



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on 19th April 2016 in Small Hall, The Cloisters

PRESENT: Cllr M Tarrant (Chairman), Cllr D Grannum, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr B Dyer, Cllr C Doe, Cllr S Weedall, Cllr A Woodford, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Assistant Clerk)
Public: 4 and Cllr J Bacon

GUEST SPEAKER: MLAFL James Seaward WISER Director

There are a number of challenges facing the health and care services, and they are continuing to grow. Existing services are struggling to provide quality care expected and like all public services on the Island, health and care services are facing significant financial challenges. Demand for health and care is increasing due to people living longer, but this then increases the demand on services. 30% of the Island's population is elderly, higher than anywhere on the mainland so what happens here is monitored elsewhere for the future. There are a number of problems within the island's health service early intervention could help with patients being treated locally or at home. Funding for the health service is limited and the island will face increasing funding shortfalls by 2020 if changes care not made. MLAFL aims to transform people's experiences of care, help people lead healthier lives and ensure we continue to meet demand. We want to hear the public's views on health care and care services.

Cllr Grannum: What has been going on for the last 3 years and what has the £4.5 million been spent on? This would have been better spent on investing in a property to stop bed blocking.

James: The Island was lucky to get this money and does have particular needs. The Hub has been a positive outcome of the money. This is the last opportunity for funds and we need direct solutions.

Cllr Grannum: The Hub was in place before MLAFL came into existence so cannot take the credit for it. The management at St May's would have been better placed to spend the money, knowing where the shortfalls are in the Island's health service.

James: Staff are too busy to stop and discuss finances.

Cllr Tarrant: we are not health professionals, how do we know what need to be improved and money spent on? Find the advertising with 'free ferrule fitting' patronizing. Money would be better spent explaining how we could look after ourselves.

James: Decisions have to be made and steer is needed from the public.

Cllr Woodford: following a adults and vulnerable persons safeguarding meeting today the main issue coming up constantly was lack of communication between agencies.

Mrs Milne: getting past GP's and being referred to the hospital before having to go via A&E, this should not be the case.

Mrs Goldring: I will be attending a meeting tomorrow with other Town and Parish Councils and have been asked to speak though not negatively! I will be stating the case for our luncheon club and community bus helping isolated residents socialise in the village.

Cllr Tarrant: we appreciate MLAFL is trying to improve things but we need to see something happen not just words.

1. 61/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regretfully Peter Pugh has resigned from the council due to ill health. I would like to thank him for all his work on health and social care issues, and wish him well for the future.

2. 62/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence – advance apologies from Cllr G Kendall
Apologies received from Cllr Kendall, Cllr Marr, Cllr Humphrays and Cllr Bristow

3. 63/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

63/16/01 To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda
Personal interest in item 15 declared by Cllr Dyer

63/16/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate
No requests

4. 64/16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th March 2016

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the council meeting held on 15th March 2016 and duly signed by the chairman

5. 65/16 PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note minutes of the Planning Committees held on 15th March and 5th April 2016

RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Planning Committees held on 15th March and 5th April 2016

6. 66/16 WORKING GROUPS

66/16/01 To note minutes of the Steyne Park Project Working Group Meeting 13th April 2016

RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Steyne Park Project Working Group Meeting 13th April 2016

66/16/02 To note minutes of the Green Town Steering Group Meeting 6th April 2016

RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Green Town Steering Group Meeting 6th April 2016

66/16/03 To note minutes of the Village Partnership Group Meeting 6th April 2016

RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Village Partnership Group Meeting 6th April 2016

7. 67/16 FINANCE

67/16/01 To approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 31st March 2016

RESOLVED: Approved bank reconciliation and cash balances to 31st March 2016

67/16/02 To approve schedule of payments to 31st March 2016

RESOLVED: Approved schedule of payments to 31st March 2016

8. 68/15 REPORTS

To receive the following reports:

68/16/01 Hampshire Association of Local Councils

Nothing to report

68/16/02 Village Hall Management Committee

Nothing to report

68/16/03 Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee

BYCC is doing well. After last meeting the accounts are in a good state, and the bar is doing well from events organised by Sarah

68/16/04 Village Partnership (plus Green Town Steering Group)

GTSG busy with litter picks, beach cleans and Palmer Memorial tidy up projects. Updates on facebook page. Very active at present.

68/16/05 Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

All good at present. Approx same closing balance as last year though pension provision has to come out of these.

68/16/06 Harbour

Nothing to report

68/16/07 St Helens Medical Centre Patient Forum

Nothing as Peter has now left the council

68/16/08 Police Report

PCSO Moul email report – on the 9/4/2016 a ripper claw for a digger was stolen locally. The claw fixes to a mini digger which is a Wacker Newman 1404 model, yellow/grey colour. No serial numbers. Any information please forward.

68/16/09 IW Bus & Rail Users Group

Lots of queries regarding wheelchairs on the buses, first come basis. Mobility scooters can go on the buses but need to be registered first with Southern Vectis. Information cards for disabled people now available, copies for the office. Next timetable will have larger print due to complaints received with recent one.

68/16/10 Village Parking Provision Working Group

Nothing to report

68/16/11 Other reports

Nothing to report

68/16/12 Isle of Wight Councillors reports

Nothing to report

68/16/13 Clerk's report

QUALITY STATUS

Bembridge Parish Council has been awarded Quality Status under the Local Council Award Scheme, one of only 21 Town/Parish councils to be accredited out of 10,000 nationally. The panel was particularly impressed by the high standard of our website and the range of information available to visitors. Members felt that this went beyond the basic requirements of the Quality Status and wished to commend the Council for creating such a valuable community asset. The Council have been encouraged to consider going for Gold Status in the future.

DRAGONS DEN

The Dragons Den event took place on Saturday 12th March at the Bembridge Youth & Community Centre. This year's Dragons were Cllr Denise Grannum, Keith Cook, Gail Wade (Bembridge Barbers) and Brian Jones (RNLI), all waiting to give out funds to worthy causes. Randini entertained the audience and compared the evening. Money was awarded to:

Windmills Preschool Preschool frontage project £357

Bembridge Rainbows CD Player and CDs £100

Primary School Gardening Club School garden project £195

Bembridge Youth FC Players jackets £600

Bembridge Scouts Floodlights £250

Shotokan Karate Club Floor matting £150

Bembridge Cricket Club Helmets £108

Bembridge Wreckers Outdoor lighting £250

Bembridge FC Team funding £200

Well done to all those who took part and thank you to the scary Dragons!

LANE END TIDY UP

Volunteers from Island Roads joined Bembridge parish lengthsman and members of the Green Town steering group for a project to improve the appearance of Lane End car park – one of several such projects undertaken locally in advance of the judging for the Best Kept Village awards.

The Lane End work involved digging out unkempt shrubs and planting new red flowered Escalonias, repainting all of the walls and steps, varnishing benches and maintaining the shrub beds near the toilet block.

Bembridge parish clerk Emma Goldring said the two days of work had brought about a marked improvement to the area. "We couldn't have tackled this area without the help of Island Roads officers who were invaluable to the project," she said.

Dave Wallis, Island Roads operations manager said: "We were delighted to help out the project under our volunteering scheme that gives staff two days leave in order for them to give this time to a local good cause or charity."

The Island Roads staff joining the project were supervisor Nigel Smith and operatives Steve Probert and Mark Davis.

SPRING LITTER PICK

Bembridge spring litter pick will take place on Saturday 16th April 10.00am from Steyne Park. Are you free to help litter pick local footpaths? If yes please register your interest. Equipment and bags will be provided along with disposal of the litter that is collected.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd May 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be available and the Parish Councillors will be in attendance to chat through anything you wish to discuss.

BEMBRIDGE STREET FAIR

The annual street fair will take place on bank holiday Monday 30th May opening times 12.00-16.00.

Contacts: Jay Chapman Co-ordinator 872616, Sarah Portwine Stalls Manager 07756 296249

bembridgestreetfaircontact@gmail.com Stalls booking forms will be sent out in due course.

BEACH CLEANS

The beach cleans are confirmed to be on the 4th June, 9th July, 13th August and 10th September, I hope lots of people can make it! We will be starting at 10.00am from 4 points down the beach:

- 1) The end of Beach Road (opposite the Pilot Boat Inn),
- 2) Ducie steps,
- 3) Swains Lane steps,
- 4) The lifeboat pier,
- 5) The Crab and Lobster

You can choose whichever starting point is most convenient for you -which one will you go for?!

There will be a volunteer to meet you and give you gloves, bags and litter pickers and wish you well.

Look out for posters or on the Facebook page nearer the time!

QUEENS 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Beacon lighting at Culver Down on Thursday 21st April in the evening to be led by the local scouts and Royal British Legion branch. Times to be confirmed soon.

H M The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Party will take place in the grounds of Tyne Hall on Sunday 12th June from 12noon to 4.30pm. Bring your own Picnic. Lots of fun, wonderful grounds and cream teas. More information to follow.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Litter Pick – Saturday 16th April 10.00 Steyne Park

Queens 90th Celebrations – Beacon Lighting Culver Down Thursday 21st April 20.00

Fly the Flag for St Georges Day, Saturday 23rd April 10.00am War Memorial Gardens

Beach Cleans – Saturday 4th June, 9th July, 13th August and 10th September 10.00

Annual Parish Meeting 3rd May 19.00 Village Hall

Bembridge Street Fair Monday 30th May opening times 12.00-16.00

Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations – Sunday 12th June 12.30-16.30 Tyne Hall

Raise the Flag for Armed Forces Day, Saturday 25th June 10.00am War Memorial Gardens

Bembridge Summer Festival Steyne Park/BYCC - 14.00 Saturday 16th July 2016

Festival of Sport Steyne Park/BYCC - Sunday 21st August 2016

Bembridge Harbour Family Fun Weekend – 22nd-24th July 2016

Bembridge Harbour Food Festival - 24th-25th September 2016

Bembridge Village Fireworks Event Steyne Park/BYCC - Friday 4th November 2016

9. 69/16 BURIAL RECORDS

To agree the new Cemetery Forms, updated process and policies

RESOLVED: Approved the new Cemetery Forms, updated process and policies

10. 70/16 CRICKET

70/16/01 To agree replacement cricket training mat £2,200

RESOLVED: Agreed replacement cricket training mat £2,200

70/16/02 To agree Bembridge Cricket Club booking for 2016 season

No application form has been received in the office and this has been chased twice, so cannot be approved. Application form has to be received before matches can be played.

11. 71/16 AUDITOR

To agree appointment of Mrs Sue Chilton as Internal Auditor for 2015/16

RESOLVED: Agreed appointment of Mrs Sue Chilton as Internal Auditor for 2015/16

12. 72/16 LANE END TOILETS

72/16/01 To agree replacement doors and fitting for Lane End Toilets

Have only received 1 verbal quote as yet.

RESOLVED: Defer item until we have at least 3 quotes

72/16/02 To discuss local donations and income from marketing

Donations could be sought from the café, 'The Lane Enders' and RNLI. Maybe the RNLI would donate the 5p carrier bag charge money for the toilets. Advertising would look messy. If asking for donations for the Lane End toilets shouldn't we be asking businesses local to the other public toilets for a donation also?

RESOLVED: Defer the item to the finance and staffing group for discussion

72/16/03 To discuss coin operated system and costs associated

Would take many years to cover the initial cost of the system, so not worth the money.

RESOLVED: Dismissed coin operated system

13. 73/16 BEMBRIDGE STREET FAIR

To grant permission for the Street Fair to use War Memorial Gardens on Monday 30th May

RESOLVED: Permission granted for the Street Fair to use War Memorial Gardens on Monday 30th May

14. 74/16 PALMER MEMORIAL RESTORATION

To agree the installation of information board next to Palmer Memorial, creation of new leaflet and grand unveiling on 20th May at The Point

RESOLVED: Agreed the installation of information board next to Palmer Memorial, creation of new leaflet and grand unveiling on 20th May at The Point

15. 75/16 OLD SCHOOL FIELD

To consider a proposal from Mr Neil Mitchell of 36 Lincoln Way to install a lockable pedestrian gate at the top of the old school field for access and to grant a license.

This would be for used by No 32, 34, 36 and 38 only. No 40 already has access onto the field. Mr Mitchell would pay for the construction of the gate and maintain. No legal or insurance costs for the PC. Already a number of gates onto the park without a licence. Refused a request at the last meeting for a gate onto the park, so this would need to be revisited. Licences would be sent to the 4 households.

RESOLVED: Approved proposal from Mr Neil Mitchell of 36 Lincoln Way to install and maintain a lockable pedestrian gate at the top of the old school field for access and to grant a license for No 32, 34, 36 and 38. Request that Mr Bligh reapply for a licence.

16. 76/16 FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE/COMMUNITY BUS

To consider the Parish Council appointing a minimum of 3 trustees, a secretary, a treasurer and appoint a Chairman to continue the Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle charity could fold if new Trustees do not come forward. Three councillors have stated they would become Trustees to keep the charity running, Cllr Tarrant, Cllr Kendall and Cllr Bristow. Emma could become secretary and Jacqui treasurer. More work for the office, is there no-one else available? This would be an interim arrangement and advertising for trustees will happen. This is a valuable asset for the village and is important we keep it going. Paul and Chrissie Wray have agreed to run the lottery and Mr Bloor has agreed to organise the running of the bus.

RESOLVED: Agreed the Parish Council appoint a minimum of 3 trustees Cllr Tarrant, Cllr Kendall and Cllr Bristow, a secretary Mrs Goldring and a treasurer Mrs McDade to continue the Friendship Circle

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed Full Council meeting 17th May 2016, 7.00pm The Village Hall, Small Hall

Meeting Closed: 8.10pm

Signed: Dated:.....