



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on 18th July 2017 in The Village Hall, Large Hall, Bembridge

Present: Cllr M Sullivan (Chairman), Cllr M Donlon, Cllr C Behan, Cllr S Weedall, Cllr R Weaver, Cllr M Curtis, Cllr M Reeder, Cllr G Stillman, Cllr R Widger, Cllr A Hopkinson-Woolley, Cllr A Steane, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Assistant Clerk) **Public:** IW Cllr M Murwill, County Press and 35 members of the public

Cllr Sullivan -

Good evening Councillors, ladies and gentlemen,

I have now chaired a few meetings in Bembridge and take this opportunity to remind you that these meetings are NOT public meetings - they are meetings that are held in public. As the agenda states there will be a 15 minute window for the public to ask questions. This will be adhered to from here on in. Questions must be directed to the Chair and answers are not debatable. The opportunity to ask a supplementary question remains. Additionally, answers to specific questions do not always have to be answered immediately, written answers could be offered if they are more appropriate or applicable.

The council has a full agenda over our elected term of office and we need to get on with the job. This includes looking ahead, developing structure plans for the ever changing demand placed on your council. This will include plans for new and sustainable revenue streams .

There has been much comment about issues within the council. Yes there have been disagreements and differing opinions. We should put it behind us and put it down to passionate debate. However, the red line governing ALL Councillors is a strict code of conduct. Any breach in the code of conduct, from bullying to selflessness, will not be tolerated. Behaviour in public life is paramount to continued public confidence and trust.

Anyone wishing to review Bembridge Parish Council' Code of conduct can go online or call into the parish office to view the document.

As stated earlier we need to get on with the job we were elected to do, I now move to the agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM –

Mr Mike Tarrant – I wish to ask Cllr Curtis to confirm or deny if he referred to the Clerk and RFO of the Parish Council Mrs Emma Goldring as 'the b***h round the corner'?

Cllr Curtis - is this the tone for the meeting?

Cllr Steane – there is a notice on the chairs about behavior at meetings, withdraw this question.

Would also ask that Mr Tarrant's abusive emails to him stop.

Mr Tarrant – the question is not irrelevant, and no reply implies the answer is yes. Not fitting for a Councillor

Cllr Sullivan – this is not the way forward

Mr Tarrant then left his position seated mid public seating and moved to the councillors desks standing in front of Cllr Steane and then left the meeting

Mrs Gill Rogers -The Chairman of the Parish Council and the Clerk were given my notes prior to the meeting.

I am aware that this is a new council. However, the majority of Councillors here this evening fought under the Open Bembridge Banner which promoted Openness and Transparency and I make the following observations.

The Terms of Reference for the Staffing and Advisory Group state that **up to** 5 councillors should be appointed to the group. However at the May meeting of the Parish Council 6 councillors were duly elected. I can find no amendment to the TOR so can we assume that the Advisory Group is acting outside the agreed and adopted TOR?

More importantly the TOR state that The Group shall comprise of members who understand the legal and corporate framework in which the Council operates. I note that training for the new councillors takes place on 25 July so perhaps there is a lack of understanding by some of their roles at the present time.

At the June meeting of the Staffing and Advisory Group which was not advertised, the election of a Chairman was on the agenda. The minutes show that no agreement could be reached on who should take the role amongst those present. It was resolved that Cllr Donlon would take on the role for one meeting. As an aside I note that 2 members of the public attended this meeting. Was this by invitation as the Agenda was not published?

At the following meeting of this group on the 10th July councillors were told by the Clerk that she had sought advice concerning the status of the Parish Council Chairman in regard to this group and the selection of a Chairman for this group. The final sentence of the advice given states that matter is a decision for the full council. Why then did a councillor take the Chair without being elected? As no Chairman was formally agreed at the June meeting the Election of a Chairman should have appeared as the first item on the 10th July agenda and the due process carried out. Is there an explanation for this apparent strange behaviour? There is mention in the minutes that two councillors stated that they did not recognise the person who took the chair yet they were ignored. When was this councillor elected to this position and by whom or is it a self-appointment? Why was the advice given by the clerk ignored? Could we accuse some council members of "hanky panky"?

The agenda for the July meeting includes 2 items: Item 4, Matters arising from the last minutes and Item 10, Any Other Business. Is it still the case that Parish Councils are advised to state all business being debated should be for the public notice and as such all items should appear on an agenda. If this is the case, why have these 2 headings been included? Surely bad practice and who decided to include them? This is the first time I have observed this happening during my interest in the Parish Council which spans over some 15 years.

More worrying is that advice from the Clerk with regard to taking forward a business and strategic plan that has not been acted upon. The Clerk advised, in my view quite rightly, that 7 councillors should sit on this group. However, it appears from the minutes of this meeting that a councillor has decided that two councillors will get together with members of the public to do this as a matter of urgency. The clerk in her professional capacity again advised that this was bad practice and should not happen and was again ignored. A comment was made at the meeting by a councillor "that this business and strategic plan document is too important for other councillors to kick into the long grass." However it appears that this member was then keen to have members of the public on board who one can only assume would have little knowledge of the legal and corporate framework of the council.

Any document of such importance should be the work of the whole council and agreed by them. Can we be told if any councillor has been given delegated powers to work with one other councillor and the public and ignore the 10 other fully elected councillors who represent the residents of this village? This goes against the TOR quoted above which says that "The Group shall comprise of members who understand the legal and corporate framework in which the Council operates." I sincerely hope that this evening this group is disbanded which seems to prove no useful purpose at this moment in time.

I believe that these actions, if my understanding of the situation and after reading the minutes of both meetings is correct, also breaks rule 24.a.11 of Standing Orders which states that unless by authorisation no councillor shall issue orders, instructions or directions.

Cllr Sullivan stated that a written response would be forwarded to Mrs Rogers **APPENDIX A**

Mr John Board – I attended the last Finance and Staffing Advisory Group meeting in the council office and at no time was the dissolution of the above group mentioned in any shape or form.

Two days later the agenda for this meeting had under heading number 153/17/01 in section 9 to discuss the dissolution of the said group.

What I wish to ask is:-

1. Who authorised the item to be placed on the agenda?
2. Why was it considered necessary to dissolve the group?
3. Should a new group be formed in lieu of the current group will the meetings held be open to the public?

Cllr Steane – Finance and Staffing Advisory Group passes on recommendations. It is in our standing orders that all meetings are open to the public and both meetings should have been advertised, this was a mistake though not of councillors. Mr Board and Mr Hughes attended with councillors, some not on the group and was nominated as chair.

Cllr Donlon – F&SAG was not opened to the public as it was only spoken about at the 26th June meeting and was to be on the next meeting 10th July for agreement, then formally agreed at full council tonight. So the public should not have attended.

Cllr Sullivan stated that a written response would be forwarded to Mr Board **APPENDIX B**

4. 145/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A wonderful award was delivered to the Parish Office yesterday from HALC for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Champion of Champions 2016 Bembridge. I would like to congratulate all the previous councillors for winning this award and hope we can be as good as they were. Bembridge will flourish and if there are any difficulties along the way we are in the best place to sort them out, as we have a great community spirit.

5. 146/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence
Non-attendance of Cllr Millington

6. 147/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

147/17/01 To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda
Cllr Curtis declared a pecuniary interest in item 22

147/17/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate
None received

7. 148/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Council meeting held on 20th June 2017

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Council meeting held on 20th June 2017 and duly signed by the Chairman

8. 149/17 PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 20th June and 4th July 2017

RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 20th June and 4th July 2017

9. 150/17 WORKING GROUPS

150/17/01 To note minutes of the Green Town Steering Meeting held on 5th July 2017

RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Green Town Steering Meeting held on 5th July 2017

150/17/02 To note minutes of the Village Partnership Meeting held on 5th July 2017

RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Village Partnership Meeting held on 5th July 2017

7. 151/17 FINANCE

151/17/01 To approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 13th July 2017

Well done Cllr Stillman and Cllr Hopkinson-Woolley

RESOLVED: Approved bank reconciliation and cash balances to 13th July 2017 **APPENDIX C**

151/17/02 To approve schedule of payments to 13th July 2017

RESOLVED: Approved schedule of payments to 13th July 2017

151/17/03 To monitor the budget

All information is on the website and a new spreadsheet is being worked on

151/17/04 To review Internal Audit Report action plan

Cllr Steane – internally audited every 6 months. The annual audit in April unfortunately brought up 20 areas about the finances that needed change

Clerk – these were mainly procedural

Cllr Steane – was stated that the accounts were unsustainable

Cllr Weaver – this is being misinterpreted and concerns being spread that are incorrect. All information is on the website and always was

151/17/05 To review the fixed asset register

RESOLVED: Approved the fixed asset register

151/17/06 To agree £44.84 pro rata payment for Insurance policy inclusion of Lane End toilet block

RESOLVED: Agreed £44.84 pro rata payment for Insurance policy inclusion of Lane End toilet block

8. 152/17 REPORTS

To receive the following reports:

152/17/01 Hampshire Association of Local Councils

Cllr Steane - No meetings.

152/17/02 Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Stillman - Quick meeting and not much discussed. Will do a presentation at the next meeting.

152/17/03 Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee

Cllr Weaver - Both the Festival of Sport and the Summer Festival were well supported. Thank you to Sarah Portwine for all your hard work, both were wonderful. Bembridge Cricketers have won their last 3 matches and the football goes from strength to strength.

152/17/04 Village Partnership (plus Green Town Steering Group)

Cllr Weedall - Cllr Donlon has been appointed Chairman of the Village Partnership. The group discussed the success of the Dragons Den. Friends of Holy Trinity held an exhibition on Friday in the library displaying their photos. Working on new maps for the village and map holders. Bembridge in Bloom Awards will be held on 27th July in the Village Hall. Congratulations were given to the Street Fair as it goes from strength to strength. Looking into starting up the carnival in conjunction with the Summer Festival. Still looking at a walking track around the old school field, approx. 1km. GTS – working on the forward plan. Have had 2 visits from the judges for the Best kept Village, the awards are on 14th September. Looking to re-design the flower beds at Birdham Corner in the autumn. The War Memorial was granted listed building consent approval for works and the project grant has been submitted, though we have only received 1 quote for the works as other companies are on the mainland and not willing to quote. Looking into the Men-in-Sheds scheme to see if anyone is interested in the village and if so where it would go. The BB2 water leak has been confirmed as a natural spring and not a water leak. One member of the team is looking at new sites for trees and replacing dead ones with Island Roads. The beach clean was well attended and no treasure was found!

152/17/05 Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

Discuss to item 9.1

152/17/06 Harbour

Cllr Millington not present

152/17/07 Police Report

PCSO Moul sent email report- I've had a look at the incidents over the past month for Bembridge. If possible can you mention about making sure any boat owners secure their outboard motors and equipment and for local residents to be mindful of what they keep in their car

Again apologise I can't attend the meeting at the moment but if you do have any issues you want to speak about after the meeting ill pop over.

152/17/08 IW Bus & Rail Users Group

Cllr Steane has received no notice of meetings

152/17/09 Amey Waste Forum Report

Cllr Sullivan has received no notice of meetings

152/17/10 Isle of Wight Councillors reports

IW Cllr Murwill – any waste issues please email to me. Working with Amey on the green bags and booking system for green waste. Cllr Tynall and myself have received 16 issues for Bembridge and so far 14 have been resolved. Looking at holding a surgery maybe before Full Council meetings at 6pm in the future. Education transport will continue as it is with no extra costs. There is a consultation on school term times going out for the 2018/19 school year.

152/17/11 Clerk's report

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9. 153/17 WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES

153/17/01 To dissolve the Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

F&SAG Report Cllr Steane – have had 2 meetings so far, the first one was good. Discussed many issues from the Audit Report. The Internal Auditor raised concerns over the PC's reserves of only 3.3 months, as it is recommended 3-12 months reserves. This needs to be increased to 6 months over a period of time. There were great concerns over the budget for this year, as a negative budget and could run out of money by the end of the financial year. The second meeting was very factious, some councillors who had agreed with items changed. Need a task and finish group to move forward with the business plan and strategic plan so money will last.

Cllr Sullivan – one of the objectives of Open Bembridge was all meetings should be open to the public and transparent. All finance is on the website. F&SAG makes recommendations to Full Council who have to vote on the issue, as all finances will be discussed at Full Council we will be repeating ourselves.

Cllr Reeder – 4 councillors met without the knowledge of all F&SAG members, this is not transparent.

Cllr Donlon – we did not have a meeting

Cllr Curtis – this is a key advisory group

Cllr Steane – this is because I was appointed chairman, elected properly contrary to what some councillors wanted. This item was not mentioned at the meeting. So all issues for the budget, business plan will go to full council? Have been asking embarrassing questions. This is ridiculous and would remind councillors who have changed allegiance.

Cllr Widger – that was out of order

Cllr Hopkinson-Woolley – need to resolve financial problems. Necessitate for 5/7 High Street to be sold, but the possible new owner could have bullied the tenants who would not have felt safe. F&SAG central to sort out financial issues and clearly there should be no clandestine meetings before full council. Failure on people to understand. Some people do not like the chairman so getting rid of the group.

Cllr Sullivan – problems identified should be sorted by full council and the residents. Councillor training is needed.

Debbie Mabbutt - where in the standing orders does it state a limit on the time a Councillor can speak on an item?

Clerk – responded by email the following morning

The standing orders are 1s and 1t as follows:-

- s Excluding motions moved understanding order 1(q) above, the contributions or speeches by a councillor shall relate only to the motion under discussion and shall not exceed 2 minutes without the consent of the chairman of the meeting.
- t The mover of a motion or the mover of an amendment shall have a right of reply, not exceeding 2 minutes.

RESOLVED: Agreed to dissolve the Finance & Staffing Advisory Group
7 in favour 2 against 1 abstention 1 did not cast a vote

153/17/02 To appoint a task and finish group with 7 Councillors to create a business & strategic plan (for the term of this Council) and review the budget

Cllr Steane - Group needed to create a business plan and a strategic plan, but could be done with a smaller group of councillors and members of the public. As there are problems with the finances this should be started this summer. Public consultations are also essential.

Cllr Donlon - as per standing orders 4b non-councillors cannot be included on a committee which regulates and controls the finances of the council.

Cllr Sullivan – public consultation events work well but are hard work to organise

Cllr Hopkinson-Woolley – finances are complicated do we need separate meetings?

Cllr Sullivan – no separate meetings, finance will be discussed at Full Council in public

Cllr Weaver – the finances are not bad, they are not difficult to understand and are definitely not in a bad state

Cllr Hopkinson-Woolley – raised his voice and told the public to be quiet

Cllr Sullivan – asked Cllr Hopkinson-Woolley not to speak to the public like that and to speak through the Chair

RESOLVED: Agreed not to appoint a task and finish group with 7 Councillors to create a business & strategic plan (for the term of this Council) and review the budget
8 in favour

10. 154/17 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

154/17/01 To adopt the Code of Conduct

154/17/02 To adopt **revised** Financial Regulations

154/17/03 To adopt **revised** Standing Orders

154/17/04 To adopt the Grievance Procedure

154/17/05 To adopt the Complaints Procedure

154/17/06 To adopt the Disciplinary Procedure

154/17/07 To adopt the Health & Safety policy

154/17/08 To adopt the Health & Safety at Steyne Park policy

154/17/09 To adopt the Small Grants scheme

154/17/10 To adopt the **revised** Internal Audit testing of key controls

154/17/11 To adopt the Child Protection policy

154/17/12 To adopt the **revised** Communications & Media policy

154/17/13 To adopt the Cemetery policy

154/17/14 To adopt the **revised** Equal Opportunities policy

154/17/15 To adopt the Volunteers policy

154/17/16 To adopt the Tree Management policy

154/17/17 To adopt the Memorial Bench policy

154/17/18 To adopt the Parish Asset Grant policy

154/17/19 To adopt the **revised** Transparency Code Compliance policy

154/17/20 To adopt CCTV policy

154/17/21 To adopt the Publication Scheme

154/17/22 To adopt the Dignity at Work policy

154/17/23 To adopt the Social Media Policy

154/17/24 To adopt the Petition Policy

154/17/25 To adopt the Vexatious Policy

154/17/26 To adopt **revised** Training Policy

154/17/27 To adopt terms & conditions for use of Steyne Park Pitches & Changing Rooms

154/17/28 To adopt terms & conditions for use of Foreland Playing Field & Changing Rooms

154/17/29 To adopt the terms & conditions for hire of the rear Office, Parish Office

154/17/30 To adopt the terms & conditions for Event Hire on Parish Land
154/17/31 To adopt the terms of reference for the Planning Committee
154/17/32 To adopt the terms of reference for the Finance & Staffing Group
154/17/33 To adopt the terms of reference for the Village Partnership Group
154/17/34 To adopt the terms of reference for the Green Towns Steering Group
154/17/35 To adopt the terms of reference for the Steyne Park Project Group
154/17/36 To **update** and adopt the Emergency Plan
154/17/37 To note the absence of the Parish Clerk on 4th July 2017
Cllr Weedall proposed the Policies and Procedures be agreed on block
RESOLVED: Agreed to updates and adopt all Policies and Procedures listed above
7 in favour 1 against 3 abstentions

11. 155/17 APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES

155/17/01 To appoint 1 Councillor to Steyne Park Project
Already have Cllr Donlon, Cllr Widger, Cllr Weaver and Cllr Millington on the group, no further councillor required
RESOLVED: Not to appoint another Councillor to the Steyne Park Project

155/17/02 To appoint 1 Councillor to BYCC
RESOLVED: Appoint Cllr Weedall to the BYCC

12. 156/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To discuss the advice received from HALC and Eleanor Green Internal Auditor regarding approval of the minutes for 6th December 2016 and 18th April 2017 and Finance & Staffing Advisory Group on 10th April 2017

Advice has been received from HALC and the Internal Auditor who both suggests this is an internal management issue. If the minutes are not signed there could be consequences.

Cllr Weedall was present at both full council meetings on 6th December and 18th April and approved the minutes as an accurate record of the meetings. Cllr Weaver was present at the 18th April meeting and approved the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting. Neither Cllr Weedall nor Cllr Weaver were members of the Finance & Staffing Advisory Group so cannot comment on those minutes.

RESOLVED: Cllr Weedall and Cllr Weaver approved the minutes 6th December 2016 and 18th April 2017 as an accurate record of meetings and Cllr Sullivan signed as Chairman
7 in favour

13. 157/17 STEYNE PARK

157/17/01 To note RoSPA Report for Steyne Park
RESOLVED: Noted RoSPA Report for Steyne Park

157/17/02 To agree for Wight Reclamation Ltd to have a fabric bin in Steyne Park car park for Earl Mountbatten Hospice
Container outside previously created extra work for the lengthsman clearing waste dumped around the units and attracted flytipping.

Glen Walker – this will attract more vehicles to an already heavily used car-park which would be a health and safety issue.

RESOLVED: Refuse permission for Wight Reclamation Ltd to have a fabric bin in Steyne Park car park for Earl Mountbatten Hospice

157/17/03 To agree Charity football match 27th August 2.00pm
RESOLVED: Agreed Charity Football match on 27th August at 2pm

157/17/04 To agree booking for Brading Colts Mid-Solent league Saturday mornings (this now means that Steyne Park is fully booked for Saturday and Sunday football provision and no more bookings can be accommodated)

RESOLVED: Agreed booking for Brading Colts Mid-Solent league Saturday mornings

157/17/05 To agree deep clean of changing rooms

Have received 3 quotes of £100, £170 and £450 for the deep clean of the changing rooms. Eazi Cleaners have quoted £100 and did a brilliant job the last few years.

RESOLVED: Agreed to appoint Eazi Cleaners to deep clean the changing rooms
9 in favour 2 did not cast a vote

14. 158/17 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

To agree to start working on Housing Needs Survey due July 2018

This is an important issue as we need to look after young families and keep them in the village. This is not a statutory requirement.

RESOLVED: Agreed to start working on Housing Needs Survey due July 2018
10 in favour 1 did not cast a vote

15. 159/17 CELEBRATING AGE FESTIVAL

To agree to host and event for the Celebrating Age Festival on 3rd October at 14.00 in the Village Hall and combine it with Macmillan Coffee morning

RESOLVED: Agreed to host and event for the Celebrating Age Festival on 3rd October at 14.00 in the Village Hall and combine it with Macmillan Coffee morning

16. 160/17 FOOTPATHS

160/17/01 To agree BB2 footpath improvement project

£200 has been budgeted for these works by the lengthsman to improve the footpath

RESOLVED: Agreed BB2 footpath improvement project
10 in favour 1 did not cast a vote

160/17/02 To discuss BB40 footpath (that as soon as practicably possible the IWC consults on and thereafter makes (with landowner consent) a public path diversion order pursuant to the Highways Act 1980 providing for a new alignment of public footpath BB40)

Mrs Margaret Gare - This is a long standing issue preventing walkers from using a path that has been walked for generations. We can prove that the path has been walked for 20 years but due the slight changes in its footprint it is unproven at the IWC. There was to be an agreement for a diversion but we still do not know where it will go. The seawall can be very dangerous at times and the IWC have put a notice on the new steps stating they are unsafe at high tide.

A modification order application has been put in but could take some time to complete. A proposal has been put forward but not accepted by the land owner. Denying access is unacceptable as this is a favourite walk for many locals and visitors. Believe that the concrete section was owned by the IWC and should not have been sold by the land owner. Route of the definitive path is through the land owner's beach hut. Need to lend support to come to an agreement with all parties. Pursue enforcement for hut.

RESOLVED: Cllr M Sullivan to lobby IWC on behalf of the PC to come to a compromise and resolve this longstanding issue.

17. 161/17 STREET FURNITURE PERMIT

To provide a consultation response to the Street Furniture permit Bakery deadline 28th July.

Concerns over the narrowness of the pathway especially when vehicles are parked outside the bakery, mobility scooters, wheelchairs and prams have to go into the road to pass by. Cars should not park there, this needs to be enforced will then be easier for pedestrians and road vehicles will have better sightlines. Pavements are due to be re-surfaced in 2018 maybe we could ask for the pavement to be extended stopping vehicles parking illegally. The Road Safety Group could look into at their meeting. Should allow permit but express great concerns and ask for alternations.

RESOLVED: Clerk to draft a response

18. 162/17 SMALL GRANT

To agree IOW CAB small grant application for £150

Invaluable service used by Bembridge residents

RESOLVED: Agreed IOW CAB small grant application for £150
8 in favour 1 Against 1 Abstention 1 did not cast a vote

19. 163/17 VILLAGE HALL

To agree to install fibre/wifi into the Village Hall

Cllr Stillman - This is primarily for PC purposes but will be available to all Village Hall users. BT Business has quoted £42 per month for a 2 year contract with an installation fee of £125. BT is the most reliable though a bit more expensive.

Cllr Steane – in favour of wifi facility but not at £10 per week. Why is the PC paying and not the VH Management?

Cllr Stillman – this is mainly for our benefit to stream meetings and data back up

Cllr Widger – this will benefit the village hall which needs help promoting itself

Cllr Curtis – visited a small village in Ireland where the whole village had access to wifi. Could be made available to all the businesses in the High Street and would be a selling point for the village. Businesses could be asked to contribute.

Cllr Steane – like Cllr Curtis’ idea which could be looked into in future working in partnership with the village hall not on our own.

Cllr Stillman - Proposal – to agree to install fibre/wifi into the Village Hall with BT Business £42 per month 2 year contract and £125 installation cost

8 in favour 1 against 1 abstention 1 did not cast a vote

Cllr Steane - Proposal amendment - to agree to install fibre/wifi into the Village Hall with BT Business £42 per month 2 year contract and £125 installation cost in partnership with Village Hall Management Committee

2 in favour 9 against

RESOLVED: Agreed to install fibre/wifi into the Village Hall with BT Business £42 per month 2 year contract and £125 installation cost

20. 164/17 LANE END CEMETERY

To agree new fence at the rear of Lane End Cemetery

RESOLVED: Agreed new fence at the rear of Lane End Cemetery

8 in favour 1 abstention 2 did not cast a vote

21. 165/17 CONSULTATION

To respond to the consultation secondary education in Sandown deadline 24th July 2017

RESOLVED: Agreed Clerk’s response to the consultation secondary education in Sandown deadline 24th July 2017

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Cllr Curtis left the meeting

Cllr Sullivan suspended standing orders so that the meeting could carry on after 2 hours

22. 166/17 5/7 HIGH STREET

166/17/01 To agree what is happening with 5/7 High Street Toilets, Nissan Hut, and Shed

166/17/02 To draft a rolling maintenance programme for the next 10 years including annual property management for the Village Hall, 5/7 High Street and BYCC

166/17/03 To agree appointment of another Quantity Surveyor for buildings maintenance remedial and improvements reports for Village Hall and 5/7 High Street and rent reviews of 5/7 High Street

166/17/04 To draft a specification of remedial and improvement works required on the Village Hall and 5/7 High Street

166/17/05 To conduct a tender process for the buildings maintenance works required on the Village Hall and 5/7 High Street

Cllr Steane – given that we have now withdrawn 5/7 High Street from the market and withdrawn the planning application there is little point in moving the lengthsman from the rear of the yard. Believe we should carry on as at present as we cannot afford to move the lengthsman and because of the heritage value.

Mr Mark Champken – at the last meeting you agreed that leases and rent reviews should be discussed, when will this take place?

Cllr Weaver - the Nissan hut and air-raid shelter has no heritage value which was confirmed by English Heritage. £440 per year is not a commercial rent for the rear of the building and not good use of the land. The site needs to work for all in the village. Rents need to be reviewed urgently and new leases looked into. I still believe the toilets should move.

Cllr Steane - why are we talking about rents? £10,000 was taken out of the precept for toilet refurbishments, where was the money now?

Clerk – it was not carried forward and is within general reserves

Cllr Steane – use the £10,000 to restore the toilets

Cllr Stillman - Can general reserves be used on anything?

Clerk – yes if approved by full council

Cllr Reeder – leave the toilets as they are, they just need a lick of paint and good clean

Cllr Weaver – there are serious issues with the building, windows have blown at the back, new roof, new lintels etc. This needs a rethink and proposals could have been worked on to get a better yield from the property.

Cllr Behan – the toilets need a lot of work. Bricks are crumbling at back and there is not lintel over the window, which is in a bad way. Remedial works are needed not just a paint and clean.

Cllr Donlon – Quantity Surveyors have been asked to submit quotes but only 1 out of the 4 have responded. Need to evaluate what they say.

Cllr Weaver - it would be reasonable to ask local builders to take a look and quote for works. If works are not done the building could be a health & safety risk.

Cllr Weedall – need to take into consideration that the building is in a conservation area.

Cllr Steane – constant underfunding over the years, this work should have been done. Over exaggeration of the problems. Investment in the toilets and leave the lengthsman. Rental from property more than covers works. Income from the building not included in the budget.

Clerk – income was vired when the sale of 5/7 High Street was rescinded. £25,300 has been allocated into Building Maintenance following 18th April meeting.

Mark Champken – new ideas need to be brought forward

RESOLVED: Defer this item till the next meeting, and explore suggestions and costs for works at 5/7 High Street with local builders

All in favour

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed Full Council 19th September 2017, 7.00pm the Village Hall

Meeting Closed: 9.25pm

Signed:

Dated:.....