



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Bembridge Village Partnership Green Town Steering Group meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> March 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  
Apologies received from Mrs H Welsted

### 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**RESOLVED:** Approved minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 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 – Lane End paths need weeding contact Island Roads <b>ACTION</b>
Culver Trail Project Signs and leaflets	September 2016 Tesco grant unsuccessful for all new signs. Awaiting quote for 2 new signs from the	Ian Graham

	Sign Shop	
Mound, Lane End Cemetery	September 2016 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services - Shaping area for mound October 2016 Spike Hughes - Trees in the area to be cut back	Shelia Weedall
Compost bin area, Lane End Cemetery	2 new compost bins installed plus a new open waste bin	Open waste bin and compost sign is needed <b>ACTION</b>
<b>Regular Events</b>		
Beach Cleans	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	
Litter Picks	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	
Street Fair	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 - stall	
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 to do a litter pick
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 age friendly to be discussed next week
BB10 – Sandhills beach-hut Relaying footpath with IWC Rights of Way	September 2016 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services	John Leaver
Brooks Close to Foreland Farm Lane Relaying footpath with IWC Rights of Way	September 2016 Discussions on going with landowner	Is 1.97m wide. New surface to be laid once dedication agreement signed.
BB10 steps past Kingswood	Possible future project needs a hand rail to be installed	Ask Darrel Clarke for advice <b>ACTION</b>

#### 4. BEACH CLEANS

To discuss the beach clean on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am

Remove reference to Crab and Lobster from the website and newsletter. Poster is correct. Trevor Nutt at the Tollgate café has offered refreshment free of charge for volunteers. Tony to start at Lane End which is the easiest place to park the trailer and go down to Ducie. Sheila to start at Swains steps. John to start at Ducie. Ian to start at Paddock Drive. Barbara to start at Beach Road for the Point. Bags, gloves and litter pickers to be collected from the office next week. Old boat parts and metal to be collected from Paddock Slipway by the Parish Lengthsmen. **ACTION**

**5. LITTER PICK**

To discuss the spring litter pick on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am start Steyne Park

Standard procedure all meet at Steyne Park 10.00am. Advance apologies from John Leaver. Invite Kingswood. **ACTION**

**6. RIGHTS OF WAY**

- To receive update Embankment Road footpath

Response from Malcolm Thorpe

The footpath that runs between the Houseboat owners' car park and the land that we own known as Selwyn Land will remain as it currently is and open and available for use by the public. Will you please convey this message to the Green Towns Steering Group – many thanks. Kind regards, Malcolm

- To receive update on Hillway Duck Pond water testing advice

WSM Associates advise that it would be very difficult to conduct a water test as there are over 100 types of specific tests to carry out and each would fail unless you specifically know what you want to test. Concerns raised that clearing would be difficult and raise expectations of taking responsibility.

**RESOLVED:** Not to assist with clearing Hillway Duck Pond.

- To receive an update on Brooks Close to Foreland Farm Lane footpath improvement project

A new surface will be laid upon the footpath once the dedication agreement is signed. The owner has carried out a litter pick. Further fencing and a staggered gate will be installed at Brooks Close End.

- To receive an update on BB10 Sandills section 2 footpath improvement project

Footpath improvement project scheduled to commence on 27<sup>th</sup> March for 3 days past the land slipped section.

**7. LINCOLN WAY POND**

To discuss the concerns of local residents that Lincoln Way Pond had no water and ducks disappeared

Correspondence has been received from a couple of local residents concerned that at times Lincoln Way Pond is dry and the ducks go elsewhere. How can the water be retained?

Consider installation of a rubber liner to retain some of the water. How would the residents feel if the liner was installed and the water dried up to view a liner? After time it would silt up and look part of the natural pond. A liner should stop the reeds growing up too.

**RESOLVED:** Investigate measurements and pricing and speak to the residents to seek their opinions about installation of a rubber liner into Lincoln Way Pond.

**8. PALMER MEMORIAL**

To consider quote from Wighstonemasons to drill holes into the troughs to free stagnant water

Wighstonemasons quote to drill 2 holes in the Palmer Memorial to drain the water is £70.00 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED:** Agree the quote for £70.00 plus VAT for Wightstonemasons to drill the holes

**9. MOLE CATCHER**

To consider use of a mole catcher on the old school field and coastguard green

An advert for a professional mole catcher was left for the Lengthsmen for Coastguard Green and the old School Field. Not an ethical way of dealing with the moles. Lengthsmen have flattened the mole holes. **RESOLVED:** Not to use a mole catcher.

**10. STREET FAIR STALL**

To agree a street fair stall for the GTSG on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 12-4

The stall is stressful to organise and doesn't seem to gain many volunteers signing up for the future. **RESOLVED:** Not to have a street fair stall this year.

**11. WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION PROJECT**

To discuss war memorial restoration project applying for EWLP Down to Coast grant up to £5,000

Could the existing stones be sandblasted and grouted back into place. The quote from Wighstonemasons is to replace the whole area with new stone £10,486 plus VAT which far exceeds the grant available. Seek advice from Lee Byrne Conservation Officer to see if the existing could be retained. Need to be mindful it's a listed building and within a Conservation Area. If the stone does need replacing because it's a trip hazard and cannot be restored the War Memorials Trust offers larger grants and Awards for All grant is up to £10,000. Seek opinions of Church, RBL and Bembridge Weeders. Would like to move the square brick build memorial also.

**RESOLVED:** Seek advice from Lee Byrne Conservation Officer.

**AOB**

The Bembridge Weeders are to tackle the long bed on Church Road and needs assistance to remove the flax. The Parish Lengthsmen will be made available to help.

Most of Foreland Road verges have poplar trees. A resident has planted an oak tree outside 69. Could this be relocated to the old school field as some of the big tree plant trees have died and a new poplar is located outside 69 Foreland Road? The verge is responsibility of Island Roads; see their approval. **ACTION**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 4.00pm in the Parish Office

Meeting closed 17.00

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