



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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APPENDIX A

Via Email: gill.s.rogers@btinternet.com

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Dear Gill

Thank you for the questions at Full Council on 18th July during the public forum.

Yes the terms of reference state up to 5 members. The Annual Council meeting on 16th May 2017 did appoint 6 members and many other committees, groups and outside bodies were oversubscribed so this needs to be rectified.

The agenda for F&SAG on 26th June was not published. Advice was given to the F&SAG that the decision to open the meetings up to public should go to the next meeting for consideration and Full Council for approval.

The Councillor declared himself Chairman via email and would not accept advice that the decision had to be taken at 18th July Full Council and the Finance & Staffing Advisory Group should be rescheduled until after that time. No explanation for this behaviour.

Yes the Chairman was self-appointed. I don't know why the advice given was ignored which is contrary to code of conduct 7. *'When reaching decisions on any matter you must have regard to any relevant advice provided to you by the Clerk or Assistant Clerk of the Bembridge Parish Council, where that officer is acting pursuant to his or her statutory duties.'*

The agenda items for 10th July were drafted by Cllr A Steane. Matters arising and any other business are both considered bad practice.

Yes the advice to appoint a task and finish group at Full Council and consisting of 7 Councillors was challenged. No Councillors has been given delegated powers in this instance.

Yours sincerely

Emma Goldring
Clerk Bembridge Parish Council