

**ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF
WEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

1895-1995

Extracts from the Minutes of
Parish Council Meetings

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PREFACE

This booklet is published to celebrate the Centenary of Wembury Parish Council. It contains extracts from the Minutes, illustrating some of the matters with which the Council has been involved. Over the years the responsibilities have changed. Today the Parish Council undertakes a wider and more varied role than it did one hundred years ago, serving a much larger population.

The Parish Council is an elected statutory authority. It is the first tier of local government; it exercises special responsibilities in its own area and is financed from the Community Charge.

The present Parish Council consists of 12 members, five Councillors being elected from the Down Thomas Ward and seven from the Wembury Ward. Monthly meetings, which are locally advertised and open to the public, are held alternately at Down Thomas Silver Jubilee Hall and Wembury War Memorial Hall.

ORGANISATION

- 1895 The first meeting of the Wembury Parish Council was held on 1st March 1895. In the early days the meetings were not regular. As an example, between 1st March 1895 and 5th March 1934 only 142 meetings were held; this included Council meetings and public meetings called to discuss a particular issue. Sometimes a year or so elapsed between meetings.
- A few local names recur i.e. Andrews, Giles, Sherwell, Wilson. Often two members of the same family sat on the Council and it was not unusual for a place to be passed from father to son, there being no elections.
- 1936 *16th March.* A meeting of the Council was held in the new Down Thomas Silver Jubilee Hall for the first time.
- 1938 *17th January.* Concern was expressed at the non-attendance of Councillors residing in Wembury when meetings were held in Down Thomas. "This was not right and proper for Council business, especially as Councillors residing in Down Thomas made every effort to attend meetings in Wembury."
- 1946 *11th March.* Fourteen names were proposed for the Parish Council, so an election was demanded. There was a need for a polling booth in Down Thomas.
- 29th April.* "Under Section 51 of the Local Government Act the Parish requests the Devon County Council to issue an Order directing that Parish Councillors for the Parish of Wembury shall be elected by means of nomination and, if necessary, a poll."
- Resolved that Council meetings be held every two months.
- 20th November.* Rural District Council representatives increased to two. Regret expressed that particulars of this election were not known throughout the Parish and it was suggested more publicity be given to these elections and nominations in future.
- 1955 *8th June.* The retiring Chairman (Captain Giles) having been Vice and Chairman for 35 years, did not seek re-election to the Chair.
- 1959 *30th November.* Unanimously resolved that "the Wembury Parish Council oppose by all means at its disposal the proposed extension of the boundary by Plymouth City Council, and support the Rural District Council and the Devon County Council in their efforts to stop any encroachment of the rural area".
- 1960 *22nd February.* Discussion of resolution of Special Parish Meeting held at Down Thomas on 8th February 1960 "that this Parish Meeting deplores Wembury Parish Council's conduct of its business and directs its Chairman and Councillors to resign".
- Resolved that no action be taken.
- 1973 *24th September.* Resolved that Council meetings be held monthly.

- 1974** Review of Local Government resulted in formation of South Hams District Council, which included Wembury Parish, to replace Plympton Rural District Council.
- 1980** *25th September.* Special Council Meeting held to consider the proposal of the Boundary Commission to include the Parish of Wembury in Plymouth East Parliamentary Constituency.
- 27th October.* Consideration given to views expressed at two public meetings that there should be no change to the Parliamentary Boundary. Resolved that a legal adviser be appointed to present the Parish Council's case to the Commissioner. Support was sought from surrounding parishes.
- 1982** *26th April.* The Chairman reported the successful outcome for Wembury of the Parliamentary Boundary Revision when the Inspector had recommended Wembury should remain outside the Plymouth Constituency.
- 1992** *June.* Commencement of Review of Local Government.
- 1994** *26th September.* Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundary. Noted that the final recommendations of the Commission retained the proposal for a S.W. Devon County Parliamentary Constituency consisting of 2 West Devon wards, 4 Plymouth wards and 12 South Hams wards which included Wembury.

POOR RELIEF

- 1896** *7th May* Proposed to appeal to Mr. Cocks to "secure bread of better quality for the Parish and, if possible, the bread should be left at each person's house as it would save the old people considerable inconvenience".
- 1903** *13th April.* Involvement with the Board of Guardians regarding parochial relief for the poor. One individual granted 2s.6d. a week plus a loaf of bread.
- 1905** *19th April.* Recommended "that the pay of an 82 year old lady on poor relief be increased by 1 shilling a week, from 3/- to 4/-".
- 1912** *16th April.* The County Council sought to collect monies from the Parish Council for education purposes. Wembury Parish Council declined to pay and wrote to the National Education Association saying that the monies should be paid by Government grant.
- 1932** *23rd March.* Attention drawn to great need for housing accommodation in the Parish suitable to the "need and rent of the agricultural labourer."
- 1938** *21st November.* Discussion on the need for Council houses in the village. Notices to be erected asking applicants to submit their names to Councillors.

WARTIME

- 1917** *15th January.* Parish Council urged growing of more potatoes and to use the local seed rather than that provided by the County War Agricultural Committee.

- 1917 Agreed to purchase "one knapsack spraying machine and two crates of chemicals for spraying potatoes to increase the yield".
- 1942 *30th March.* Salvage dumps were to be set up, one in Knighton, one in Church Road, Wembury, one in Down Thomas and one in Heybroek Bay.
- 1942 *10th November.* Some footpaths were blocked temporarily by the War Department.
- Down Thomas Hall committee were asked if the conveniences at the Hall could be used by the public. If they would agree the Rural District Council would take responsibility.
- 1943 *23rd April.* Parish had adopted *H.M.S. Harrier* during Warships Week held in January 1942. A certificate in recognition of this was presented to the Parish by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.
- 29th November.* The certificate for *H.M.S. Harrier* was to hang in the school.

EMERGENCY

- 1967 *12th January.* Need for Parish Council to prepare some plan should an emergency arise in the Parish.
- 1978 *.17th January.* Emergency Committee formed.
- 1991 *24th June.* Parish Emergency Committee re-formed. Parish Emergency Adviser appointed.
- November.* Questionnaires distributed to all properties in Parish.

ROYAL EVENTS

- 1947 *24th November.* Wedding gift to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth from County of Devon, towards which £4.2s0d. was raised on Wembury side and £2.6.0d. on Down Thomas side of Parish.
- 1952 *29th September.* Discussion took place regarding celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Coronation in 1953. A marquee 60ft by 30ft was ordered for Coronation Day.
- 27th October.* A Public Meeting agreed the Parish Council be requested to precept for a sum approximating to a 4p rate as a contribution to the expenses of the celebration (£80). The sum to be augmented by voluntary subscription. "That in view of the better facilities in the form of a playing field with the Silver Jubilee Hall in close proximity, the joint celebrations be held at Down Thomas."

Suggestions:

- Children's sports
- Tea (wax mugs in place of crockery)
- Bonfire and Fireworks
- Dance
- Coronation Souvenir Mugs for children

- 1952** *8th December.* Public Meeting - petition - 271 parishioners Wembury side of Parish protested against a joint celebration at Down Thomas.
"All resolutions passed regarding this rescinded en bloc and two celebrations to be held."
- 1976** *19th November.* Preparation for Silver Jubilee 'Beating the Bounds'.
- 1977** *6th April.* Meeting of Committee to consider Silver Jubilee celebrations.
25th April. Silver Jubilee Souvenir Programme to be printed, financed by Parish Council.
23rd May. Message of loyal greetings sent to H.M. Queen.
- 1978** Parish raised £792.79 for Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal Fund.

TWINNING

- 1975** *9th October.* Discussion re twinning with town in Northern France. Brittany preferred because of new ferry service to Roscoff. No ratepayers money would be spent on this enterprise. British Council would bear cost of initial meetings.
- 1976** *12th October.* Consideration given to twinning with Plouvorn. Not realised.
- 1977** *31st October.* Discussion re twinning with Fouesnant, nr. Quimper. Not realised.
- 1981** Wembury twinned with Loc Maria Plouzane.

ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION

- 1909** *16th April.* Plans and documents for Wembury Dock Scheme deposited with the Clerk. (A copy is now held by the Devon Record Office at Exeter).
- 1929** *24th September.* Rural District Council asked to arrange for collection of refuse in the Parish once a month - "only stuff that cannot be burned".
- 1932** *23rd March.* Attention was called to the wooden buildings and shacks which were being placed about on some of the best sites and view points in the Parish and getting known as Wembury Monstrosities. It was resolved to write to the Rural District Council calling their attention to same.
11th July. Council joined 'Commons and Open Spaces' and 'Footpaths Preservation Society'.
- 1934** *22nd May.* Plympton Rural District Council asked "to discontinue passing plans for erection and occupation of wooden huts, shacks and bungalows in the Parish of Wembury where arrangements for proper sanitation cannot be made and where a supply of pure water is not available".
- 1936** *20th July.* Refuse to be collected monthly in winter, fortnightly in summer.

- 1936** 21st September. 10/- subscription for years 1935 and 1936 to be paid to 'Commons and Footpath Preservation Society'.
- 1945** 28th February. Suggested one Air Raid shelter each side of Parish be converted to public conveniences.
- 28th March. Playing Fields suggested as a War Memorial, one at Wembury, one at Down Thomas, one at Hollacombe.
- 23rd May. Rumoured Lentney Brake was to be used as a peace time school of gunnery.
- 1946** 20th November. Petition against the proposed Coast Artillery School at Lentney and Naval High Altitude range at Wembury Point. Petition sent to local M.P., Major Studholme.
- 1947** 29th September. Letter to Major Studholme M.P. requesting him to oppose in every way the proposed abolition of the basic petrol ration.
- Letter to National Trust asking if they were interested in purchasing the Mewstone which, it was understood, would be offered for sale.
- 1950** 27th March. Reference to the rumoured acquisition of land and property at Wembury Point and Heybrook Bay by the Admiralty. Parish Council to take up the matter with the local M.P. Major Studholme.
- 1951** 28th May. Approach made to Commanding Officer, R.N. Gunnery School "to ascertain whether action could be taken to eliminate or minimize the annoyance to residents and holiday makers caused by the continuous low flying of aircraft in connection with training".
- 1952** 29th September. Parish Council supports petition from Heybrook Bay residents to Minister of Defence and M.P. re gunfire.
- 1955** 28th November. Gunnery and low flying aircraft. Officer-in-Charge, *H.M.S. Cambridge* gave assurances he would try to keep these activities to a minimum.
- 1956** 26th March. National Trust asked if they could provide a public convenience at Wembury Beach.
- 1957** 28th January. Life Belts were to be provided at Wembury Beach and Bovisand. 29th July. The building of the beach conveniences had been started.
- 1961** 21st August. Complaints about the litter at Wembury Beach and the use of toilets for changing.
- 1965** 9th March. Stated that it 'was believed' planning permission had been given for over 100 houses behind the school. Concern was expressed that it was most unfortunate that the Parish Council had not been informed.
- 1966** 28th March. Parish Meeting - vote of no confidence in Plympton Rural District Council due to poor state of the sewage system in Wembury, especially in Church Road.

- 1967 20th March. Parish Meeting - request made to Chief Constable to update local constable's form of transport.
- 1974 20th October. List of registered historic buildings was noted:
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| St. Werburgh Church | Langdon Barn |
| Langdon Court | Gate piers at Langdon Court |
| Garden House, Langdon | West Wembury Farm |
| Wembury House | Bovisand Lodge |
| Hele Almshouses | |
- 1975 24th November. The Parish Council informed the County Council that it was intending to plant trees to replace dead elms.
- 1976 12th March. Consideration given to whether any areas in Parish might warrant seeking request for inclusion in a Conservation Area.
- 17th May. Concern about reports of bulls being loose in fields over which a public right of way exists.
- 1977 14th April. District Council asked to prepare plan of all trees in Parish covered by Tree Preservation Orders. Sent to District Council list of buildings within the Parish which the Council suggested needed some protection in view of any future development.
- 28th November. Chestnut tree planted on green in Mewstone Avenue in memory of the late Mr. F. Holman who had made the film of the Silver Jubilee celebrations.
- 1979 25th June. Wembury Parish Council to contribute half of cost (up to £125) of purchase of Longlands Brake by Heybrook Bay Residents' ASSOCIATION, land to be administered by The Woodland Trust.
- 1983 25th April. Agreed to give £1000 to The Woodland Trust towards purchase of Hollacombe Quarry.
- 1986 30th June. Confirmed by the Countryside Commission that the boundary of the South Devon Heritage Coast should be at Wembury Beach. Noted that the management services of the South Devon Heritage Coast would be available for all of Wembury Parish.
- 1989 30th October. Report on a meeting with the National Trust outlining their proposals for a National Trust Shop, Information Centre and base for Marine Conservation Warden at Wembury Beach.
- 1990 29th January. Wildflower planting scheme prepared.
- 26th April. Tree planting scheme prepared.
- 30th April. Heybrook Gulley Improvement Society congratulated on their initiative in improving this area, particularly on raising the necessary funds by contributions and grants.
- 26th November. Requested Mr. A. Steen M.P. to get the Government to extend powers available to local authorities for the protection of landscape and environment including hedgerow protection.

- 1991 Improvements to Sir Warwick Hele Almshouses.
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1994 *H.M.S Cambridge* - concern at gradual expansion including guard dog kennels, radar, helicopter pad, security lighting, armed guards.
- 1993 *21st October*. Wembury Marine Centre - laying of foundation stone and time capsule which had been prepared by children of Wembury Primary School.
- 1994 *12th July*. Official opening of Wembury Marine Centre.

FOOTPATHS

- 1895 In the early years much of the work of the Council was in establishing, surveying and repairing rights of way, in some cases against the wishes of the landowner.
- 1896 *1st June*. Footpath Committee formed.
- 1897 *6th December*. "In the case of *Cory v. Wembury Parish Council* respecting the alleged case of trespass on footpath at Langdon the plaintiff informs the Parish Council that he has withdrawn the action." Solicitors Bond Pearce and Bickle were paid £36.15s.0d. by the Parish Council for law expenses.
- 1906 *23rd March*. Landowner asked to place a few loads of stones at the worst spots on a footpath and if he refused "the Council would do it". (The landowner did not do the work - the Council did.)
- 23rd July*. Meeting called to discuss the blocking of a public right of way "through the field known as Bulley Park adjoining Warren Lane." A large number of electors present. Decided to write to landowner asking him to open the path.
- 18th September*. Colonel Gore (owner) wrote saying he would not open the path. The Parish Council to consult Mr. Bickle, Solicitor.
- 1907 *19th April*. The advice of Mr. Bickle was that parishioners should walk the path and let the owner prove his right by prosecution.
- 1908 *20th January*. Reported that the police had taken the names of several men who had been using the footpath through the field known as Bulley Park. Each man had declined to apologise. The Parish Council decided to seek legal advice.
- 6th March*. The solicitor did not recommend taking the case of the disputed path to court.
- 31st March*. A letter was received from the owner stating that he was unable to accede to the suggestion that the Parish Council should erect gates at the entrance to, and midway through, the field known as Bulley Park.
- In this year a mass trespass took place in order to establish a footpath - the police were involved and names taken. However, in other cases the landowners raised no objection and even repaired the paths using their own labour, stone being supplied by the Parish Council.

- 1910 *26th October.* The Parish Council decided to cut steps into the rocks at Warren Point to make a safe landing place.
- 1911 *19th April.* Another dispute with Colonel Gore regarding the path leading to the rocks at Warren Point. The Council affirmed that it was a public footpath and wrote to Colonel Gore accordingly.
- 26th September.* Letter from Colonel Gore refusing to acknowledge the Parish Council's right to the path leading to the rocks at Warren Point and threatening legal action. The Council decided to take no action at present. Also at this meeting the Council stated "that in our opinion the path from Bovisand Bay to Wembury Church is a private path."
- 1913 *11th February.* The Council agreed to lengthen a gate on a footpath to prevent pigs from straying on to the highway.
- 1923 Gates on a footpath wilfully damaged - eight men were prosecuted and the Council received the sum of £5 from the Magistrates, being part of the fine which was imposed on the defendants.
- 1933 *22nd May.* All Councillors to meet and walk the cliff path from Wembury Point to Bovisand to establish right of way.
- 1934 *22nd May.* Meeting at Down Thomas to mark out footpaths. Payments to Mr. Carroll and Mr. Wood for carrying out work to stiles at Traine Farm - 14s.3d. and to Mr. Copley for fixing stiles - 3s.6d.
- 16th July.* Maps had been prepared of the footpaths and rights of way in the Parish as claimed by the Parish Council and a copy sent to the Rural District Council.
- 1938 *19th October.* Reported that Footpath No. 10 was obstructed. (This footpath remained obstructed and was a source of continual letters and aggravation until it was dealt with by Devon County Council and eventually made an unrestricted path on 30th September 1988).
- 1950 *3rd July.* Survey of rights of way. List of 31 paths was finally approved and the Parish Council instructed to submit the list in accordance with the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.
- 1957 *25th March.* The Parish Council was not liable for repairs to the bridge at Heybrook Bay. Residents, by voluntary subscription, were having the work done privately.
- 1958 *17th November.* At a Special Parish Meeting the public sought clarification of the course of the proposed long distance Coastal Footpath and protested at the Councillors' neglect of duty in agreeing to the deletion of public paths alongside the cliffs and over Manor Bourne Road and Bayside Lane.
- 1959 *26th May.* The Parish Council resolved to enquire of Devon County Council and the National Parks Commission as to the exact location of the proposed long-distance coastal footpath and resolved that Footpath No. 12 be inspected and action be taken to clear and make passable its entire length.

- 1959 *21st December.* Devon County Council undertook to provide a continuous footpath on its coastal boundaries. This objective had the full support of the Parish Council.
- 1965 *26th March.* Discussion on a proposal by Councillor F. J. Cutcliffe that the Council should consider preparing for sale to the public a guide of the footpaths in the area, with an accurate map.
- 27th September.* Proposed that the Council undertake production of a footpath guidebook at a figure not in excess of £25. (This was for a print of 1000 copies which were sold at 9d each.)
- 1966 *10th September.* Resolved to signpost all footpaths. In current financial year four paths to be signed.
- 1967 *20th June.* Arrangements for Beating the Bounds discussed. Resolved to prepare notices to advertise this event.
- 1971 *29th March.* Noted that the Rural District Council was considering the legal implications regarding the request of inhabitants of Heybrook Bay for an additional footpath towards Gabber.
- 1972 *25th January.* Meeting about second edition of Footpath Guidebook. (5000 copies printed and sold at 7p. each)
- 1973 *2nd August.* Deed of Dedication of the Coastal Path completed.
1976. *17th June.* Suggestion was made to Beat the Bounds of the Parish and this was to be considered at the next meeting.
- 2nd August.* As part of the commemoration of the Centenary of Wembury School each pupil was given a copy of the Parish Footpath Guidebook (2nd edition).
- 1978 *26th June.* A review of the Definitive Map was undertaken.
- 1984 *24th May.* Land at Heybrook Bay with Licensed Footpath changed ownership resulting in withdrawal of Licence.
- 1989 *22nd May.* After lengthy negotiations undertaken by the Parish Council the new Renney Lentney footpath was established.
- 31st July.* Renney Lentney Footpath Agreement signed and Public Path Creation Order published.
- 27th November.* Heybrook Bay Residents' Association offered to contribute towards the cost of constructing the Renney Lentney footpath (£500 in 1990 + £400 in 1991). (Net cost to Parish Council of legal fees and construction was £6693.38)
- 1990 Footpath Guidebook 6th Edition. 5000 copies printed at a cost of £7091.78. (Sold at £2.50 each.)
- 1992 *6th April.* Application for Definitive Map Modification Order to include Cliff Road paths on the Definitive Map.

- 1993 *29th November.* Resolved to convey to the Chairman of the National Trust Committee for Devon & Cornwall Councillors' concern at the distress caused to parishioners by the fencing of the National Trust Meadow (0.5.0051 - above Wembury Church).
- 1994 *31st January.* The Chairman reported on the public meeting held on 28th January 1994 when the Regional Land Agent, National Trust agreed to remove the fencing.
- 1995 *19th January.* Definitive Map Modification Order relating to Cliff Road paths confirmed without modification.

VILLAGE HALLS, PLAYING FIELDS, SURGERY, BURIAL GROUND

- 1945 *28th March.* Wembury Parish Council asked Plympton Rural District Council to provide a Community Centre.
- 17th October.* Major Helson proposed a site for the new Wembury Village Hall near the old one, with adjacent tennis courts. Down Thomas should have a playing field adjacent to the Silver Jubilee Hall.
- 1955 *26th August.* Lack of doctor's surgery in Wembury. Two gWf\ps of general practitioners approached to open a surgery in Wembury.
- 28th November.* Local doctors pointed out difficulties of opening a surgery at Wembury.
- 1967 *31st July.* Resolved to request a health centre in Wembury.
- 1969 *25th September.* Reported no probability of a health centre for some time.
- 1974 *28th January.* Burial ground at Ridge Cross proposed.
- 1979 *11th July.* Consideration given to providing pavilion on Wembury playing field. Rejected. To be considered in five years' time.
- 1981 *29th June.* Correspondent requested "some form of changing room on the Wembury playing field".
- 1983 *31st January.* Reported on meeting with District Council's Chief Technical Officer regarding equipment for children's play area.

SERVICES: GAS, ELECTRICITY, WATER, TELEPHONES, DRAINAGE

- 1933 *17th July.* Resolved to write to Rural District Council regarding inadequate water supply.

- 1934 *5th March.* Telephone kiosk requested at junction of the three roads leading to Gabber, Heybrook and Down Thomas.
- 1957 *28th January.* Public telephones sought for Hollacombe, Heybrook and Church Road.
- 1961 *31st July.* Reported that Wembury is fourth in order of priority for the provision of main drainage.
- 1962 *30th July.* Reported that the electricity supply in the Parish was "very poor at times, and on one occasion insufficient to pump the Church organ".
- 1984 *25th June.* Wrote to Gas Board to ascertain the possibility of gas being brought to the Parish.
- 1991 Mains gas supply to Wembury.
- 1993 Mains gas supply to Down Thomas and Heybrook Bay.
- 1994 Emergency telephone installed at Wembury Beach.

TRAFFIC, ROADS, TRANSPORT, BUSES, FARES

- 1898 *3rd January.* Parish Council wrote to the Rural District Council regarding disgraceful state of highway.
- 1900 *15th January.* Supported Brixton Parish Council in their request to Great Western Railway to run late trains on Wednesdays and Saturdays on the Yealmpton line.
- 1902 *10th March.* Parish Council complained to the Rural District Council that only 200 yards of stone was allocated for road repairs during the year.
- 1908 *4th April.* Parish Council asked the Rural District Council to take over Warren Lane as a public highway.
- 1922 *22nd April.* A resident wrote to the Council saying that he would not pay his rates until the surface of Warren Lane was repaired. The Parish Council decided that it was not responsible for the upkeep.
- 1931 *15th April.* Resolved to write to Western National Bus Company saying their charges were considered excessive.
- 1934 *16th April.* Letter sent to Rural District Council regarding speed of buses through Wembury village.
- 16th July.* Resolved that "the police attention be called to insufficiently clad women using public buses from Wembury Beach to top of Church Road".
- 1955 *8th June.* Request for a 30 m.p.h. speed limit through Wembury.
- 1958 *24th November.* Noted that there was no possibility of a contribution from the bus company towards the provision of a bus shelter.

- 1960 25th January. Devon County Council stated that a warning sign 'Please Drive Slowly through the Village' would be erected.
- 1969 18th September. Resolved to write to District Council saying that the new road to be constructed to serve the new housing estate should not be a through road.
- 1972 16th October. Objections from residents of Southland Park Road to re-routing of buses along the road.
- 1975 27th [anuan]. Concern expressed at the danger of cars "exiting" from Longlands Drive on to Renney Road, Heybrook Bay.
- 24th November. Consideration of request for 'Parish-run' car park at Heybrook Bay. "Council could not finance such a project at the present time."
- 1976 21st June. Reported that correspondence was taking place with South Hams District Council concerning parking of cars in Heybrook Bay during summer.
- 27th September. Correspondence continued concerning traffic congestion in Heybrook Bay.
- 1978 20th March. Discussion took place with the County Councillor regarding concessionary fares on public service vehicles.
- 26th June. Wembury Women's Institute asked for a concessionary bus fares scheme.
- 28th September. Agreed to conduct a survey of public opinion on the proposal for a Parish concessionary bus fares scheme for old age pensioners.
- 1979 26th February. Resolved to implement a scheme for all residents for concessionary fares on three days a week at an annual cost to the Parish of £922.
- 1980 30th June. The cost of the concessionary fares scheme for 12 months from 1st May 1980 to be £1217.
- 1984 30th April. Concessionary fares scheme cost £1158 for 1984/85.
- 1985 29th April. Concessionary fares scheme cost £1248 for 1985/86.
- 1988 23rd May. Devon County Council introduce 'Countywide' concessionary fares scheme. Wembury Parish Council contribute £4 for each eligible resident towards the annual cost of the pass. (Annual cost to Parish Council 1988/89 £161.)
- 1989 30th October. Parish Council's contribution increased from 1st April 1990 to £12 per annual pass. (Annual cost to Parish Council 1990/91 £972.)
- 1994 31st January. Parish Council's contribution increased from 1st April 1994 to £15 per annual pass. (Annual cost to Parish Council 1993/94 £1634.)

Let us hope this record of service to the community will be an inspiration to future generations of Parish Councillors.