

WEMBURY PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Wembury Parish Annual Meeting held at Wembury War Memorial Hall
on Monday 23 May 2016 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

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| Chairman | Cllr J Stansell | Chairman of Wembury Parish Council |
| Clerk | Mr R Fairclough | Clerk to Wembury Parish Council |
| Public | 12 electors were present. | |

16-01 OPENING THE MEETING

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

16-02 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2015

The minutes of the Wembury Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 May 2015, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

16-03 MATTERS ARISING

None.

16-04 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman then gave his Annual Report and commented on Parish Council activities within the Wembury Parish throughout the year 2015 - 2016.

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

16-05 POLICE ANNUAL REPORT

PCSO Andy Potter had provided a written report and the Chairman read the Police Annual Report for 2015 – 2016. There had been a slight decrease in crime over the previous year.

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 .

16-06 WEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT

Brian Dixon, Chairman of the Wembury War Memorial Village Hall Committee, gave his annual report outlining what had been achieved during the year.

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

16-07 WEMBURY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

The Headteacher, Susie Evans had provided a written 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 .

16-08 GENERAL MATTERS

None.

16-09 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

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CHAIRMAN’S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015-16

Another very busy year for the Parish Council with just about every kind of initiative and development coming up, plus new pressures such as the neighbourhood plan, massive changes to South Hams District Council, striving to get the Wembury recreation ground car park sorted out and to pin down Taylor Wimpey’s contribution and so on.

But looking at the details –

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

The Parish Council has introduced a Facebook page and dedicated parish council e-mail addresses -- the result of the work of the Communications working group which meets regularly and develops new ways of improving our ability to engage local people. Cllr Dan Brown has led the way in developing an App for smartphones that will give all those with such devices massive access to vital details of what’s happening in Wembury parish. Our ever energetic clerk has initiated a project to re-launch our website into the current era, with responsive technology that will allow it to be easily viewed on smart phones and similar devices.

The Parish Tree Warden, Adam King, has worked tirelessly in producing an excellent Master Plan for the Wembury Recreation Ground, with two phases of tree planting completed and the basis of a trim trail in place. Extension of, and white lining to the car park is due soon (through Section 106 money from Taylor Wimpey) and should be completed this summer. The next step is to put a Sports Pavilion on the site to accommodate local clubs, particularly Wembury Rovers. This is part of a decision by the Parish Council – supported by parishioners in a vote in November 2015 -- to take over ownership of the recreation ground from South Hams DC, adding a new dimension to the work of this parish council!

The Wembury Parish Neighbourhood Plan is in full swing with much support from the community in the form of a 13 strong steering group, backed up by task and working groups. These will provide the local knowledge and effort to develop the structure of the plan and the evidence that is required for it to gain approval from both independent inspectors and then the community through a referendum. Cllrs Packer and Giles are to be congratulated for their hard work and diligence in driving this vital initiative.

The Beach Liaison Committee has been putting pressure on the Environment Agency and South West Water to tackle the disturbing reduction of bathing water quality at Wembury Beach over the past two years; an effort that is still to be rewarded by a measured improvement in water quality. This year’s readings have only just begun and the evidence so far is that the levels of E Coli and Intestinal Enterococci are satisfactorily low.

The Barton Brake housing development was completed during the year and is now fully populated. The final stages of the development – payment of the Section 106 money and tarmacking of the extended car park are still awaited, with South Hams handling the negotiations. We hope that these matters are concluded shortly so that we can put an end to what has been a troubling development. During the construction, the Parish Council learned that owners of lorries that failed to meet the agreed delivery schedules were being fined by Taylor Wimpey, and its directors agreed that these fines should be paid to the Parish Council for use on behalf of the community. So far these funds have not been paid.

The Parish Council voted – with some dissenters – to place a bid for the Church Rooms land in Ford Road – a reflection of the view that as the land was given to the village it should remain in the ownership of a public body rather than an individual. Unfortunately, the Church did not agree and the land has been sold to a private buyer.

Leaving aside the Referendum – whose impact on the future of this country cannot be agreed on by either supporters of the EU or its opponents – there are further local challenges ahead. Significant ones include further cuts in County and District Council budgets, the momentum towards devolution and changes in the way business rates are raised and spent. These will all have an effect on parish councils.

As I mentioned before, the past 12 months have been incredibly busy for Wembury Parish Council. So we are fortunate to have a parish council whose members and clerk are prepared to go the extra mile to serve the community and to face up to the massive challenges that national government has presented by radical changes to legislation and remorseless cutting of budgets. I thank all of the members, the County and District Councillors, the clerk and the many parishioners who have joined us for their hard work and commitment to Wembury Parish.

Cllr John Stansell
Chairman Wembury Parish Council

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POLICE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015 - 2016

Wembury Parish Annual Police Report 2015/16 - 23rd April 2015 to 20 April 2016

Wembury Area

Theft x 2
Burglary dwelling x1
Theft from motor vehicle x 3
Theft of motor vehicle x 1
Fraud x 1
Vehicle interference x 1
Criminal damage x 2
Assaults x 5
Sexual offences x 1
Disqualified driver x1
Nuisance telephone calls x2
Dog not under proper control x 1
Fly tipping x 1

22 in total [27 last year]

Down Thomas / Heybrook Bay Area

Theft x 1
Theft from motor vehicle x 1
Fly tipping x 1

3 in total [7 last year]

Bovisand Area

Theft x 2
Arson x 1
Harassment x 1
Drink /drive x 1

5 in total [11 last year]

PCSO 30540 Andy Potter
Ivybridge Police Station
Tel no 101

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WEMBURY WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT 2015 – 2016

The Wembury War Memorial Village continues to be managed by a group of enthusiastic Trustees. The past year has seen its management basis changed to that of a CIO. This is in accordance with recommendations made by the Charity Commissioners; an aspect of this is to provide more protection to Trustees. The previous management basis exposed Trustees to a call on their assets in the case of an uninsured mishap, which had resulted in Trustees and potential Trustees being unwilling to become involved as a Trustee.

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

- A comprehensive upgrade and equipping of the Main Hall kitchen which should comply with statutory requirements for food preparation facilities for many years to come.
- Modification of the serving hatch between the re-equipped main kitchen and hall.
- Provision of library shelving in the vestibule. A free book loan facility has been set up with a comprehensive stock of books suitable for all ages donated by members of the Parish.
- Reappraisal of storage requirements and modification of storage which is located to the rear of the Knighton Room.
- An internet connection installation by BT with coverage of the Knighton Room and the Main Hall. This has proved useful and been used for various function at the Hall.

The kitchen modifications have been carried out largely through a Grant of £10,000 from Awards for All funding. Management of Awards for All have accepted the Trustees Final Accounts and Report which enable the Trustees to seek further grants from this organisation.

A Website and Facebook was set up last year continues to be used by the community.

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

Brian Dixon
Chairman
Wembury War Memorial Village Hall CIO

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WEMBURY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2015 – 2016

This academic year has been one of the most difficult education has seen. The fiascos with assessments; leaking of test papers and teachers having to make predictions, and teach to a standard, and expectation, that no one yet knows!!! This has put undue stress on pupils and teachers alike, with parents threatening to keep children at home during test weeks. As a school we want to encourage a love of lifelong learning but do not believe the current climate and thinking is doing this. We then had the turnaround on the decision to force all schools to become MATs. Fortunately we have not rushed to do this but taken a measured, well informed approach, over a number of years and are continuing to have discussions with schools, of similar ethos and vision.

The most important people in all of this are of course the children, and they seem to have been forgotten by those who make national decisions! We are talking about 4-11 year olds, who should be enjoying their education, having fun and behaving like children. However we have noticed an increase in absences, stress levels and a change in attitude, of some, towards learning. To also have outstanding, very experienced teachers wonder whether this is still their preferred career gives grave cause for concern for the future. However, here at Wembury, staff and governors strive to ensure pupils have every opportunity to develop as a whole child; recognising and nurturing the talents and skills of each one. Staff, pupils and parents see Wembury as a very unique and special place to be.

Our numbers on roll continue to increase impacting on the need to develop the school buildings and environment, to maximise its teaching and learning spaces. Last summer we saw the external fabric, of the main school building, repaired and refined, as well as a new boiler; all funded by the local authority. There are now some key areas that need further development, allowing for and managing the increase in pupil numbers, especially in KS1/EYFS. We have gone from 60 – 90 pupils in the same playground with no additional learning space. It is hoped that the Section 106 funding, from the Barton Brake development, will be allocated to the school, to improve our current provision and for the long term.

Whilst this report reflects the current national climate, staff at Wembury are committed to and driven, to provide the very best for our community, and are excited, as well as challenged, by the years ahead. There is scope to ensure that Wembury remains at the forefront of learning; that it provides a unique and purposeful curriculum and serves its community well. We have a number of staff changes for September, providing an opportunity to reshape our skills set. However Music, and the Arts, remain key non-negotiables, as do opportunities to learn within and beyond the school environment.

We have a new group of parents raising funds for the school; to improve the swimming pool changing rooms. FRoWs (Friends of Wembury School) have introduced some new events, to engage even more of the community. Although we have our annual, summer fayre in July we are also hosting a camp out on the

school filed in June. (Don't forget to book your tent pitch!) This year's School Games Day (Sports Day), will be centred around the theme of 'The Queen's Games,' to celebrate her majesty's 90th. There will be the usual lunchtime picnic, with families, and at the end of the day we aim to have cream teas and Pimms. We have ordered some bunting, and pupils will be making their own team banners and batons, for the parade. We would very much like to present each child with a special 'Queen's Games 2016' medallion. Knowing that the Parish have offered to help us support this prestigious, landmark event, would you be willing to contribute to the funding of these medallions, and help present them on the day? If so perhaps contact could be made with the school?

The Parish Council and Cllr Hart, have always surpassed our expectations in providing support. I have never been in a school where the community works so well to support each other. Staff, governors and pupils have been very grateful for past contributions including Cllr Hart's recent donation, to support the funding of further IT (Interactive TV), development.

Learning should remain fun and fun is what we aim to do! Please come and join in the fun!

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. Thank you all for your continued support.

Susie Evans
Headteacher