



September 2022 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Wembury Parish Council held at Wembury Village Hall, on the 26th September 2022.

Parish Councillors Present: Cllr Brown (Chair), Cllr Stansell, Cllr Cox, Cllr Short, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Smith, Cllr Kenny and Cllr Chown and Cllr Newnham.

Clerk: Ella Peters

22-96 Opening the meeting.

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:31

22-97 Minutes silence

A minutes silence was held for Queen Elizabeth II at 19:32 and ended at 19:33

22-98 Apologies

Cllr Truscott, Cllr Edwards and Cllr Drought sent their apologies which were accepted unanimously.

Proposed: Cllr Newnham, Seconded: Cllr Bennett

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies of Cllr Truscott, Cllr Edwards and Cllr Drought

22-99 Absent

None

22-100 Declarations of Interests & Dispensation Requests.

i. Cllr Cox declared an interest in planning application 2993/HHO

22-101 To suspend the business of the Council to allow speaker presentations, including reports from District and County Councillors, for members of the public to make observations, or to put questions to the Council.

Signed:

Date: 31/10/2022

The public forum was opened at 19:34

i. Cllr Brown informed the public and councillors that the National Trust had an informal meeting with residents earlier this month. The Council have agreed to facilitate a meeting for the public and National Trust on Friday 21st October at Wembury village hall from 5-6pm.

i. National Trust- Penny Pyne

Project manager, Penny Pine spoke to the council and public. The National Trust have had a quiet period over the summer and collated feedback. They are aware that this has caused concern in the community and that there has hasn't been enough communication. They can only apologise and have improved their communications recently. They plan to continue having good dialogue with the community.

ii. National Trust- Jessica Tatton-Brown

Jessica read out her report- Please see **Annex A**

Cllr Brown asked for the National Trust's current standpoint regarding C&H Tree Surgery.

Penny Pyne read out a statement regarding C&H Tree surgery from the Estates Manager. It is as follows:

"We requested that C&H Tree Surgery Ltd ceased prolonged use of petrol chainsaws at the 'grain store' building at New Barton Farm in August 2022. Prolonged use meaning that which has been deemed to cause unacceptable noise disturbance to nearby residents - for several hours at a time. Environmental Health has subsequently advised C&H Tree Surgery Ltd that they can use a petrol chainsaw from time to time when necessary for an hour or so. Since becoming aware of this advice, we have reiterated to C&H Tree Surgery that the previous position which we agreed with them must be maintained - that petrol chainsaws cannot be used on site except in exceptional circumstances for the minimum length of time, not as part of daily or occasional business use.

Petrol chainsaws will need to be used at the farm by Trust staff and contractors, potentially for prolonged periods of time, in connection with our daily work of conservation land management. We will endeavour to let neighbours know in advance if it is likely to be for a prolonged period of time.

I can also let you know that C&H Tree Surgery Ltd is looking at the possibility of relocating their business elsewhere as they need to be able to process wood at their premises. The Trust is supportive of this and we will provide further updates in due course."

iii. Member of the public- The member of the public welcomed the meeting that will be happening with the National Trust in October. Whilst they welcome the fact that the petrol chainsaw is not in use, they also want to acknowledge that it had been going on for 6 months and there were also issues with traffic and concerns over incorrect usage of the grain store. The member of the public also said that they will be meeting with Environmental Health this month.

Penny Pyne explained that the disturbance to the public has been regrettable and that it was not their intention when they chose C&H surgery. It now seems that C&H grain store may need to reconsider whether New Barton Farm is the right location for them to be working.

iv. Member of the public- The member of the public has been expressing concerns over inappropriate use of the grain store for 6 months and they say it is not acceptable for it to carry on. They want the grain store usage to stop. They also wish to know what the next step is with application 2592/22/FUL (for change of use of the wedding venue at the farm) being withdrawn.

Penny Pyne explained that they were advised that the best step is to withdraw and resubmit the application with extra details added and questions answered.

iv. Member of the public- The member of the public asked if the National Trust have plans to put a car park in the field along cliff road?

The National Trust said they have no plans for car parks. There have been no earmarking of spaces specifically.

v. Member of the public- The member of the public asked how the previous events by the National Trust were advertised to everyone in the community?

The National Trust explained that there was a consultation in the spring, drop-in sessions in the hall and at the Farmers' Market this year. Posters were put up in shops and it was advertised on Facebook.

Cllr Smith noted that communication of events is a wider issue for the Parish Council as well because not all residents are on social media or read notice boards.

vi. Member of the public- The member of the public asked what was the process for picking tenants for New Barton farm?

Penny Pyne explained that she can't answer that question but she will look into it.

vii. Member of the public- The member of the public asked if an objection from a previous planning application can be carried forwards automatically to a new one.

Cllr Brown explained that they cannot. Everyone would have to resubmit an objection as it would be a new planning application.

viii. Member of the public- The member of the public asked what safeguarding is going to be in place, particularly with traffic, whilst the usage of New Barton Farm is still unknown.

Penny Pyne said a resubmission of the planning application for barn usage is underway and will be going in in due course. If a planning officer has any concern of harm, they have the power to take action.

Cllr Short said surely there should be a management plan for traffic as part of the application?

Penny Pyne explained that The National Trust will answer all the questions in the application.

xi. Member of the public- The member of the public explained that the whole of the New Barton Farm project needs to be taken into account, otherwise all issues that have been mentioned will just build up and be complicated.

The National Trust were advised to apply under the use class of flexible use for the barns.

Cllr Bennett noted that the average time for planning applications to be processed at South Hams is 12 weeks.

Cllr Stansell spoke of the proposed path by the National Trust for people who are less able bodied from the farm, down to the coastal path and then along towards the Rocket House. The proposed path would then turn up hill towards the farm inside the hedge and parallel to the track down to the Rocket House. He asked if he had heard this correctly?

Jessica Tatton-Brown said there are several phases with this planning and more information would be available in October at the meeting.

Cllr Stansell also spoke of residents' views from the coast path towards the Rocket House and down to Warren Point being blocked by scrub that has not been cut back.

Jessica Tatton-Brown explained that a small section of the Coast Path from The Rocket House heading towards to beach to the next pedestrian gate, has been left as woodland after advice from Natural England as it can't be taken back to a grazable condition. There is another section down from the Rocket House that has been recently grazed and can be reopened up for grazing animals.

xii. Cllr John Hart's report

The Clerk read out John Hart's report- **See Annex B**

xiii. District Council reports

Cllr Brown updated the Council about the termination of the waste contract with FCC and said that waste collection would be brought back in house. It takes effect on 3rd

October. Changes will be made in phases. An opt in chargeable service for garden waste will be brought in next spring. The current organic waste collection will end at the end of October. The charge is £49 per year for 22 collections per year which is broadly similar to the current collections.

Cllr Chown read out his report- **See annex C**

There was a discussion around community compost schemes and their possible use in Wembury.

The public forum closed at 20:17

22-102 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 25th July 2022 -circulated prior.

Cllr Newnham proposed to confirm the July 2022 minutes and Cllr Bennett seconded. (8 in favour, 1 abstention)

RESOLVED: To agree the 25th July 2022 minutes as a correct record of the meetings and for the Chair to sign them.

22-103 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 28th March 2022 -circulated prior.

Cllr Newnham proposed to confirm the March 2022 minutes and Cllr Bennett seconded. All in favour (9).

RESOLVED: To agree the 28th March 2022 minutes as a correct record of the meetings and for the Chair to sign them.

22-104 To consider current planning matters and to receive monthly planning applications.

Planning applications

i. Reference: 2592/22/FUL

Proposal: Application for change of use from a wedding use to flexible commercial use

Site Address: New Barton Farm, Wembury, PL9 0EE

Withdrawn.

ii. Reference: 2993/22/HHO

Proposal: Householder application for construction of garage & storage
(retrospective)

Site Address: Clover Cottage, Cliff Road, Wembury, PL9 0HN

Cllr Cox left the room because she declared an interest in this item.

Cllr Bennett proposed no objection, seconded by Cllr Kenny, 6 in favour, 3
abstentions

Comment: No objection

iii. Reference: 2994/22/VAR

Proposal: Application for variation of condition 9 (opening hours) of planning consent
2035/21/FUL (Change of agricultural land to dual use, agriculture and secure dog
walking area, parking and amenity building) to extend the opening hours

Site Address: Land at SX 515 490, Wembury

Cllr Cox proposed no objection, seconded by Cllr Kenny. 7 in favour, 2 abstentions.

Comment: No objection

iv. Reference: 2850/22/HHO

Proposal: Householder application for rear garden balcony (Resubmission of
1932/22/HHO)

Site Address: 58 Southland Park Road, Wembury, PL9 0HQ

Comment: No comment

v. Reference: 2579/22/HHO

Proposal: Householder application for conversion of existing garage to extra living
accommodation

Site Address: Red Gables, Cliff Road, Wembury, PL9 0HN

Cllr Smith proposed no objection, seconded by Cllr Smith. 7 in favour, 2 abstentions

Signed:

Date: 31/10/2022

Comment: No objection but with a condition to be added to ensure it's an ancillary dwelling dependent upon the primary host dwelling.

vi. Reference: 2794/22/HHO

Proposal: Householder application for rear paved terrace with steps & retaining walls

Site Address: 2 Old Coastguard Cottages, Wembury, PL9 0EJ

Cllr Kenny proposed no objection, Cllr Cox seconded. 7 in favour, 2 abstentions.

Comment: No objection

22-105 To ratify the suggestion given by the council to planning applications from the August period.

i. Reference: 1427/22/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building consent for paved terrace with steps & retaining wall

Site Address: 2 Old Coastguard Cottages, Wembury, PL90EJ

Comment made: "The council have not been able to meet and so have not voted on the planning application but they suggested 'no objection'"

ii. Reference: 2405/22/HHO

Proposal: Householder application for side extension & replacement rear terrace

Site Address: 5 Knighton Road, Wembury, PL9 0EA

Comment made: "The council has not been able to meet and so has not voted on the planning application but suggest 'no objection'"

iv. Reference: 2802/22/HHO

Proposal: Householder application for extension and alterations (resubmission of 0556/22/HHO)

Site Address: 128 High Rocks, Church Road, Wembury, PL9 0LD

Comment made: "The council not been able to meet and so has not voted on the planning application but suggest 'no objection'"

Cllr Newnham proposed to ratify the above comments made, Cllr Bennett seconded. 7 in favour, 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED: To ratify the suggestion given by the council to planning applications from the August period.

22- 106 Committees and Working Groups

i. Wembury Recreation Ground

a. General Update- Cllr Bennett. Circulated prior

See Annex D. Taken as read.

b. Discuss and decide on whether to approved the Wembury Recreation Ground survey that has been produced.- Circulated prior

It was agreed that a question would be added to ask residents if they think the equipment would benefit their physical health.

Cllr Brown proposed to approve the survey, seconded by Cllr Newnham. All in favour (9)

RESOLVED: To approve the Wembury Recreation Ground Survey for its distribution.

ii. Highways –

a. Working Group update and discussion.

Cllr Chown relayed some residents concern about parking in Down Thomas and the request for double yellow lines. Cllr Newnham reminded the council that it is a 20 mph zone anyway in Down Thomas. Councillor Kenny and Stansell both agreed that many residents would not like double yellow lines as they would not have anywhere to park their cars. A discussion took place around using the speed sign currently at Hollocombe (or its replacement if it is approved), possibly on a 2 year rotation.

iii. Streaming of meetings- Update and discussion of progress (Clerk)

The Clerk updated the council on her findings:

After liaising with Brixton Parish Council's Clerk it seemed that the Devon Association of Local Councils aren't in favour of streaming of meetings. They got back to the Brixton Clerk saying that remote meeting regulations over lock down did create higher viewing of council meetings by the general public. Some councils have continued to live stream their meetings, so it's worth exploring. She said that if we were live streaming, then members of the public cannot participate as it isn't possible. She believes it is the National Association of Local Councils' view that members of the public wishing to participate in the public participation period, should also be in attendance. Therefore 'hybrid' meetings aren't really possible for parish/town councils.

From the local parish councils that replied to the Brixton Clerk, there are no councils currently conducting hybrid meetings / streaming their meetings and have no plans to in the future. Newton and Noss let her know that they broadcasted their meetings on Zoom for many months. They had very good attendance for some meetings with controversial planning applications but then it tailed off so they decided to stop broadcasting.

Brixton's Clerk will get back to Wembury's Clerk after Brixton's meeting on the 28th September.

There was a discussion over possibilities of how to stream meetings and it was agreed that the Clerk should continue to look into the feasibility and contact Brixton's Clerk in due course.

22-107 Other Matters for Discussion and Decisions.

i. Police Report.

Cllr Kenny read out his report from 1st August up to and including 26th September.

His report is as follows:

"There were 9 Crimes. Over the first 2 weeks of August, 3 crimes were recorded as having happened within the area of Bovisand Beach - an allegation of sexual assault, a Public Order Act offence and a person in possession of a knife. We only received one report regarding the male with a knife and no offender was located. HMRC made the police aware that they had intercepted a parcel bound for an address in Wembury, containing what they believed to have been Psilocin (Magic Mushrooms) This is recorded as an Unlawful Importation of Class A Drugs. There was a theft of a pedal cycle near to the Eddystone Inn and also some damage caused at the Skate Park. Sergeant Canning reviewed the 24 Incident logs (Calls for Service via 999/101) for this time period - nothing of note."

Councillors noted that the nature of crimes have changed over the years but that this may be due to more people reporting crimes that have been committed.

i. Clerks report

The Clerk read out her report- **See Annex E**

Cllr Short spoke about concerns around the sewerage pipe from Bovisand. He is trying to chase up the issues with South West Water.

Cllr Smith asked the Clerk to contact JFGS re the litter signs.

There was a discussion around the teenage shelter and graffiti issues. The RFO is looking into whether replacing the teenage shelter may be more cost effective than just repairing it. Councillors discussed the graffiti in the teenage shelter and whether it encourages graffiti too much and whether the shelter is needed or would graffiti end

up elsewhere. Cllr Chown talked about positive engagement with graffiti and artistic expression. The Clerk will look into what other parish councils have done regarding graffiti walls and such like.

- ii. Affordable housing meeting- Update from Clerk and Chair on a recent affordable housing meeting.

Cllr Brown explained that South Hams has some money to spend on housing officers to assess housing needs in parishes in this area. They have sent through a Wembury profile on areas such as housing needs and average earnings. An assessment is going to be undertaken and South Hams will look into whether affordable housing can be put somewhere in the parish.

Cllr Stansell talked about Sherford having less affordable housing than it was originally announced to have. He said that this is common across the country. He questioned whether it is possible to deliver the affordable housing and he says it is a good idea in principle but it hasn't seemed to have worked elsewhere.

Cllr Smith said that she would want to see the neighbourhood plan finished first and Wembury probably is not the right place for more development.

There was a discussion around affordable housing in Sherford and its positives and negatives including aiding younger people buying houses, impact of S.106 monies, traffic and Sherford's impact on Wembury.

Councillor Cox said that she thinks the council should be looking out for younger people in the parish with affordable housing

Councillor Brown will discuss the topic further with the housing officers.

- iii. SAAA- To discuss and decide on whether to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements. (information circulated prior)

Cllr Brown proposed to opt in, seconded by Cllr Stansell. All in favour (9)

RESOLVED: To opt in to the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements.

- iv. Council voting- To discuss and decide on whether the whole council should vote for all planning applications or whether the system should be kept to ward voting.

It was agreed that all councillors can vote on all planning applications. (whole council voting)

- v. To discuss and decide on whether the PA system should be kept at Wembury Village Hall.

Cllr Brown proposed to keep the PA system at the village hall. Seconded by Cllr Stansell. 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

RESOLVED: To keep the PA system at Wembury Village Hall.

- vi. Tree application- To ratify the decision taken to apply for 30 free trees from The Woodland Trust.

Cllr Brown proposed to ratify the decision, Cllr Newnham seconded. All in favour (9)

RESOLVED: To ratify the decision taken to apply for 30 free trees from The Woodland Trust.

22-108 To receive Financial Reports.

- i. Financial Statement for June 2022 - See Annex F
- ii. Bank Reconciliation for June 2022- See Annex G
- iii. Reserves Balances June 2022- See Annex H

Cllr Brown proposed to accept items i, ii and iii, seconded by Cllr Stansell. All in favour (9)

RESOLVED: To Accept items i, ii, and iii above as a true record.

- iv. Thanks from Down Thomas Village Hall for grant received – to note their thanks.

Thanks was noted.

- v. Traine road information sign- Discuss and decide whether to pay for one or two information signs near the entrance to Traine Road. £ 1,113.85 for two signs.

There was a discussion around whether to just buy one sign and another at a later date. However, it was agreed that in order for the signs to be effective, two were needed at both ends of the road. The councillors understood that it was a large amount to spend but they agreed that issues with drivers using Traine Road unnecessarily has been long standing and wished to purchase both signs.

Cllr Smith proposed to pay for two information signs near the entrances to Traine Road at a cost of £1,113.85. Seconded by Cllr Stansell. 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

RESOLVED: to pay for two information signs near the entrances to Traine Road. £ 1,113.85 for two signs

- vi. Wembury Village Hall- Request for a grant of £350 from Wembury Village Hall for the procurement, erection and disposal of a Christmas tree.

There was a discussion around the fact that Wembury Village Hall had agreed to look into having a permanent real tree to use each year and the hold ups that they faced in researching the efficacy of such a purchase.

Cllr Stansell proposed to grant Wembury Village Hall £350 for the procurement, erection and disposal of a Christmas tree with the condition that Wembury Village Hall look into option of a permanent tree early next year so there is no rush towards the end of the year. Seconded by Cllr Cox. 6 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention.

RESOLVED: to grant Wembury Village Hall £350 for the procurement, erection and disposal of a Christmas tree with the condition that Wembury Village Hall look into option of a permanent tree early next year so there is no rush towards the end of the year.

- vii. Decision on which bank or building society to transfer earmarked reserves funds to, to ensure security of finances. To provide top three choices.- Circulated prior

Cllr Brown proposed to have Nationwide as the first choice, Charity Banks and the second choice and Buckinghamshire Building Society as the third choice. Cllr Bennett seconded. All in favour (9)

RESOLVED: to have Nationwide as the councils first choice for earmarked reserves funds, Charity Banks and the second choice and Buckinghamshire Building Society as the third choice.

- viii. Condolence books- To ratify the decision to spend £39.98 on two condolence books.

Cllr Brown proposed to ratify the decision, seconded by Cllr Stansell. All in favour (9)

RESOLVED: To ratify the decision to spend £39.98 on two condolence books.

22-109 Confidential Section- To determine any items on the agenda considered to be of a private nature that should be discussed at the exclusion of the Public and Press, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2).

- i. To discuss and decide on a course of action re the Neighbourhood Plan Committee accounts and remaining money.

Cllr Brown asked the council to consider the following resolution to exclude the public and press:

“That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in order to avoid the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.”

Cllr Brown proposed to exclude the public and press, Cllr Bennett seconded. All in favour (9)

The council discussed and agreed on an appropriate course of action re the Neighbourhood Plan Committee accounts and remaining money.

Cllr Stansell proposed the following. Cllr Brown seconded. All in favour (9)

RESOLVED: The council agreed on an appropriate course of action re the Neighbourhood Plan Committee accounts and remaining money.

22-110 Exchange of Information- No decisions may be made on items raised here.

Cllr Drought will be chairing the next meeting.

22-111 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:50

ANNEX A to Wembury Parish Council meeting – 26th September 2022
Jessica Tatton-Browns National Trust report

Knighton multiuser path: historically the NT agreed to surrender a portion of the field at Knighton for the construction of a multiuser path, this project has been stalled for years. SHDC have recently been in touch with us to request more land so they can extend original proposed route around the bottom corner of the field so it could pass directly into the recreation field. We have of course agreed to this request and hope that a planning application for the revised and extended route will be submitted by SHDC in good time.

At the farm, all our surveys are now completed, and we are working hard to collate the information for the feedback session to the community in October. The Life on the Edge Heritage Lottery funded project run by AONB have also been conducting their own surveys of invertebrates along the Wembury coastal margin.

Our tenant has harvested 90 acres of spring barley this year and sold it all for malting. We have harvested 15 acres of Phacelia and 3 acres of the cornflower annual seed using a brush harvester and the traditional combine. We will use this seed to create more flower rich arable margins across the farm this spring.

This autumn we are sowing 45 acres of grass and 45 acres of Herbal ley.

We are working closely with the Plymouth and South Devon Community forest hopefully planting 1000's of trees this winter, dates for community tree planting events and winter guided walks will be published in October.

A researcher has been recording bats feeding on the Mew stone, they detected Bats in every 24 hour period and were pleased to see that Greater Horseshoe Bats visit the island.

Resurfacing works have been going on at the beach today addressing all of the potholes. Thanks for your patience while this work is ongoing.

ANNEX B to Wembury Parish Council meeting– 26th September 2022
Cllr Harts Report

There was a Cabinet this morning where we talked about the County Council overspend. We are gradually bringing it back for this year and now looking to reduce spending for next year to set a balanced budget for next year 2023 / 24.

This will mean that we will have very little spare funding over the next 18 months. Currently the Children's and Adult budget lines are overheating with a substantial increase in demand.

Signed:

Date: 31/10/2022

We signed off the advert for a new Chief Executive this morning and hope to have them in post before the end of February 2023. I am hoping we have a lot of interest and a good list of applicants.

Locally, Footpath 1 has just been closed for some weeks / Months to continue with the installation of a new sewer pipe from Fort Bovisand. Work is going on in fields from Down Thomas to footpath 1 as the Sewage is due to be pumped from Fort Bovisand to Bovisand Lane, Down Thomas. I understand this will then link to the gravity system and travel to Gabber pumping station to then be pumped to the Wembury treatment works. It is quite an engineering exercise.

ANNEX C to Wembury Parish Council meeting– 26th September 2022 **Cllr Chown's report**

Condolences on the passing of Queen Elizabeth

At age 21 she said “I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service”, at age 96, true to her word, she was still keeping her promise...

Support for Ukraine

The South Hams is now home to 155 Ukrainians from 66 family groups who are fleeing the terrible war in Ukraine, and in West Devon there are 139 Ukrainians from 51 family groups.

Working with the voluntary sector and Devon County Council, both South Hams and West Devon Councils continue to play an important role in delivering the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme and helping Ukrainians beyond their initial six-month sponsorship.

Waste and Recycling contract

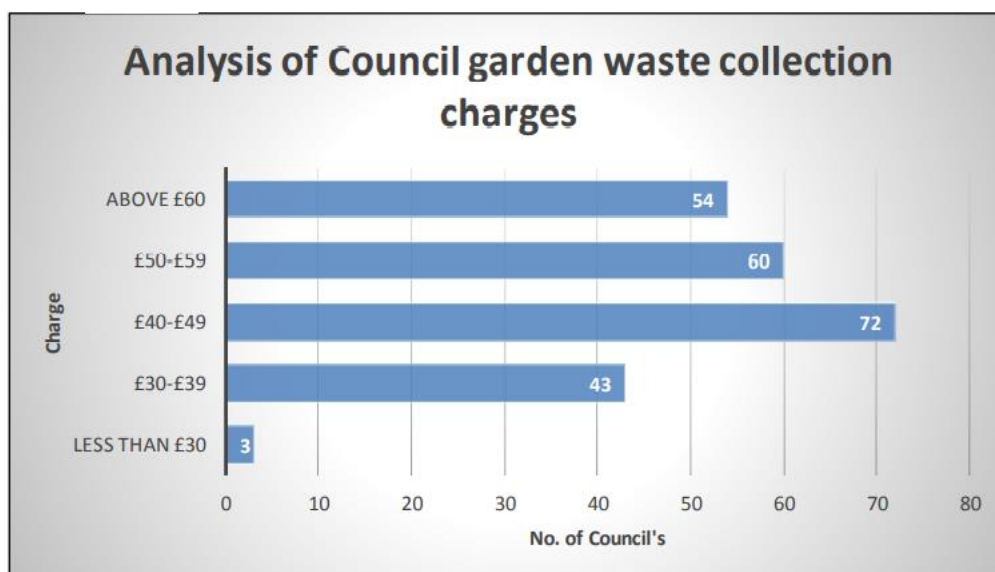
Following the decision made to *‘terminate the contract with FCC by mutual agreement, resulting in the transfer of all services currently provided under the contract back to the Council with effect from 3 October 2022’*, at its meeting held on 22nd September, Full Council approved the recommendation from the executive which was to *‘end the current non-statutory Garden Waste collection service from Monday 31st October to ensure that there are sufficient resources and capacity to deliver the statutory waste and recycling collections services; and to introduce a chargeable, fortnightly Garden Waste collection from early spring 2023 at a charge of £49 per bin per household subscription.’*

- The key priority of the service transfer is to ensure that the Council can meet its **statutory** obligations,
- The Council's independent technical advisors recommended the suspension of the garden waste collection service on transfer, to provide greater resilience to the core statutory waste and recycling service.

- The benefits of a chargeable garden waste collection service include:
 1. Reduces the overall environmental impact
 2. Reduced cost to the Council of providing a non-statutory discretionary service
 3. Residents have a choice, reducing cross subsidisation by council tax payers
 4. With limited availability of HGV drivers, it enables the Council to prioritise statutory services (residual, recycling, street cleaning services)
 5. Manage resources effectively – collections are only where they are needed
- Several other Councils have stopped garden waste collections, including Plymouth City Council where the decision has been taken to suspend garden waste services with immediate effect, citing in-year financial pressures as the reason.
- Almost all other councils in Devon (and indeed England) now charge for this service and £49 is in the mid-range of charges.
- The table below shows the current year (2022/2023) subscription costs, and the take up of services, in Devon.

Council	Service offered	Cost	% take up
East Devon	11 month Fortnightly (Not over Christmas)	£48 per bin	25-30%
Exeter	11 month Fortnightly (Not over Christmas)	Up to £51.50	61%
Mid Devon	12 month Fortnightly	Up to £50	32%
North Devon	Fortnightly (Feb to Nov) Monthly (Dec & Jan)	£45 per bin	55%
Teignbridge	11 month Fortnightly (Not over Christmas)	£50 per bin	37%
Torridge	11 month Fortnightly (Not over Christmas)	£45 per bin	34%
West Devon	11 month Fortnightly (Not over Christmas)	£40 for 4 sacks	24%

- The table below shows the analysis of the charges Councils apply across the country for a garden waste collection service.



- in September 2017, the Council considered the introduction of a charged for garden waste service as part of the plans to align waste services across Devon (all but one of the other Districts having already introduced charged for services at that time) but it was decided not to bring forward a formal proposal. As a result, residents within the District have continued to receive a non-chargeable service since 2017, whilst other Districts in Devon have been operating a paid for service.
- The Council's overall aims align with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and it wants to encourage households and businesses to reduce residual waste and increase recycling. However, the collection and disposal of all waste streams waste has significant environmental impacts.
- The Waste Framework Directive sets out the basic principles and definitions relating to waste management, one of which is the 'proximity principle', which suggests that waste should generally be disposed of as near to its place of origin as possible. This principle also involves recognition that the transportation of wastes can have a significant environmental impact.
- The environmental impact of collecting garden waste is estimated (based on 2020-21 fuel usage data) as being between 120 and 150 tonnes of CO2 emissions and represents approximately 2-3% of the Council's carbon emissions.
- Residents and the Council can make a significant reduction by home composting or using community composting facilities - in March 2022, the Executive and Council approved the creation of a community composting scheme with funding of £200,000 to enable the creation of additional community composting groups.
- Finally, and most pertinently, the report to council authored by the Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service stated that **"the only other viable option to enable the Council to meet the budget pressures is to discontinue the service"**.

Council webpage for help and information

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help>

Communities Locality Fund

South Hams Councillors each have a small budget to support communities in their ward. I would very much welcome applications from the residents, businesses, or organisations from within the Wembury and Brixton Ward, (including Heybrook Bay, Down Thomas, Carrolsland, Sherford etc) for funding that can be used to support the local area, such as projects, events, equipment, and facilities.

The minimum grant that can be applied for is £100. If you have an idea you would like to discuss, please contact me: Matthew.Chown@swdevon.gov.uk

ANNEX D to Wembury Parish Council meeting– 26th September 2022 **Cllr Bennett's General update, Wembury Recreational Ground**

1. Teenage shelter quotes and possible funding.

The quotes were not available for discussion but believed to be very expensive. This item will be taken forward to the next WRG meeting

2. Fitness items survey and possible funding.

The clerk has designed and sent out the survey which will be collected at the end of October. 3 quotes will then be obtained from suppliers with a view to installation in the spring of 2023. Funding is available from the National Lottery “ Reaching Communities Fund”.

3. Viability of a defibrillator on the recreation ground.

There was general agreement that this was a good idea and this will be taken forward to the next WRG meeting.

4. 30 free trees from the Woodland Trust for hedgerow infill.

A successful application was made and the trees will arrive in November. They will be stored at James Friends and installed with the help of Keith Rennells of Parklife.

5. Zip wire sign and ground levelling quotes.

The zip wire sign has been installed. Since the wire has been re-tensioned and the seat raised, there is no need to lower the ground level at present.

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6. AOB

a. Adam King is due to draw up a provisional management plan for ground maintenance for our consideration. This will include weeding, mulching and watering.

b. Antisocial behaviour. James Friend has reported graffiti on all the park signs, the teenage shelter and some bus stops. In addition, there is a great deal of litter left around. He has written to the Police but only received a lukewarm response. James is due to liaise with Councillor Mark Kenny.

ANNEX E to Wembury Parish Council meeting – 26th September 2022 **Clerks report for August and September**

Maintenance Work

- Reported damage to the safety surfacing under the swings to the police online. James is hoping to fix it soon.
- Graffiti in teenage shelter has been removed.
- Just a note that I have had a few comments about notice boards not being looked after or up to date. I sent round an email a little while back, but just another reminder to please wipe them down every now and again so the information is visible in them and if you can reprint any old notices that may have faded.
- James has been keeping up with drainage, strimming, removing graffiti and litter picking.
- The zip wire sign has been put up.
- I asked James to do an asbestos check and couple more pieces of asbestos have been found and I have reported it to the relevant bodies to try to have it sorted.
- Nick from Devon Highways has got the gully emptier booked in to help with the clearing of drain grids

Meetings

- Met with Dan, Alex Rehaag, Katie West and Paula Green from South West Devon to discuss Housing needs and affordable housing in Wembury. It is on the agenda of what was discussed for an update this evening.
- John Bennet, the RFO and myself had a meeting about the WRG fitness equipment. Afterwards, I created a survey for the public to choose their 4 favourite pieces of equipment out of a choice of 6. The survey has been sent to all councillors. It will be advertised in the Wembury Review this October and also on the website and Facebook page. It is on the agenda.

- I have emailed Kirstie, the Clerk from Brixton Parish Council re the broadcasting of meetings to hopefully set up a meeting in the next few weeks, sometime after the 28th. She had a report back from DALC suggesting against broadcasting that hybrid meetings aren't really possible for parishes/towns.

"I believe it is NALC's view also that members of the public wishing to participate in the public participation period, should also be in attendance. Therefore 'hybrid' meetings aren't really possible for parish/town councils."

"From the local parish councils that replied to me, there are no councils conducting hybrid meetings / streaming their meetings and have no plans to in the future."

"Newton and Noss let me know the following – We actually broadcast their meetings on Zoom for many months and people could watch live. We didn't make them available after the meeting. We had really good attendance for a couple of meetings with controversial planning applications but then it just tailed off until we only had one person for a few meetings so we decided to stop."

- Has a meeting with the National Trust to keep everyone in the loop as to their current work and concerns that have been raised in the village. A meeting with the community will be put in place for October.

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Other

- Defibrillator on Wembury beach has been out of action since 14th September. A new battery has been ordered for it by Tom Greenland and I shall update councillors and on the Facebook page when it is back in order.
- An area for flowers to be laid was outlined at the Queen Greens Canopy Tree. Several bunches of flowers have been laid and I have taken photos of them to keep for the records.
- Two condolence books were acquired and are in village halls for parishioners to sign. They have been well received so far and both have messages of condolence in them.
- I applied for a grant for 30 Trees for Wembury Recreational Ground which was approved.
- I have had several emails of concern from members of the public regarding the New Barton Farm planning application 2592/22/FUL as well as concerns over noise from the area.
- Two more pieces of asbestos have been found on the path near the scout hut. I have reported it to the relevant people in order to have it sorted.
- I have been undertaking the CiLCA qualification training that the council have paid for me to do. The first two units have covered core roles in local council administration and law and procedures for local councils. The next training day is

October 13th and is on Finance for Local Councils which includes preparations and monitoring of budgets,, bank reconciliation, insurance, risk management applying for grants, advising on financial procedures, VAT legislation and annual audits.

ANNEX F to Wembury Parish Council Meeting – 26th September 2022

Financial Statement up until 19th September 2022

Payments

Description	Supplier		Net	VAT	Total
Tree Surgery	Charles Wilson Forestry		£ 200.00		£ 200.00
Room Hire	DT Village Hall		£ 48.00		£ 48.00
Salaries etc July and Aug	Various		£ 2,884.76		£ 2,884.76
Email, Office 365 and VOIP	HelloComtec		£ 46.30	£ 9.26	£ 55.56
Energy Supply for DTCR	Opus Energy		£ 17.81	£ 0.89	£ 18.70
Energy Supply for DAAT Tower	EDF		£ 8.57	£ 0.43	£ 9.00
Grant	DT Village Hall		£ 500.00		£ 500.00
Subscription	Devon Communities Together		£ 50.00		£ 50.00
Email, Office 365 and VOIP	HelloComtec		£ 46.30	£ 9.26	£ 55.56
Playground inspection	SHDC		£ 210.00	£ 42.00	£ 252.00
Air Ambulance Tower	EDF		£ 4.29	£ 0.21	£ 4.50
Bus Shelter Installation	Devon County Council		£ 6,020.25		£ 6,020.25
		Total	£ 10,036.28	£ 62.05	£ 10,098.33

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Receipts

Bank	Description	Supplier		Net	Total
General Account	Interest	Lloyds Bank		£ 3.50	£ 3.50
Book Account	Interest	Lloyds Bank		£ 0.42	£ 0.42
Book Account	Discovering Wembury Books	Churchwood Valley		£ 40.00	£ 40.00
Current Account	Air Ambulance Tower	YU		£ 572.48	£ 572.48
Book Account	Interest	Lloyds Bank		£ 0.54	£ 0.54
General Account	Interest	Lloyds Bank		£ 4.35	£ 4.35
General Account	Precept	SHDC		£ 25,222.00	£ 25,222.00
			Total	£ 25,843.29	£ 25,843.29

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ANNEX G to Wembury Parish Council Meeting 26th September 2022

Bank Reconciliation up until 19th September 2022

**Bank Reconciliation at
19/09/2022**

Cash in Hand 01/04/2022

ADD

Receipts 01/04/2022 - 19/09/2022

SUBTRACT

Payments 01/04/2022 -
19/09/2022

A Cash in Hand 19/09/2022

(per Cash Book)

Cash in hand per Bank

Statements

Petty Cash	19/09/2022	£	-
Current Account	19/09/2022	£	8,105.28
General Account	19/09/2022	£	120,856.69
Book Account	19/09/2022	£	12,739.93

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Less unrepresented payments

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Plus unrepresented receipts

B Adjusted Bank Balance

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