

PARISH COUNCIL OF WEMBWORTHY

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting on Thursday 11th May 2017 – 7pm at the village hall.

1/ Chairman's report

The parish council has done its best to get the best grass cutting options for the village so that the churchyard, chapel ,village hall and verges are all taken care of. Councillors have tirelessly lobbied Devon Highways about the state of the pot holes and drains in the village with site visits including Devon county councillor Margaret Squires

The PC has also been represented at Devon Highway workshops, MDDC forums and DCC meetings.

2/ Treasurers Report

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| Balance brought forward | £3002 |
| Income (precept) | £3000 |
| Expenditure | £2421 |
| Balance carried forward | £3581 |

Overall expenditure down by £988 the main variances being grant £500 to village hall and the combined grass cutting contract reducing the cost by £370.

3/ Re Election of Officers

It was agreed that Graham Penter would continue as Chairman with George Markou as Vice Chairman for another year.

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1/ Members present, Chairman Councillor Graham Penter, Councillor George Markou and Councillor Lawrence Peters
Councillor Steve Tickner sent apologies
Devon County Councillor Margaret Squires sent apologies.

2/ PUBLIC QUESTIONS – No one present.

3/ Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were agreed as correct

4/ Matters arising from the minutes...

The Drains - After the site meeting which Devon Highways had stated that the drains were ok, there has been flooding again today so photos have been taken and the chairman will contact DH again and if no response will contact MDDC chairman and ask him to attend.

Grass cutting – Extra verges are to be added to the contract and it has been requested that the grass cuttings be left at the back of the village hall so the clerk will contact the hall committee for permission.

5/ a Defibrillator for the village?

it was agreed that the clerk should research the options and send an email to all community groups to gauge an opinion and the likely support from volunteers etc.

6/ Update on the councillors specialist areas

Graham Penter – Church and Chapel liaison, Church fund raising contact Gail Beard is organising events as a new roof is needed now as the priority. There is a new vicar Tony Rockey who is settling in well.

Chapel contact Marlene Tucker has reported that numbers are dwindling at meetings now held monthly.

George Markou – Planning applications and Village Hall liaison

a] **Planning applications** – No further applications for consideration.

b] **Village Hall Liaison**. New lighting needed so obtaining quotes which are in the region of £1100 so will be looking for funding. Next event is Bingo on 13th May 2017

Steve Tickner – Newsletter/Village Website and Flagpole – not present but has asked that replacement flags be obtained. It was agreed that to purchase a Union Jack and a St Georges flag and that the Union flag is to be displayed at all times apart from St Georges Day.

8/Accounts

a/Balance in bank £6581.13 as at 28th April 2017

b/Cheques signed as in Agenda

Majestic Trees and Gardens £190 - Grass cutting (bi monthly instalment)

Wembworthy Chapel £250 – cemetery grass cutting (annual contribution)

G Markou £19.99 - printer ink

c/ Annual Audit

i/ Annual Governance statement reviewed and agreed that satisfactory and signed by the chairman and the clerk.

ii/ Accounting statements checked and signed by RFO (clerk) and chairman

7/ AOB and date of next meeting

Disused telegraph poles still in the village, so needing to be removed.

Meeting closed at 9pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 13th July 2017.