

WEMBDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Wembdon Parish Council Meeting

held Monday 11th August 2025 at 7pm

Present: Councillors P King, D Claydon, L Edwards, S Bromme and R Hubbard.
Parish Clerk Sam Warren and Planning Consultant Lisa Rasch representing Item 144/25

139/25 To receive any apologies for absence. Cllr M Phillips, D Gliddon, P Major and J Hayden-Briffett.

140/25 To receive declarations of any pecuniary interest on items relating to this agenda, which has not been previously declared in the Councillors' register of interests. Cllr P King Item 144/25.

141/25 To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th July 2025. Approved.

142/25 To invite our Somerset Councillors to give a report either written or in person. No attendance.

143/25 To invite public speaking – any parishioner of Wembdon and/or members of the press who has given prior notice of their request to speak may do so for a maximum of three minutes.

The Planning Consultant advised us of new information regarding item 144/25. A non-material amendment was approved by Somerset Council under ref: 51/25/00022 on 9th July 2025. They have now amended the description on this application to remove condition 3 in its entirety.

144/25 Planning applications to discuss or review. Cllr King left the room for this item.

Planning application number: [51/25/00008/GNN](#)

Proposal: Removal of Condition 3 of Planning Permission 51/90/00004 (Erection of agricultural worker's dwelling and alterations to existing access) to remove the agricultural worker occupancy condition.

Location: Moorhen Farm Equestrian Centre, Moorhen Farm, Waldrons Lane, Wembdon, Bridgwater, TA5 2BA

The Parish Council voted to support the application based on new information provided by the Planning Consultant citing compliance with Wembdon's NP Policy WB7 (Rural diversification), as the proposal provides support for an existing rural business.

Outcomes: 51/25/00014 GRANTED

51/25/00020 GRANTED

145/25 To consider signing a form to allow the Village Hall to receive grants for the new extension stating that the provisions of a Deed of Covenant dated 7 March 2013 do not apply to this disposition.

Unanimously agreed. The Clerk will sign and return the form.

146/25 To consider a request to support the Southwest Ambulance Charity by writing a letter to support their application for a grant from HPC for £10000.00 towards a volunteer emergency vehicle. They would appreciate a letter from us explaining how the vehicle would be of benefit to our community. Just to be clear we are not providing any financial support.

Unanimously agreed.

147/25 To consider resurfacing the Church car park/PROW 34/4 & ongoing maintenance.

It has been proposed that we take on 70% of the ongoing maintenance, with the other 3 interested parties contributing 10% each. The Church has kindly offered to cover the main legal fees to draw up the agreement.

Unanimously agreed. The Clerk will request that the Parish Council have rights regarding any future transfer. The PCC solicitor will now draft a Deed of Covenant for consideration.

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148/25 To note all statutory payments made since the last meeting (see minute 181/20) and non-statutory payments. * Denotes vat included. The bank reconciliation will be circulated prior to the meeting.

31-Jul-25	Bank fees	-£8.85
31-Jul-25	HMRC PAYE	-£434.17
31-Jul-25	New padlock for gate to Liddall field	-£92.95
31-Jul-25	GB Sports playground inspection	-£114.00
31-Jul-25	SALC Clerk training	-£180.00
31-Jul-25	K Flay Gate repairs (£540 invoiced to WCA)	-£850.00
31-Jul-25	STS Tree maintenance	-£1,106.95
23-Jul-25	Bulbs for Parklands	-£31.97
22-Jul-25	Website hosting	-£15.60
18-Jul-25	Grant to Wembdon village hall	£10,000.00
18-Jul-25	Grant to Wembdon village hall for a project	£2,000.00
18-Jul-25	SALC Vice chairman training	-£35.00
18-Jul-25	New Padlock for Parklands	-£33.89
18-Jul-25	Parish Magazine Printing	-£960.75
18-Jul-25	Prolectric solar light repairs	-£4,206.00
18-Jul-25	Wembdon Village Hall rental	-£583.00
18-Jul-25	Bridgwater Town Council Gully cleaning	-£197.81
	Income received	
	Allotment deposits	£175.00
	Advertising revenue	£140.00
	CCLA interest received	£843.49
	Transfer from CCLA	£20,000.00

149/25 To consider a proposal to water the Parklands plants.

Unfortunately, Bridgwater Town Council are unable to assist us with plant watering. The Clerk will now contact Wessex Water regarding the possibility of a water supply near the stumpery and is authorised to pay an application fee.

150/25 To receive any matters of report.

We have received a report regarding a possible issue with rats at the allotments and Cllr Claydon will advise allotment holders to be careful with any food waste. We feel this could be due to the extreme dry weather conditions and will monitor the situation.

The matter of numerous addresses on Title deeds of land owned by the Parish Council was raised, as the Clerks address is always used, we now have a few addresses in use, all of which are now obsolete. It is proposed we use the Village Hall address and amend all current titles accordingly. The Clerk will raise the question at the next Village Hall Trust meeting, and if approved it will be on the next agenda for Council consideration.

The Parish Council have been made aware of a dead tree on Orchard Lane in need of maintenance and are making enquiries as to the owner of the land.

151/25 Date of next Parish Council meeting: Monday 8th September 2025 at 7.00 pm.

Meeting ended at 8pm