Bennett** reported back that they are still waiting to hear back from the National Lottery Community Fund regarding the bid for £40,000 for phase 2.

Planting on the recreation ground is due to start on Wednesday 26th June for phase 1. Phase 2 will take place in the autumn. Adam King has produced a quote for a set of steps leading down the slope to the rear of the tennis course of £479.15 (+VAT). He has also quoted £685 (+VAT) for mulch matting to cover the steep embankment. Both items will be discussed at the next WRG meeting before being brought back to the council.

New quotes have been sought from Earthwrights and RhinoPlay to compare with Creative play, with regards groundworks, in order to be able to discuss what can be done locally. This is to be discussed at the next WRG meeting and brought back to the council. This is phase 1 of the project.

In the same way, Earthwrights and Rhinoplay are due to provide new quotes for comparisons with chosen fitness items from Creative Play. This will also be discussed at the next ERG meeting and brought back to the council.

In order to provide improved, open access at two existing bench seats at the top of the field, which are currently surrounded by trees, JFGS has quoted £396.55 to move them and provide two concrete bases. There was discussion around this and whether they needed to be moved or simply have the trees cut back. It was decided that this decision would be deferred to the next meeting once it had been further looked at as to what was necessary.

Cllr Chown asked if it would be better to have a mound of earth rather than a launch pad as this would make use of some of the spoil from the works. **Cllr Bennett** explained that each company had quoted for what they felt was better and there were both types amongst the quotes. Most companies felt that a launch pad was better as it had less erosion problems.

Cllr Chown asked when the repair work to the trees was going to happen. **Cllr Bennett** explained that Adam King had offered to do it in his spare time for free so it would be tackled as soon as possible. **Cllr Packer** asked about the maintenance of the planting alongside the car park. **Cllr Bennett** explained that he had asked Adam King about this and he needs help from volunteers to get this sorted.

b) Tap Cover WRG- the tap in the car park of the Recreation Ground needs a lockable cover to stop it being used without permission. A quote for this has been requested.

c) Pavilion – Cllr Brown said that a working group was needed to progress this. Cllr Chown, Packer, Smith, Newstead and Kenny volunteered to be part of the group. A meeting will be organised as soon as possible. **Cllr Brown to organise a Pavilion group meeting.**

Cllr Packer requested clarification on the structure of the working groups associated with the recreation ground. It was decided that there would continue to be a WRG group, who would focus on the landscaping, trim trail, play equipment etc in the WRG, a Leisure Facilities Group who would look at other Leisure Facilities issues, and then a separate Pavilion group.

Cllr Kenny asked if the existing humps could be rebuilt for bikes as the bikers had offered to do this. **The Clerk** explained that it would cause all sorts of insurance issues if this wasn't done by a professional and at the moment there was no money allocated to such a project.

ii) Beach Phone- a discussion ensued about the replacement of the emergency beach phone.

Cllr Brown felt that it was definitely needed, and **Cllr Packer** thought that a mobile signal couldn't be relied upon in the event of an emergency. There was also discussion about having the phone eventually moved to the wall next to the defibrillator once the future of the toilet block was decided upon.

Cllr Brown proposed the following, seconded by Cllr Packer and agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To pay for a replacement emergency beach phone to be installed as soon as possible.

iii) Wembury Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Packer reported that the vision events had been very successful with over 60 attendees at Down Thomas and over 120 at Wembury. They still had to analyse the data they had recorded. **Cllr Brown** thanked Cllr Packer for all his hard work.

iv) Other Committees/ Groups/ Representatives.

Woodland Trust free trees. **Cllr Newnham** asked about the email that had been circulated about the free trees from the Woodland Trust. **Cllr Packer** asked where the trees would be put and **Cllr Smith** asked if the trees could be used by the environmental group. **Cllr Giles** felt that specific areas needed to be identified throughout the parish before they were ordered and this could be done via Facebook or the website. There was a discussion about when the trees needed to be ordered by and it was hoped that they could be ordered in the second wave of applications. There was also discussion about who would plant them and any associated costs. **The Clerk** agreed to approach YGS and see if they could help with planting in the recreation ground.

The Clerk to contact YGS re planting additional trees in the WRG. Cllr Brown to put up Facebook post regarding other possible locations for trees.

Beach Liaison Group- **Cllr Packer** asked why the Council had not been informed or consulted about the new sewage pipeline. **Cllr Giles** said that Cllr Hart had raised this the previous month as a possibility. **Cllr Smith** said that there had been no consultation it was simply being done. It was agreed that SWW and the EA would be asked about this in person, as they were hopefully attending a Parish Council meeting in September.

Cllr Packer also asked about why the council were not informed about the pumping station repairs. **Cllr Stansell** replied that it wasn't necessary to inform the council because new valves had to be put in, they had to go through Churchwood Valley land for which he had given permission and it was done overnight by parking in Churchwood Valley land. So, there had been no inconvenience to anyone other than Churchwood Valley.

v) Clerk Notifications and Requests. **The Clerk** asked if the councillors would be happy if she made use of a service such as Dropbox in order to store things like policies and procedures, quotes etc so that councillors could access items easily without needing to request them again if they had mislaid the emails. All Councillors were happy to try this again.

The Clerk requested that mailings of magazines and newsletters etc be returned as soon as possible as there were currently several months still in circulation.

19-084 FINANCIAL REPORTS

i) FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE 2019

The Chairman presented the financial report as per ANNEX D.

RESOLVED: The June Financial Statement is approved, as detailed at ANNEX D.

ii) BANK RECONCILIATION FOR JUNE 2019

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

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

iii) Signatures. The Clerk asked that as some Councillors who were signatories had now left, that two more be appointed. Cllr Truscott and Cllr Newstead offered to be signatories. Cllr Brown proposed the following, seconded by Cllr Drought and approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: To add Cllr Truscott and Cllr Newstead to the signatories for banking.

iv) WRG Maintenance Account- The Clerk asked that a separate bank account be set up for the purposes of maintenance of the recreation ground. This would ensure that there was a clear demarcation of funds and would ensure easier accounting. Cllr Bennett asked that the VAT for items paid for that were related to the recreation ground maintenance be credited to the WRG maintenance account. Cllr Packer proposed the following, seconded by Cllr Bennett and agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To set up a separate bank account solely for the necessary maintenance of the Wembury Recreation Ground.

v) Annual Governance Statement 2018-2019

The Internal Audit report and Annual Return for 2018-2019 had already been circulated to all members and signed by the internal auditor. Cllr Brown asked if there were any questions regarding it. There were none.

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

RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance Statement 2018-2019 in Section 1 of the Annual Return is approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Chairman and Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement 2018-2019 in Section 1 of the Annual Return.

vi) Accounting Statements 2018-2019

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

RESOLVED: That the Accounting Statements 2018-2019 in Section 2 of the Annual Return is approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Chairman and Clerk signed the Accounting Statements 2018-2019 in Section 2 of the Annual Return.

19-085 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Chown asked if any of the new councillors would be prepared to take on the noticeboard opposite the shop. Cllr Smith agreed to do so.

The Chairman thanked all the councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 22:05

Anne Towill
Clerk

ANNEX A to Wembury Parish Council Minutes – 24th June 2019

i) PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS BY WEMBURY PC

1274/19/FUL- No Objection

Erection of two-storey house with provision of 2 car parking spaces. (Resubmission of 3375/18/FUL)

1 Knighton Road, Wembury. PL9 0EA

1423/19/FUL – Objection

Erection of new 3 bedroom detached dwelling with subterranean garage and driveway.

Land Adjacent Sea View, West Hill, Heybrook Bay. PL9 0BB

1391/19/HHO – No Objection

Householder application for side extension and loft conversion

14 Cross Park Road, Wembury. PL9 0EU

1157/19/HHO– No Objection

Householder application for proposed single storey extension

2 Beech Cottages, Hooe Lane, Staddiscombe. PL9 9ND

0917/19/HHO– No Objection

Householder application for proposed single storey rear extension and internal remodeling.

51 Mewstone Avenue, Wembury. PL9 0JT

1571/19/HHO– No Objection

Householder application for replacement porch to the front of the property.

34 Southland Park Road, Wembury. PL9 0HG

1620/19/HHO– No Objection

Householder application for rear extension with walled garden, loft conversion, external enhancements and new parking space

48 Church Road, Wembury. PL9 0JG

3490/18/FUL– No Objection

Readvertisement (Revised Plans) Change of use/conversion of agricultural building to dwelling.

Western Barn, Manor Farm, Staddiscombe. PL9 9ND

1542/19/HHO– No Objection

Householder application for cladding of external front elevation with light grey composite cladding boards.

19 Leyford Close, Wembury. PL9 0HX

1839/19/VAR– No Objection

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) following grant of planning consent 3192/18/FUL

The Mussell Inn, Renney Road, Down Thomas. PL9 0AQ

1741/19/HHO– No Objection

Householder application for enlarged dormer to south-west and enlarged window in north-west elevation

42 Southland Park Road, Wembury. PL9 0HG

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FOR INFORMATION - Emails & Emailed Letters

Planning Comments & Enforcement Cases - Various
Training Courses - Various
Development Management Committee Decisions
DALC News- Funding Source
The Big Lunch
Graffiti
Community Safety Partnership Forum Event
Temporary Traffic Notice
Bovisand Beach Car Park
Devon Community Action for Wildlife Conference
Rural Futures Conference
Yealm Community Energy Update
JFGS Update
Right of Way- Veasy Park
Glass Left in Eddystone Road by Refuse Collectors
Locality Budget Award
Register of Interests
Grants
Co-option of New Councillors
John Tuckers Retirement

MAGAZINES / NEWSLETTERS – Circulated in the normal way

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ANNEX C to Wembury Parish Council Minutes – 24th June 2019

Wembury Parish Council - Climate, Environment and Biodiversity Emergency

“It’s surely our responsibility to do everything within our power to create a planet that provides a home not just for us, but for all life on Earth” - David Attenborough

Introduction

Our planet is in crisis.

Climate change is society’s biggest challenge and humanities greatest threat; the scientific evidence is overwhelming and the impacts severe...the future of all life on earth depends on action now.

Unprecedented global trends. Extreme weather events. Nature being eroded at rates never seen before. One million species currently threatened with extinction. The ocean becoming hotter and more acidic. Wildlife populations down by 60%. Atmospheric CO2 levels far exceeding the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity...the entire natural infrastructure on which all living species depends is being undermined.

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) has proven the strong interrelationship between climate change, the loss of biodiversity and human wellbeing; climate change will impact the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide.

The IPBES report also shows that governments and businesses are not doing anywhere near enough - the world is on track to miss the targets of the Paris agreement, the Aichi biodiversity targets and 80% of the United Nations sustainable development goals.

The world is now clearly in the midst of a climate and environment emergency.

Declaring a Climate Emergency

A ‘Climate Emergency’ is an internationally recognised declaration to publicly acknowledge concern over the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report.

The declaration serves as a commitment to take urgent action and aspire towards carbon neutrality. It is a powerful call to action that engages the entire community; it’s not just about the practical actions that a Council might take

The IPCC report describes the enormous adverse impact of average global temperatures increasing by 1.5C and the devastating effect on food production, water availability, public health, human security and economic growth - the consequences are so severe that preventing this from happening must be humanities number one priority.

The IPCC report said that in order to avoid a rise of 1.5°C in global warming, global emissions would need to fall by around 45 per cent by 2030, reaching net zero by around 2050.

It is imperative that we, as a species, reduce our CO2eq (carbon equivalent) emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year, to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible. Individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own, society needs to change its laws, taxation and infrastructure to make low carbon living easier and the new norm.

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There are 11,000 third-tier Town & Parish Councils - they can be a good starting point to raise public awareness, channel the energy, focus, and resources of their communities towards resolving the emergency and also add support to higher tiers of local government to call on Parliament to provide the necessary policy changes and funding.

Taking coordinated action can yield significant opportunities for councils and communities; improving health outcomes, saving the council money, boosting the local economy, enhancing the natural environment and strengthening local transport systems.

Extreme weather costs councils and communities' significant amounts of money; the initial clear-up of the storm damage in 2013/14 is estimated to have cost Devon County Council around £3 million. Defra suggests typical damages per household flooded in the UK in 2010 were £23-30,000.

While climate change will have a lasting impact on people and wildlife, it will also define future economic progress; only those places that can demonstrate climate resilience will be able to secure insurance and investment.

The Committee on Climate Change, in their 2012 report on local authority action, said that: "There is currently a significant risk that local authorities will not develop and implement sufficiently ambitious low-carbon plans given the highly constrained fiscal situation.

In order to mitigate this, and the associated risk for meeting national carbon budgets, the Government should seriously consider providing additional funding, and/or introducing a statutory duty for local authorities to develop and implement low-carbon plans."

The government failed to respond to the recommendation and the reality is that the vast majority, if not all local authorities, are not implementing sufficiently ambitious low-carbon plans.

In the absence of a statutory duty on local authorities to take action, local political will to drive reductions in carbon emissions is absolutely critical. It is up to individual councillors to have the vision, commitment and drive to help the local area realise the opportunities and benefits of environmental action.

The current global wave of local councils declaring a Climate Emergency, and expressing a willingness to take action, is finally providing an element of hope...

Climate Emergency Declarations

- UK Parliament.
- *In Devon and Cornwall* - Devon County Council, Cornwall Council, Plymouth City Council, West Devon Borough Council, Teignbridge District Council, Totnes Town Council, Buckfastleigh Town Council, Ashburton Town Council, Helston Town Council, Bideford Town Council, Falmouth Town Council, Bishopsteignton Parish Council, Chacewater Parish Council, Rattery Parish Council, Ladock Parish Council, Dartington Parish Council, Stithians Parish Council, South Brent Parish Council, Isles of Scilly
- South Hams District Executive has recommended that at the next meeting, full council declares a climate emergency.
- Other key declarations: Bristol, Brighton, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Leeds, Leicester, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Oxford, Portsmouth, Reading, Sheffield, Sunderland and York, Greater London Authority and 10 London Boroughs.

Motion: Climate, Environment and Biodiversity Emergency

Wembury Parish Council resolves to:

- Declare a ‘Climate, Environment and Biodiversity Emergency’;
- Create an ‘Environment Committee’ and work with all partners, including environmental experts, other local authorities, businesses and residents, to produce an ‘Environmental Action Plan’ and report this back to council within six months;
- Call on higher levels of government (Westminster, Devon County Council and South Hams District Council) to implement swift appropriate actions and provide the powers, funding and resources to make carbon neutrality and environmental restoration possible;

Proposed by: Councillor Matthew Chown

Date: 24/06/2019

IPCC Report - <https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/>

IPBES Report - <https://www.ipbes.net/news/Media-Release-Global-Assessment>

The United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development -

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld>

Aichi Biodiversity Targets - <https://www.cbd.int/sp/targets/>

Committee on Climate Change: How local authorities can reduce emissions and manage climate risks report - <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/how-local-authorities-can-reduce-emissions-and-manage-climate-risks/>

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WEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL BANK RECONCILIATION

DETAILS

Financial Statement	Jun-19	WPC Book Acc	WPC General Acc	WPC Current Acc	TOTAL	VAT Outstanding	
Closing Cashbook Balance		£14,148.89	£166,829.47	£ 4,374.12	£ 185,352.48		
Lloyds Bank Statements		£14,148.89	£166,829.47	£ 4,404.12	£ 185,382.48	£ 167.15	Check
Difference		£ -	£ -	-£ 30.00	-£ 30.00		£ -
Uncleared Book Income		£ -					
Uncleared Cheque Expenditure							
Peter Whitley	£ 30.00						
Total	£ 30.00						
Uncleared Income							
Reconciliation to Cashbook		£14,148.89	£166,829.47	£ 4,374.12	£ 185,352.48	£ -	

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