



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in The Village Hall, Small Hall, Bembridge

**Present:** Cllr M Tarrant (Chairman), Cllr D Grannum, Cllr S Weedall, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr T Freeman, Cllr R Weaver, Cllr G Kendall, Cllr P Watts, Cllr M Champken, Cllr B Bristow, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Assistant Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** 4, PCSO Moul and County Press

### **PUBLIC FORUM :**

Modification order on BB40 has been turned down by IWC committee, but after looking at the Definitive Map from 1952 which shows the position of the path as stated in the modification order, IWC Rights of Way will now try to divert the footpath.

Congratulations to the BBA on the wonderful Christmas lights around the village centre. The Father Christmas event was well attended and raised funds for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice.

Why are actions from the previous meeting not recorded on the minutes as they should be? This is not something that has to be done as per the Local Government Act 1972.

### **1. 189/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to Cllr's Watts and Champken on their first meeting, hope you enjoy working with this council

### **2. 190/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Woodford and Humphray and IW Cllr J Bacon

### **3. 191/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**191/16/01** To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda  
Cllr Kendall declared a personal and pecuniary interest in item 10

**191/16/02** To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate  
No Requests

### **4. 192/16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To receive for approval minutes of the Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**RESOLVED:** Approved minutes of the Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and duly signed by the Chairman

### **5. 193/16 WORKING GROUPS**

To note minutes of the Community Hub Committee Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**RESOLVED:** Noted minutes of the Community Hub Committee Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### **6. 194/16 FINANCE**

**194/16/01** To approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**RESOLVED:** Approved bank reconciliation and cash balances to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**194/16/02** To approve schedule of payments to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**RESOLVED:** Approved schedule of payments to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**194/16/03** To note mid-year internal audit report

**RESOLVED:** Noted mid-year internal audit report

**194/16/04** To note mid-year budget monitoring report

**RESOLVED:** Noted mid-year budget monitoring report

## 7. **195/15 REPORTS**

To receive the following reports:

**195/16/01** Hampshire Association of Local Councils

Clerk has been asked to give a presentation on Affordable Homes at the HALC AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**195/16/02** Village Hall Management Committee

Chairman has been poorly but a meeting was held last week. Discussions were had on the idea of a hub and the addition of a public toilet within the village hall working together towards a solution.

**195/16/03** Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee

Christmas Fair attendance was a bit disappointing though believe this was down to the road works, manager to speak with Island Roads

**195/16/04** Village Partnership (plus Green Town Steering Group)

Next meeting next month, everything ok

**195/16/05** Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

Nothing to report back, we are in a strong financial position at present

**195/16/06** Harbour

Harbour in close down till the end of March. 2 new staff have been employed. LPA want a detailed application for houseboats/sewage plans.

**195/16/07** St Helens Medical Centre Patient Forum

Office has sent Cllr Kendall's details 3 times with no response. Have been told by Peter Pugh that a Councillor was not wanted on panel though believe we should have a voice. Will write again to Jo Bennett.

**195/16/08** Police Report

Few concerns in Bembridge. Have dealt with minor issues regarding children ASB. Would like to reiterate the need to lock sheds/outhouses and to keep expensive items out of sight when not at home. There is no update on the beach hut thefts, though need to inform owners not to store expensive items in huts. Need to be mindful of any vulnerable adults being contacted by scammers on the telephone, one island resident has been scammed for £50,000.

**195/16/09** IW Bus & Rail Users Group

Cllr Woodford not here, but stated the last meeting was mainly about the floating bridge

**195/16/10** Island Waste Report

Last meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Lynnbottom to have new signage and Forest Road will not be a public waste site. 2 new members of staff have been employed to help educate people with recycling.

**195/16/11** Library Report

Cllr Woodford not here, but has not been invited to recent meetings. This should change now a decision has been made on the library building by the committee.

**195/16/12** Other reports

No reports

**195/16/13** Isle of Wight Councillors reports

Disappointed at the state of the Lane End toilets that the IWC are asking us to take on. 2 employed by the IWC for the regeneration team, hoping with their experience to attract new business and keep present businesses. What are their salaries? £180,000 for both. Was there no-one local who could have taken on the jobs for less? They had more experience and will be on a probationary period.

**195/16/14** Clerk's report

### **PROJECT OFFICER**

Wendy Jefferies commenced work on 1<sup>st</sup> December and is welcomed to the small team to focus on project work such as the Community Hub and Steyne Park Project.

### **LANE END TOILETS**

Ongoing problems with extremely high bills for the Lane End public toilets. Southern Water leakage engineer is coming out to investigate. IWC has provided water bill data for the past 10 years. The past 2 years seem excessively high indicating a problem that needs to be resolved.

IWC has discovered that they do not have a lease for the disabled toilet within the RNLI building as it is within the RNLI freehold. Richard Berry IWC is to do more digging and this also needs to be resolved. Still running on a tenancy at will at present.

## **PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER**

The Parish Council requested a dog control order for Steyne Park and the Old School Field back in October 2015 which is now known as a public spaces protection order. Lee Matthews advised that IWC has to draft and implement these orders and they should be reviewed in 2017.

## **LSI ENERGY**

The Parish Council energy bills are being sent to LSI for free analysis to see if a better deal can be secured.

## **BUDGET & PRECEPT**

The extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on 6<sup>th</sup> December agreed to raise a precept for 2017/18 of £160,000.

Compare any precept increase to the band D property equivalent which we have worked. Current precept is £140,000 with a band D equivalent of £67.48

A precept increase from £140,000 to £160,000 which is a band D equivalent of £79.65 tax base 2008.70 due to the need for additional staff resources and taking on additional services and continuing with the community hub project. This would assist also if the Government decide to introduce a 2% cap on the precept as a result of the consultation currently proposed for Councils over £500,000 precept for 2017/18; which could then be rolled out to all Parish Councils.

## **BNDP ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY**

Bembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan (BNDP) came into force on 28th July 2014, as part of the Isle of Wight Council's Development Plan. From this date, the policies contained in the BNDP are relevant to all planning applications in Bembridge. The Bembridge Village Partnership has commissioned the second Annual Report as part of the monitoring process set out in the BNDP process.

In the 12 months following the last review, Bembridge Parish Council (BPC) considered 57 planning applications and cited BNDP policies in 95% of its recommendations. The Isle of Wight Council (IWC) cited BNDP policies in 91% of cases. This represents a significant improvement on the previous review's findings when policy usage was only 39% (BPC) and 85% (IWC). This indicates the Bembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan has become firmly imbedded in the determination of Bembridge planning applications. The BNDP contains 30 policies of which 23 have been actively used over the past year. However, a small core (6 policies) have seen most use and these relate to design, the environment and scale of development. Some policies have been under-used.

Over the review period, BPC recommended refusal to 12 applications, citing BNDP policy objections, but in 11 cases these objections were set aside by IWC. In total, the IWC refused only 3 planning applications; the remainder have been approved (3 cases subject to the completion of a S106 legal agreement) representing a 95% application approval rate for the Parish.

The Review revealed that householder planning applications made up 65% of the overall case load. Only 14% of applications related to new housing development resulting in a net gain of 34 new dwellings in the Parish of which 8 will be affordable units, 7 assisted living units, 2 self-build units and the remaining 17 open market units. The Bembridge Housing Need Survey (HNS) indicates an annual average requirement of 12 new housing units (9 affordable and 3 market).

A copy of the full annual report is available for inspection at the Bembridge Parish Council Office or may be viewed on the Parish Council website.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm Village Hall

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm Village Hall

## **PLANNING MEETINGS**

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm Village Hall

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm Village Hall

No Planning meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm Village Hall

## **8. 196/16 STEYNE PARK**

To ratify decision for Steyne Park booking for Island Soccer Academy u16's £209

**RESOLVED:** Ratified decision for Steyne Park booking for Island Soccer Academy u16's £209

**9. 197/16 HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

To ratify decision for clerk to attend Hampshire annual conference on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 at St Marys Stadium for early bird price of £65

**RESOLVED:** Ratified decision for clerk to attend Hampshire annual conference on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 at St Marys Stadium for early bird price of £65. Due to speaking the fee will be waived.

**10. 198/16 BEMBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

To adopt BNDP Annual Report 2016

**RESOLVED:** Adopted BNDP Annual Report 2016

**11. 199/16 LANE END CEMETERY**

To consider Lane End Cemetery spoil proposal

The site visit on Monday dismissed use of hut and pathway proposals. Area next to the shed with a solid base and fenced in would be the best place for the temporary storage of spoil at Lane End, which needs to be disposed of at regular intervals and the rear of the mound cleared.

**RESOLVED:** Approved use of area next to the shed for temporary storage of spoil following a burial

**12. 200/16 LANE END TOILETS**

**200/16/01** To agree increased frequency of cleaning to become twice per day for Lane End toilets during the summer holidays

**RESOLVED:** Agreed increased frequency of cleaning to become twice per day for Lane End toilets during the summer holidays

**200/16/02** To receive an update on the water bill issues at Lane End toilets

A leakage engineer has attended this week and are waiting for the report. Difficult to believe that the water usage differences between the High Street, Point and Steyne Park average £800 per year, and the Lane End toilets at £4,000 a year. Need to take regular meter readings. 2 of the toilets have been closed for the time being, this could be something we do over the winter period? RNLI have had a new meter installed in the past 2 weeks, so they should be on a different water supply. Could be a billing issue or a leak. Still have not taken a lease from the IWC on this block, and should not until problems have been resolved.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to close 2 of the public toilets at Lane End during the winter months and rotate them.

**13. 201/16 CONTRACTS**

**201/16/01** To agree the public convenience cleaning contact 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

**RESOLVED:** Agreed the public convenience cleaning contact 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

**201/16/02** To agree the parish office cleaning contract 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

**RESOLVED:** Agreed the parish office cleaning contract 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

**201/16/03** To agree the grounds maintenance contract 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

**RESOLVED:** Agreed the grounds maintenance contract 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

**201/16/04** To agree to use LSI Energy to analyse the energy bills to source cheaper options

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to use LSI Energy to analyse the energy bills to source cheaper options

**14. 202/16 LLOYDS BANK**

To consider a petition to save Lloyds Bank in Bembridge; announced to close on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Will be a great inconvenience for local residents and businesses if Lloyds closes. Not sure if a petition will work but it is a start and the Parish Council should take the lead along with the BBA. So far BBA have not responded to our petition request but will try again as we need to work together. Invite BBA Chairman to our next meeting. Lloyds have said they will send a van a couple of times a week, but when the Nat West van attended Steyne Park carpark no one used the facility, needs to be in the village centre. Maybe by the library? Lloyds banking can be carried out at the Welcome Store, Lane End, post office.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed a petition to save Lloyds Bank in Bembridge; announced to close on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**15. 203/16 RIGHTS OF WAY**

**203/16/01** To agree the Network Integrity Register top 3 priorities for Bembridge

**RESOLVED:** Agreed the Network Integrity Register top 4 priorities for Bembridge as:

Church Rd & Sherbourne Street - Extend the 2 hour parking limit from the High Street to include Church Road and Sherbourne Street too. Issue residents permits. Too many people are parking in the village all day and it is not enforced.

Kings Road - Speeding and pedestrian safety – 3 options proposed by Island Roads something needs to be agreed by IWC please (residents have been persistent about this)

Walls Road/Crossway/Downsview Rd - Yellow lines to be repainted as most have faded. The Police are particularly keen for this as the parent's park anywhere outside the school right up the junctions very dangerously. The school and Parish Council are concerned that this has not been actioned.

Lane End Road - Parking design outside the shops to be reviewed as there are numerous accidents here and this could be improved.

**203/16/02** To note the Embankment Road permissive path

Noted the Embankment Road permissive path

**203/16/03** To consider BB21 ongoing maintenance

**RESOLVED:** Agreed the Lengthsmen to do BB21 ongoing maintenance

#### **16. 204/16 SOCIAL MEDIA**

**204/16/01** To agree Bembridge Parish Council sets up a Facebook Page for Council promotion

**RESOLVED:** Agreed Bembridge Parish Council sets up a Facebook Page for Council promotion

**204/16/02** To agree Bembridge Parish Council sets up a Twitter account for Council promotion

**RESOLVED:** Agreed Bembridge Parish Council sets up a Twitter account for Council promotion

**204/16/03** To agree the [www.bembridgepc.org.uk](http://www.bembridgepc.org.uk) website is upgraded to become more user and mobile friendly

Will get more quotes and ask David Groom to quote

**RESOLVED:** Agreed the [www.bembridgepc.org.uk](http://www.bembridgepc.org.uk) website is upgraded to become more user and mobile friendly

**204/16/04** To agree training in social media for the Clerk and Assistant Clerk

**RESOLVED:** Agreed training in social media for the Clerk and Assistant Clerk

**204/16/05** To agree a policy is required to manage interaction and updating of social media

**RESOLVED:** Agreed a policy is required to manage interaction and updating of social media

#### **17. 205/16 ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

To nominate the Library as Asset of community value under the Community Right to Bid

Could we nominate Lloyds Bank? Put on next agenda to discuss

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to nominate the Library as Asset of community value under the Community Right to Bid

#### **18. 206/16 CONSULTATION**

**206/16/01** To respond to the Regulatory and Community Safety Enforcement Policy consultation deadline 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**RESOLVED:** Not to respond to the Regulatory and Community Safety Enforcement Policy consultation deadline 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**206/16/02** To respond to CCG's proposals to close rural GP surgeries

Lots of infighting at present and believe CCG are trying to throw their weight around. Lots of talk of more community based health services in the future not less. Concerns over increased waiting times, small number of blood test appointments and extra traveling problems for residents, so should respond to consultation. Small practices are not economical but could merge with larger ones.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to respond to CCG's proposals to close rural GP surgeries

#### **19. 207/16 STREET NAME**

To consider Sycamore Drive as the name for the old school site development

**RESOLVED:** Approved Sycamore Drive as the name for the old school site development

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Full Council 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 7.00pm the Village Hall, Small Hall

Meeting Closed: 8.10pm

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