



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Bembridge Village Partnership Green Town Steering Group meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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 B Clough, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk)

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence – no apologies all present

### 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**RESOLVED:** Approved minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### 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
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
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
Lincoln Way Pond Clearance	August 2015 Lengthsmen and volunteers August 2016 Lengthsmen	Ian Graham
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
Lane End Clear up Cleared, painted and replanted beds	March 2016 Lengthsmen and volunteers	Ian Graham
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
Mound, Lane End Cemetery	September 2016 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services - Shaping area	Shelia Weedall

	for mound October 2016 Spike Hughes - Trees in the area to be cut back	
Compost bin area, Lane End Cemetery	2 new compost bins installed plus a new open waste bin	?
<b>Regular Events</b>		
Beach Cleans	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Completed
Litter Picks	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Completed
Street Fair	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 - stall	Not this year
Bembridge in Bloom Awards Sponsored by Hose Rhodes Dickson.	July 2017 Successful event, new entrants. Awards held in the Village Hall	
Best Kept Village	September 2017 Awards	
Wight in Bloom War Memorial Garden entered	September 2017 Unsuccessful	
<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 Second section not complete	John Leaver
BB10 – Sandhills beach-hut Relaying footpath with IWC Rights of Way	September 2016 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services Second section not complete	John Leaver
Brooks Close to Foreland Farm Lane Relaying footpath with IWC Rights of Way	September 2016 Discussions on going with landowner and Rights of Way Works to take place on 3 <sup>rd</sup> May with Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services. Works rescheduled to 15-16 <sup>th</sup> May as it requires a day digging out first. Remind ROW about the need for a staggered barrier at Brooks Close end.	

Awaiting Wighstonemasons to drill holes in the Palmer Memorial.

Bembridge Beauty tree within the remembrance orchard has died. Need to purchase and plant a replacement.

The tree guards from the top of the old school field are missing. Purchase 10 more to replace them.

Large branch from the macracarpa tree has fallen from the Point trees. Report to Island Roads.

The forward plan to be streamlined and used as a reminder to check up on project. List the latest action and action going forward.

**4. BEST KEPT VILLAGE**

To discuss Best Kept Village inspection and awards

The majority of the planting and works required to improve have been done. Need to consider a longer term project to restore the K1 telephone box. The Bembridge Weeders have been busy. Green Towns members and Lengthsmen have been busy litter picking and keeping things tidy. The judges can come at any time in May. They have to judge all 44 villages in the first instance and then create a shortlist for a 2<sup>nd</sup> visit.

**5. BEMBRIDGE IN BLOOM**

To discuss Bembridge in Bloom 2017

Book the Village Hall for the awards on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm. Paperwork can go out deadline Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May. HRD to donate a new small trophy to replace the current one for containerised category. HRD to sponsor for £200.00 and present the awards. The village partnership to support the rest. Barbara has arranged the judges for mid-July.

**RESOLVED:** Arrange Bembridge in Bloom awards event.

**6. SARAH MARSHALL MCS SURVEY**

To discuss the MCS survey -The Green Towns are not interested in conducting this survey. Ian Graham would be willing to assist.

**7. BIRDHAM FLOWER BEDS**

To discuss the flower beds at Birdham corner

Need to resign both beds so that they are less maintenance. The small bed has sleepers surround which would be good for the larger bed opposite. 6 sleepers would be required cost £240.00. Dig out the shrubs, lay a membrane and put bark chippings on top with a few planted shrubs. Request £300 budget from the Village Partnership and conduct project in the winter months September/October.

**RESOLVED:** Request budget of £300 from Village Partnership to redesign Birdham corner flower beds.

**8. LINCOLN WAY POND**

To consider lining Lincoln Way Pond

Concerned that a pond liner would stop the natural process and look unsightly if the water was not retained. The natural spring was diverted when Nansen Close was built. Concerned that this would commit the Parish Council to further ongoing maintenance for the benefit of a few. Wild ducks will always come back. Concerned about the webcam for the duck house in a small residential area. GTSG does not support the notion of a pond liner. If the residents come back again it should be referred onto the Full Council meeting.

**RESOLVED:** Not to install a pond liner.

**9. WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION PROJECT**

To discuss War Memorial restoration project

A specification has been drafted and sent out for quotes. An expression of interest has been submitted for War Memorials Trust Funding. The Commanders memorial to be repositioned to the left side of the memorial in alignment with the war memorial. Consult with the Church, Royal British Legion and Heritage Society about the plans for their feedback.

**RESOLVED:** Consult with stakeholders about the restoration project.

**10. PUBLIC REALM**

To discuss benches, bin, posts and planters outside 5/7 High St

There is a mismatch of items outside 5/7 High Street including the circular bench, long bench, bin, planter and fingerpost sign. Also the railings outside of Lloyds bank building are not suited to a Conservation Area and were criticised within the LPA Conservation Area Appraisal Document. The area is owned by IWC and Island Roads as contractor are responsible. Come up with ideas to improve the area and bring back to the next meeting. Find out when the pavements are due to be resurfaced here.

**AOB**

Fence between the war memorial gardens and library 4 posts are rotten and the fence needs to be replaced. Lengthsmen to check and report back.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00pm in the Parish Office

Meeting closed 17.00

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