

## PARISH COUNCIL OF WEMBWORTHY

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 7.30pm at the village hall.

1/ Members present, Chairman Councillor Graham Penter, Councillor George Markou, Councillor Lawrence Peters and Councillor Steve Tickner.

### 2/ PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No members of the public present.

3/Minutes of the last meeting  
the minutes were agreed as correct.

4/Matters arising from the minutes...

a) MDDC/Highways Grass Verge Cutting consultation.

A site meeting was held with Paul Osmond the Grounds representative and 2 councillors and it was established that the only area being cut was within the 30 mph signs outside Coronation Villas, as it was stated that to cut the areas beyond this would involve a road closure and too much expense. The verges at the bottom of the village are now “the responsibility of the property owners” in the cul de sac. Therefore this service has been withdrawn. The PC will now consider this area as part of the overall tender.

b) The Transparency Code and Website.

Councillor Tickner has attended the training provided by Mid Devon District Council and will now liaise with the clerk to get set up.

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5/ Grass cutting tenders

2 submitted £1975 p/a with £10 hourly rate for additional work and £960 p/a with £10 per hour.

Clerk to contact lower quote to ensure references available and insurance in place, so a decision can be confirmed before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

6/ The Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

The PC was in favour of supporting a street party in June and the clerk is to invite the village hall committee to the next PC meeting to discuss any funding needs.

7/Update on the Councillors specialist areas.

Graham Penter – Church and Chapel liaison – nothing to update.

George Markou – Planning applications - 16/00314/FULL Full planning application, registered 01/03/2016 Land and buildings NGR 265598 109297. (Upcott Farm) Wembworthy

.Description: Erection of a free-range chicken rearing building (980 sq. m.). NO OBJECTIONS.

Village Hall Liaison. - Repairs to guttering should be going ahead soon.

Lawrence Peters – Roads and Hedges –Potholes still some left to fill. Drains have been blocked regularly in the past but now causing some flooding to front patio areas, George has reported this to the council several times but no commitment to a date to clear them can be gained. George to email DCC councillor Margaret Squires to get some support as things only

seem to happen when she intervenes.

Steve Tickner – Newsletter and website – The PC website is found via the MDDC website and will be linked to the Wembworthy village website. The PC will log problems on to the PC website such as the drains so that the public can be made aware of the efforts made to try and resolve these types of issues.

8/ Accounts

a/Balance in bank £3366.97

b/Cheques signed as in Agenda

£180 Evergreen Gardening Services final instalment for last year's churchyard grass cutting contract, 2 monthly instalment.

Sarah Goody £320 clerks wages HMRC £80 paye for clerks wages.

8/AOB and items for next meeting's Agenda.

none put forward.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016