



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Bembridge Village Partnership Green Town Steering Group meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 4.00pm Parish Office, 5 Foreland Road, Bembridge

**PRESENT:** Mr J Leaver (Chairman), Cllr S Weedall, Mr I Graham, Mr T Freeman, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk)

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Mrs H Welsted & Mrs B Clough

### 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**RESOLVED:** Approved minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### 3. FORWARD PLAN

To discuss forward plan

Project	Completed	Update
The Point Clear Up Project Clearance of verge, new sign for Bembridge Trail and leaflets	October 2013 Lengthsmen, Nick Ryde and volunteers	Tony Freeman Water in the troughs and weeds at the back <b>ACTION</b>
WW1 Remembrance Orchard, Lane End Cemetery 5 trees planted and a new bench	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2015 Opened by Lord-Lieutenant White and attended by Bembridge Primary School representative, Parish Council, Royal British Legion and members of the public	Shelia Weedall Caroline pruned the apple trees the one nearest the mound is still growing and not dead. 2 dead branches on cherry tree not resolved. <b>ACTION</b>
Lincoln Way Pond Clearance	August 2015 Lengthsmen and volunteers August 2016 Lengthsmen	Ian Graham Hydrangeas need pruning but not until end March. No water in it currently
Big Tree Plant Playing Field, Steyne Park 5 Oak, 5 Field Maple, 5 Elm, 5 Wild Service planted. Trees given by Natural Enterprise.	November 2015 Lengthsmen and volunteers	Shelia Weedall All look like dead sticks. Moles moving across the field.
Palmer Memorial Restoration Cleaning and restoration by Wight Stonemasonry Project with East Wight Landscape Partnership	May 2016 Wight Stonemasonry Opening attended by Bembridge Primary School, Heritage Society, Parish Council and members of the public	Tony Freeman

Lane End Clear up Cleared, painted and replanted beds	March 2016 Lengthsmen and volunteers	Ian Graham Drainage channel fixed apart from 2 ft at the end barriers still up.
Culver Trail Project Signs and leaflets	September 2016 Tesco grant unsuccessful for all new signs. Awaiting quote for 2 new signs from the Sign Shop	Ian Graham Number 6 is broken. Leaflet to be amended when low on stock as unsure that there is 5 styles. <b>ACTION</b>
Hugel Bed, Lane End Cemetery Create a hugel bed	September 2016 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services - Shaping area for hugel bed October 2016 Spike Hughes - Trees in the area to be cut back and put on the hugel bed	Shelia Weedall Badgers keep pulling up the turfs need to put back in place until they bed in.
<b>Regular Events</b>		
Beach Cleans	19 <sup>th</sup> March, 4 <sup>th</sup> June, 9 <sup>th</sup> July, 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug and 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2016	Add new dates
Litter Picks	16 <sup>th</sup> April and 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2016	Add new dates
Street Fair	May 2016 - stall	May 2017 - stall
Bembridge in Bloom Awards Sponsored by Hose Rhodes Dickson.	July 2016 Successful event, new entrants. Awards held in the Village Hall	May 2017 – Barbara Clough
Best Kept Village	September 2016 Awards	April 2017
Wight in Bloom War Memorial Garden entered	September 2016 Unsuccessful	May 2017
<b>Footpaths</b>		
BB22 – Hillway Road to Sandown Road Relayed footpath in partnership with IWC Rights of Way and with a grant from BIFFA Completed footpath to Sandown Road and into the wooded area	October 2013 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services October 2015 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services	Ian Graham
BB4 – Clearance of footpath	February 2014 Lengthsmen and volunteers	
BB14 –Howgate Road to Coastal Path Relayed footpath in partnership with IWC Rights of Way	April 2015 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services	
BB21 – Bembridge Windmill to Brading Cut back over grown hedging in partnership with Down to the Coast and IWC Rights of Way	January 2016 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services	John Leaver Style not resolved. Aaron is cutting back Centurions Copse this week.
BB10 – Sandhills beach-hut Relaying footpath with IWC Rights of Way	September 2016 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services	John Leaver 2 <sup>nd</sup> section to commence 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Brooks Close to Foreland Farm Lane Relaying footpath with IWC Rights of Way	September 2016 Discussions on going with landowner	New landowner to sign the dedication agreement. Hope for works in spring

BB7	No action to be taken by Rights of Way. Can the Lengthsmen move shingle or plant willow sticks? Chase new signage.	<b>ACTION</b>
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**4. 2017 LITTER PICKS & BEACH CLEANS**

To agree 2017 litter picks and beach cleans  
 Spring Litter Pick 15<sup>th</sup> April and Autumn Litter Pick 21<sup>st</sup> October 10.00 at Steyne Park.  
 Beach Cleans Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 9<sup>th</sup> September  
 All welcome, decide where you want to start and a happy helper will be there to provide bags and gloves. Meet on the beach 10.00am at any of the 4 meeting points:-  
 Beach Road, Ducie Avenue, Swains Lane, Lane End Road  
 Make your way towards The Point for tea/coffee

**5. RIGHTS OF WAY**

- To discuss Embankment Road footpath footbridge

Many designations cover this area SAC, SPA, SSSI and brine lagoon. The permissive path stops at the end of the lagoon and doesn't cover the area that people have placed wooden planks. Natural England advice would be required and planning permission. Too complex to achieve a new footbridge.

**RESOLVED:** Write to Malcolm Thorpe and ask that in the event his land is developed that access continues to this point and is not fenced off.

- To discuss paths from Paddock Drive, Beachfield Road and Poplar Close

Left over land from the development and not easy to conduct a land registry search for. The back corner is boggy and requires a couple of ton of crushed shingle to improve the area.

**RESOLVED:** Lengthsmen to place two ton of crushed shingle on the corner of this footpath.

- To receive Hillway Duck Pond update and discuss clearance in the Autumn

Volunteers have offered to clear the pond in the autumn. Conduct a water test to ensure it is safe before any clearance works take place.

**RESOLVED:** WSM Associates to conduct a water test at Hillway Duck Pond

**6. BEMBRIDGE & ST HELEN GUIDE**

To agree Bembridge and St Helens Guide 2017 entry to promote beach cleans, litter picks and taking litter home

Entry needs to be submitted within 10 days. Approved the entry and use the same format as the basis for the posters and advertising.

**RESOLVED:** Submit entry for the Bembridge and St Helens guide 2017.

**7. CEMETERY COMPOSTING**

To agree new composting area

Sheila to ask Amey if they have 2 heavy duty composters that can be utilised behind the shed. An open waste bin will also be required.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

BB5 & BB34 upgrade received two objections on the last day that have since been withdrawn. Therefore the upgrade to become a bridleway will be complete soon.

The right hand side planter outside the cemetery needs replacing as it's rotten. Get prices for two new ones. **ACTION**

Tesco bags of help grant revisit the plans for a nature trail/all-weather user track around the outside of Steyne Park and the old School Playing Field. Sheila will check the length of the walk with pedometer.

East Wight Landscape Partnership grant look at restoration of the other side of the Palmer Memorial or a new base for the War Memorial.

Age Friendly Island is looking at badging footpaths as age friendly and BB21 could become the first. Await criteria to be sent through and assess the footpaths in Bembridge.

Street Fair Stall on next agenda.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 4.00pm in the Parish Office

Meeting closed 17.00

Signed:.....Dated:.....