



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on 20th September 2016 in Village Hall, Small Hall, Bembridge

PRESENT: Cllr M Tarrant (Chairman), Cllr D Grannum, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr R Weaver, Cllr S Weedall, Cllr M Humphray, Cllr B Bristow, Cllr A Woodford **PUBLIC:** 5 and Cllr J Bacon

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mr D Wild addressed the Councillors with his concerns over one Councillor still being on the Parish Council even though he owes money to a number of people and is tainting the reputation of the Parish Council throughout the village. A CCJ has been raised against him and Mr Wild stated he has swindled thousands of pounds out of a number of people. Understands that rules state the PC can do nothing as this is a civil matter but morally this is wrong. Have spoken to the Monitoring Officer at the IWC but believe there must be something that can be done to stop him sullyng the name of the PC even further. He was named as a Parish Councillor in the press a couple of weeks ago and could again in the near future. It is astounding that he is still a parish councillor. These regulations are annoying, what would happen if you refuse to work with him? Thank you for listening and will attend next month's meeting.

Councillor's responded:

Sympathise with your situation but the PC is bound by laws that make it near impossible to remove councillors. They can be removed if they have not attended a meeting for 6 months, are made bankrupt or have a 3 months or more criminal conviction. We have elections in May and need to attract more residents to put forward to become Parish Councillors so an election can be called. No, do not believe he should be a councillor and agree with your views on the perception on the PC because of him. This has happened before and is very uncomfortable to be here again. We have refused to work with him on another committee but that made no difference. Will not sit at the same meeting with him in future but he has not attended for a number of months, so cannot express our feeling to him. The majority of councillors would walk out of any meeting he attended, then the meeting would not be quorate and the business of the parish would not get done. Need to write to Central Government to have the code of conduct scrutinised as this is not good for Parish and Town Councils. Very grateful for Mr Wild's attendance and letting the Parish Council know of your concerns.

Mrs J Hayes addressed the Councillors about concerns regarding parking by the Primary School, especially on Walls Road and Crossway. Parents are parking on junctions, old double yellow lines, in the fire station area, on the boxed area in front and on the zic zags. Last week there were 2 near misses and it is an accident waiting to happen. I know it's a problem with Steyne Road closed but there must be a safer place to park than on junctions. Believe the Head Teacher has written to parents but it is only getting worse. Could a 'walking bus' system be introduced using Steyne Park Car Park? Police were there at the end of last term but were arriving around 8.45am and should be just before 8.30am.

Councillor's responded:

St Helen's had the same problem and asked the police to monitor and help with a solution. Double yellow lines are on the network integrity list and have been for a number of years with no action. We will contact the police to arrange a presence again and Island Roads to get the lines re-painted. Police would need to be involved if obstructions are occurring. Once lines painted could ask for a traffic warden to visit. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

1. 131/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Tarrant expressed his sadness at Cllr Barry Dyer's death the previous week and announced the memorial service would be held at Holy Trinity Church at 2pm on Thursday 22nd September. He will be sorely missed by everyone. A minutes silence was observed by all present in respect.

2. 132/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence
Apologies received from Cllr Kendall and Cllr Marr

3. 133/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

133/16/01 To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda
Cllr S Pigot declared a personal interest in item 22(3)

133/16/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate
None received

4. 134/16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th July 2016
RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th July 2016 and duly signed by the Chairman

5. 135/16 PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note minutes of the Planning Committees held on 19th July, 9th August and 6th September 2016
RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Planning Committees held on 19th July, 9th August and 6th September 2016

6. 136/16 WORKING GROUPS

To note minutes of the Community Hub Group Meeting 19th July and 6th September 2016
RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Community Hub Group Meetings held on 19th July and 6th September 2016

7. 137/16 FINANCE

137/16/01 To approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 12th August & 16th September 2016
RESOLVED: Approved bank reconciliation and cash balances to 12th August & 16th September 2016

137/16/02 To approve schedule of payments to 12th August & 16th September 2016
RESOLVED: Approved schedule of payments to 12th August & 16th September 2016

8. 138/15 REPORTS

To receive the following reports:

138/16/01 Hampshire Association of Local Councils

Village of the Year Awards next Wednesday with 10 Council representatives attending awards.

Meeting at the Parish Office at 1.30pm Cllr's Grannum and Kendall will be driving. Clerk will be giving a presentation on the Affordable Homes project.

138/16/02 Village Hall Management Committee
Cllr Kendall not present

138/16/03 Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee
Doing well. Fireworks on Friday 4th November.

138/16/04 Village Partnership (plus Green Town Steering Group)

GTS beach cleans have been successful this year, shame about the weather at the September clean which kept numbers down. Meeting tomorrow afternoon.

138/16/05 Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

No meetings for the last few months, need to appoint new members

138/16/06 Harbour

Cllr Grannum could not attend last meeting. Bembridge Food Festival at Bembridge Sailing Club and along Embankment Road this weekend.

138/16/07 St Helens Medical Centre Patient Forum
Cllr Kendall not present

138/16/08 Police Report
No report received

138/16/09 IW Bus & Rail Users Group
Solent Infrastructure Task Force being set up to look at all transport in the South, though no representatives from the Isle of Wight Council, Cllr Bacon will look into. Leaflets for the office on transport for the elderly.

138/16/10 Village Parking Provision Working Group
No report

138/16/11 Island Waste Report
All bins/containers should now have been delivered. Lynnbottom tip improvements are now complete and seem to be working well. One more forum meeting before Christmas.

138/16/12 Library Report
Mainly internal procedures discussed. Sent thanks for Parish Council's donation. Looking to purchase some new chairs, keyboards and computers. Storage issues due to the number of books donated for sale. The library will be open for Isle of Wight Day this weekend.

138/16/13 Other reports
None

138/16/14 Isle of Wight Councillors reports
Nothing to report but has noted Central Government's consultation proposal to cap Parish/Town Council's precept rises in future. Any services to be passed down need to be discussed before this comes into place.

138/16/15 Clerk's report

STEYNE PARK WORKS

A new fence is being installed at the Children's play area 26th September therefore it will be closed for a few days. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause whilst the works are carried out to improve our much loved park.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Bembridge Parish Council hosts a coffee morning on Tuesday 27th September 10.00-12.00 in the Village Hall to raise funds for Macmillan cancer support. Please join us.

ASSISTED WASTE COLLECTION

Amey provides a Collection Plus Service. You will be able to apply to have your wheeled bins or gull-proof sacks collected from an agreed point on your property, such as the side of your house. This service will be available for a fee of £52 per year, terms and conditions will apply. Please read waste contractors Amey Terms and Conditions for the Collection Plus service. To apply for a Collection Plus service online, <https://www.iwight.com/Residents/Environment-Planning-and-Waste/Waste-and-Recycling/Household-Waste-and-Recycling-Collection/Other-Collection-Services> .

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Bembridge Parish Council has a vacancy in the South Ward. If you are interested in representing your community on a proactive Parish Council please consider submitting your nomination. Nominations open 15th September and close 23rd September. If the vacancy is contested a by-election will be held on 20th October.

HAMPSHIRE & IOW VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

Bembridge Parish Council showcased Steyne Park recreation ground for the judging of Village of the Year; thank you to everybody involved. There were four youth teams playing football, people using the outdoor gym, play areas, cricket nets, some playing hockey on the basketball court and pilates in the

main hall. The judges seemed very impressed. The awards are on Wednesday 28th September at Enham Trust, Andover. Fingers crossed.

STEYNE ROAD DRAINAGE SCHEME

Major scheme to improve Steyne Road commenced on 5th September 2016. The scheme is designed to address historic problems of carriageway flooding during storm events. It will do this by renewing the gully system and increasing its capacity.

The first phase of the drainage scheme along a 630-metre stretch of Steyne Road is expected to last around 16 weeks. After Christmas the second phase on an 800-metre stretch of Lane End will begin and this is expected to last around nine weeks.

During work, the section of Steyne Road between its junctions with Hillway Road and Lane End Road will be closed to through traffic both day and night. Pedestrian access as well as vehicular access will be maintained where possible throughout the scheme. As soon as possible after the completion of the project, the carriageway will be resurfaced. Any queries during the works please contact Island Roads 24/7 on 822440 or info@islandroads.com

BONFIRE & FIREWORKS NIGHT - FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER

Come and join us for the Bonfire & Fireworks event at Steyne Park from 6.00pm with the Fireworks display at 7.30pm. There is live music plus refreshments on sale. There will be no entrance charge for the event but donations will be welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friendship Circle Coffee Morning Village Hall– Saturday 3rd September 10.00

Beach Clean – Saturday 10th September 10.00

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

Macmillan Coffee Morning Village Hall – Tuesday 27th September 2016 10.00-12.00

Friendship Circle Coffee Morning Village Hall– Saturday 1st October 10.00

Autumn Litter Pick Steyne Park – Saturday 22nd October 10.00

Bembridge Village Fireworks Event Steyne Park/BYCC - Friday 4th November 6.00 with display at 7.30

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Tues 18th October 7.00pm Village Hall

Tues 15th November 7.00pm Cloisters

PLANNING MEETINGS

Tues 4th October 6.00pm Village Hall

Tues 18th October 6.30pm Village Hall

Tues 1st November 6.00pm Village Hall

Tues 18th November 6.30pm Cloisters

9. 139/16 AUDIT

To note Annual Return including external audit certificate approved and accepted by smaller authority for year ending 31st March 2016

RESOLVED: Noted Annual Return including external audit certificate approved and accepted by smaller authority for year ending 31st March 2016

10. 140/16 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

140/16/01 To appoint 2 members to Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

Cllr Weaver was proposed and seconded

RESOLVED: Cllr Weaver appointed to the Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

140/16/02 To appoint members to the Planning Committee

Cllr's Weedall and Bristow were proposed and seconded

RESOLVED: Cllr Weedall and Cllr Bristow were appointed to the Planning Committee

11. 141/16 INSURANCE

To agree insurance renewal on 4th October 2016 as part of the 3 year long term arrangement with Hiscox premium £2628.56 plus IPT

RESOLVED: Agreed insurance arrangement with Hiscox premium being in total £2,891.42

12. 142/16 TRAINING/INFORMATION

To agree attendance at the 5th October 20s plenty conference cost £20 per delegate 3 for 2
Cllr Bristow, Mrs Goldring and Mr Bean will be attending for Bembridge

RESOLVED: Agreed attendance at the 5th October 20s plenty conference cost £20 per delegate 3 for 2

13. 143/16 THE GREAT BRITISH HIGH STREET AWARDS

To ratify The Great British High Street Awards resubmission deadline 9th September

RESOLVED: Ratified The Great British High Street Awards resubmission deadline 9th September

14. 144/16 CONSULTATION

To ratify The Solent Deal consultation response deadline 18th September

RESOLVED: Ratified The Solent Deal consultation response deadline 18th September

15. 145/16 STEYNE PARK

145/16/01 To ratify wooden fence installation at Steyne Park children's play area by RB & SJ Cheek
cost £3265.00 plus VAT

RESOLVED: Ratified wooden fence installation at Steyne Park children's play area by RB & SJ Cheek
cost £3265.00 plus VAT

145/16/02 To note withdrawal of Bembridge A team from the Saturday league and to allocate pitch to
Newport under 14's in mid-Solent league for 2016/17 for £208.00

RESOLVED: Noted withdrawal of Bembridge A team from the Saturday league and to allocate pitch to
Newport under 14's in mid-Solent league for 2016/17 for £208.00

16. 146/16 SCOUTS FIELD

To agree Scouts Field tree works £260 to remove sycamore tree and cut back the rest to the fence line
cost £440

RESOLVED: Agreed Scouts Field tree works £260 to remove sycamore tree and cut back the rest to the
fence line cost £440

17. 147/16 CEMETERY WORKS

147/16/01 To agree shaping the cemetery mound to take place on 26th Sept by Aaron Rogers £220

RESOLVED: Agreed shaping the cemetery mound to take place on 26th Sept by Aaron Rogers £220

147/16/02 To ratify topping of all rear trees to take place on 10th Oct by Spike Hughes cost £490.00

RESOLVED: Ratified topping of all rear trees to take place on 10th Oct by Spike Hughes cost £490.00

18. 148/16 LANE END TOILETS

148/16/01 To agree introduction of honesty box at Lane End Toilets

In principle this is a good idea there is one at Steephill Cove which works well. Need to have a notice in
the area to explain the situation that an honesty box is preferred rather than charging. Advertising
boards could be an income stream.

RESOLVED: Agreed introduction of honesty box at Lane End Toilets

148/16/02 To agree to seek donations from local businesses towards the running costs

RESOLVED: Agreed to seek donations from local businesses towards the running costs

148/16/03 To get a quote from Healthmatic for pin point counter installation and surveys for a year

A way of informing the Parish Council of the use especially at the Lane End toilets with a busy summer
period and complaints on a daily basis. Requests for more toilet paper and additional cleaning
required in the afternoons, especially throughout the summer holidays. If the user information was
known the cleaning contract could be amended to reflect the service required.

RESOLVED: Agreed to get a quote from Healthmatic for pin point counter installation with surveys for
a year

19. 149/16 RIGHTS OF WAY

149/16/01 To discuss Brooks Close to Forelands Farm Lane to be made via a Highways Act Creation
Order (not a modification order as per our request)

Slightly changed since meeting on Monday with Mr Preston, Darrel Clark (IWC Rights of Way), Cllr
Weedall and Clerk. A modification order could take up to 2 years to make, but a dedication could be
completed much sooner. It was advised that half dedication/half modification order would be the way
forward. Once a dedication is processed it cannot be revoked. IWC would fence the footpath, as
requested by Mr Preston.

149/16/02 To agree Brooks Close to Forelands Farm Lane footpath improvement project clearance and resurfacing cost £994

RESOLVED: Agreed Brooks Close to Forelands Farm Lane footpath improvement project clearance and resurfacing cost £994

149/16/03 To agree BB10 Sandhills section footpath improvement project 75m section cost £1350.00 and 65m section to be done in April 2017 £1296.00

RESOLVED: Agreed BB10 Sandhills section footpath improvement project 75m section cost £1350.00 and 65m section to be done in April 2017 £1296.00

20. 150/16 BONFIRES

To consider a local policy or byelaw to prevent any bonfires in Bembridge before 6.00pm
Cannot have a byelaw and this covers public areas only but could have a local policy. Would be better stating 6pm or dusk in the summer months.

RESOLVED: Agreed to draw up a local policy preventing bonfires in Bembridge before 6pm or dusk in the summer months.

21. 151/16 MY LIFE A FULL LIFE

To consider MLAFL operating model and feedback any comments

Do not have the resources to lead the North East Locality, should be one of the larger Parish or Town Councils in the area. Freshwater and Ventnor have designated staff that can work on the scheme.

RESOLVED: Approved MLAFL operating model but refuse to be lead for the North East Locality.

22. 152/16 GRANTS SCHEME

152/16/01 To consider Village Hall Emergency Lighting £274.99 plus VAT from the Parish Asset Grant

RESOLVED: Approved Village Hall Emergency Lighting £274.99 plus VAT from the Parish Asset Grant

152/16/02 To consider Village Hall Management Committee's request for a Parish Asset Grant for internal decorating, maintenance to stage curtains and extensive cleaning of the hall total £2175.00
Not the fabric of the building so does not qualify for a Parish Asset Grant.

RESOLVED: Refused Village Hall Management Committee's request for a Parish Asset Grant for internal decorating, maintenance to stage curtains and extensive cleaning of the hall total £2175.00

152/16/03 To consider St John Ambulance AED Appeal 2016-2018 from the Small Grant Scheme

RESOLVED: Approved £150 for the St John Ambulance AED Appeal 2016-2018 from the Small Grant Scheme

152/16/04 To consider the Help Through Crisis request

Believe this should be funded through MLAFL

RESOLVED: Refused the Help Through Crisis request

23. 153/16 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

Full Council 18th October 2016, 7.00pm The Village Hall, Small Hall

Meeting Closed: 8.20pm

Signed: Dated:.....