



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on 15th November 2016 in The Cloisters, Small Hall, Bembridge

PRESENT: Cllr M Tarrant (Chairman), Cllr D Grannum, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr S Weedall, Cllr A Woodford, Cllr M Humphray, Cllr G Kendall, Cllr T Freeman, Cllr R Weaver, Cllr B Bristow, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Assistant Clerk) **PUBLIC:** Cllr J Bacon, Ms P Watts, Mr M Champken, Mr J Peel, plus 4. **PUBLIC FORUM** – Excellent Fireworks, many thanks.

1. 169/16 CO-OPTION OF TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS

To co-opt a Parish Councillor for North Ward and a Parish Councillor for South Ward
First round voting between John McLagan (3), Mark Champken (5), Jonathan Peel (4), Penny Watts (8), Geoff Giles (0) and Grant Stillman (0).
Second round voting between John McLagan (4), Mark Champken (5), Jonathan Peel (4) and Penny Watts (7). **RESOLVED:** Penny Watts and Mark Champken are co-opted as Parish Councillors

2. 170/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all those who applied to become a Parish Councillor, unfortunately only 2 can be co-opted today, but elections are being held in May 2017 so urge you to reapply then.
The County Press asked for comments on the closure of Lloyds Bank in the village, which I have given.

3. 171/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence - All present

4. 172/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

172/16/01 To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda
None received
172/16/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate
No requests

5. 173/16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th October 2016
RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th October 2016 and duly signed by the Chairman

6. 174/16 PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note minutes of the Planning Committees held on 18th October and 1st November 2016
RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Planning Committees held on 18th October and 1st November 2016

7. 175/16 WORKING GROUPS

175/16/01 To note minutes of the Community Hub Group Meeting held on 20th October 2016
RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Community Hub Group Meeting held on 20th October 2016

175/16/02 To note minutes of Green Town Steering Group held on 9th November 2016
RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Green Town Steering Group held on 9th November 2016

8. 176/16 FINANCE

176/16/01 To approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 10th November 2016
RESOLVED: Approved bank reconciliation and cash balances to 10th November 2016

176/16/02 To approve schedule of payments to 10th November 2016

RESOLVED: Approved schedule of payments to 10th November 2016

9. 177/15 REPORTS

To receive the following reports:

177/16/01 Hampshire Association of Local Councils

Steven Lugg will be at the Clerks Day tomorrow, could find out what award Clerk has won.

177/16/02 Village Hall Management Committee

Meeting later this month

177/16/03 Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee

Fireworks went well and were well attended. Bar a little slow at present but looking at ways to increase use.

177/16/04 Village Partnership (plus Green Town Steering Group)

VP next meeting January 2017. GTS attended a photo shoot today for the opening of the BB21.

Now have a forward plan to keep a check on projects that have been completed and on-going footpath works. Looking at a new Bembridge Map but will pass to the VP to move the project forward. Cllr Kendall congratulated all those involved with the BB21 project, excellent work.

177/16/05 Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

All well at present.

177/16/06 Harbour

Meeting last week. Pontoons being cleaned at present. The Harbour was so busy this summer that it had to close on two occasions because it was full. Both sailing clubs stated they were pleased with summer and the water taxi had been very busy. If any local residents (not second home owners) would like to moor in the harbour, ½ price mooring available as in previous years please contact Cllr Grannum. Believe St Helens residents will be offered the same deal. A small dredger is being considered for the harbour next year.

177/16/07 St Helens Medical Centre Patient Forum

Cllr Kendall is still waiting to be invited to the Patient Forum meetings. Residents need to be able to have blood tests taken at either the Bembridge or St Helens surgery, the Ryde Blood Clinic is difficult for people to get to especially with no transport.

177/16/08 Police Report

Nothing received

177/16/09 IW Bus & Rail Users Group

Next meeting 19th November

177/16/10 Village Parking Provision Working Group

BT has again rejected the use of their car park in Church Road for shop staff to park. All options at this time have proved unsuccessful so believe the group should be disbanded. Need to request from the IWC that a traffic warden visits the village sporadically.

RESOLVED: Disband the Village Parking Provision Working Group and remove from reports list

177/16/11 Island Waste Report

Forest Road treatment works will be closed from 21st December till Feb 2017 for works. An annual residents survey can be completed online at www.iwight.com/householdwaste or via a paper version available from County Hall reception area, libraries and council help centres.

177/16/12 Library Report

Not been invited to any meeting as group are discussing the Community Hub Project

177/16/13 Other reports

None received

177/16/14 Isle of Wight Councillors reports

Island Roads very busy around the village, this is not ideal but will be good in the long run. Southern Vectis requested the traffic lights at Steyne Cross due to the turning circle required for buses. Steyne Road will be resurfaced once all drainage works have been completed approx. April next year. Speeding issues along the High Street, which need to be reported to the police.

177/16/15 Clerk's report

BEMBRIDGE PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Two public consultations regarding the future of services and facilities within the village were held in the Village Hall on 1st November 2016. The two sessions were very well attended – thank you to all those came.

The objective of the consultations was to obtain feedback from the village community on provisional ideas on how to preserve what is already available and to be prepared for future needs in an environment where funding is shrinking. The sessions did achieve a high level of useful comment from those who attended.

From the feedback received at the two sessions the group looking into the topic have set in place the following actions:

1. Formal sessions with the Village Hall user groups to further understand their individual needs. These meetings will take place before the end of November
2. Based upon the findings of these user meetings the group will derive further options for achieving the goal of securing services and facilities within the village for the foreseeable future
3. Further public consultations will be held

By being proactive and putting plans in place now will ensure that we continue to enjoy what we currently have and be prepared for the future. It is essential that whatever is put in place meets the needs and wishes of the community of Bembridge, and all information will be made available and feedback encouraged throughout the process.

BEMBRIDGE CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Saturday 17th December Bembridge will play host to Father Christmas at this year's Christmas Fair. Starting outside Lane End shops at 12pm, where you will find Santa with his carol singers until 12:45pm when they will set off on a tour of Bembridge arriving at the BYCC in Steyne Park at 3pm. The BYCC will be open from 2pm with stalls, games and refreshments. Captain Jack Sparrow and Tinkerbell will also be paying us a visit. Santa will arrive at 3pm and then he will be in his grotto inside BYCC to meet all the children until 5:30pm. Bembridge Christmas Fair is a FREE event, for more details please call 07756 296249.

BROOKS CLOSE TO FORELAND FARM LANE

A dedication agreement is being drawn up for a footpath 1.5m from the boundary. Once this is agreed and complete a footpath improvement project will be carried out next spring.

BB10 SANDILLS SECTION FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Part one of the works on the BB10 footpath by Sandhills is now complete. In partnership with the IWC Rights of Way, Aaron Rogers Gardening Services and the Parish Lengthsmen cut back the vegetation and laid a new surface. Part two of the project will be carried out next spring.

SWIM SAFE

We were recently approached by the ASA (armature swimming association) regarding two projects that may be of interest to you.

The First is a school swimming charter project that aim to drive up the standard of swimming within schools, Ofsted set a minimum standard of every child being able to swim 25m by the time they leave primary school. Although in most cases this is achievable within the current school swimming structure there are gaps especially in some of the islands more deprived areas. The ASA have devised a swimming charter that hopes to plug these gaps and have every child not only swimming 25m but excited about swimming as a sport and be more aware of how to stay safe around water. More information can be found here <http://www.swimming.org/schoolswimming/asa-school-swimming-charter/>

The second is aimed at areas of coastline, this is mainly a summer project that engages both residents and visitors to our beaches. I have attached some information but in short it is all about educating children about the dangers of the water and helping them stay safe by our sea's. their website is <http://www.swimming.org/swimsafe/>

At this stage we are asking if any town or parish council would be interested in exploring an option to support one or both swimming projects in their area? If so I'd love to hear from you and work together to make swimming a priority across the island.

Many thanks
Alec

Bembridge Primary School has confirmed that they are happy with their current provision of swimming classes to year 3 pupils.

Robin Edsworth Bembridge RNLI has confirmed that they are looking into provision and will confirm once they have more information.

ROGUE TRADERS

Please be aware

Rogue traders will knock on the door, saying they are working in the area, and will point out something like a loose tile on the person's roof or that their drive needs resurfacing. They grossly over charge and then come back again and again, taking more money each time. They may even charge without completing the work.

Victims of Rogue traders are often vulnerable, elderly and/or isolated people who know nothing of these scams and so are trusting of anyone who is friendly or seems knowledgeable and genuine. After they have become a victim, they often feel ashamed and/or scared and so don't tell anyone. This not only means the original scam goes unreported but it also makes it easy for the rogue trader to return for more.

Throughout the Isle Of Wight we are aware that rogue trader incidents is one of the most unreported crimes and, in order to get more accurate statistics, we need you to report any incidents that either you, or someone you know, has experienced with bogus callers or rogue traders who call at your door. To do this telephone the police on 101.

Many thanks

Ashley Moul PCSO

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friendship Circle Coffee Morning Village Hall– Saturday 10th December 10.00

Closure of Parish Office for Christmas at 12.30 on 23rd December returning on Tuesday 3rd January

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Tues 20th December 7.00pm Village Hall

Tues 17th January 7.00pm Village Hall

PLANNING MEETINGS

Tues 6th December 6.00pm Village Hall

Tues 20th December 6.30pm Village Hall

No Planning meeting 3rd January

Tues 17th January 6.30pm Village Hall

10. 178/16 AUDIT

To note the Conclusion of Audit for 2015/16

RESOLVED: Noted the conclusion of the Audit for 2015/16

11. 179/16 STREET FAIR

To agree the resource support from the Parish Council to complete the paperwork for the road traffic closure, market license, insurance, risk assessment and banking

No money to date has been given to local charities from the income of the event. The closing balance of this year's event is £1,993.50; £1,500 is proposed to be held as a carry forward for next year's event. Mike to approach the committee to see if the additional funds over £1500 would be distributed to local charities.

RESOLVED: Agreed the resource support from the Parish Council to complete the paperwork for the road traffic closure, market license, insurance, risk assessment and banking

12. 180/16 SMALL GRANT SCHEME

To consider Isle of Wight Music, Dance & Drama Festival Small Grant Scheme application

RESOLVED: Approved £100.00 Small Grant Scheme donation to the Isle of Wight Music, Dance & Drama Festival

13. 181/16 REMOVAL OF PUBLIC TELEPHONE

To discuss BTs removal of public phone box at Whitecliff Bay consultation deadline 16th December
Most people have mobile phones now, though reception in the Whitecliff/Sandhills area is not very good. The Parish Council have taken on the emergency phone on the beach. The telephone box on the list for removal was used 89 times in 12 months, the highest on the list. Remote area, telephone box should be kept as poor mobile signals. **RESOLVED:** Draft response to BT.

14. 182/16 ELECTIONS 2017

To discuss a campaign to promote the Parish Council elections on 4th May 2017
Pleased with response to tonight's co-option, and hope more people will come forward in May 2017. Majority of people do not know what the Parish Council actually does in the village and believe we need to promote more. Facebook/Twitter is the way forward to engage with younger members of the community. Need more of a presence on the Bembridge Community Page, though this needs to be monitored as can get abusive and personal. Clerk should be responding on behalf of the Parish Council. Have a website with all information available and the GTSG has a Facebook page. Website is not user friendly and needs updating; maybe speak with a media group. Website information could automatically be translated to Facebook/Twitter, need to get advice.
RESOLVED: Look into updating website, Facebook/Twitter and include as an agenda item in the future.

15. 183/16 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That in accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed Full Council 20th December 2016, 7.00pm the Village Hall, Small Hall

Meeting Closed: 8.20pm

Signed: Dated: