



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Village Partnership Green Town Steering Group meeting held at **4.00pm 10th June 2015** in the Parish Office, 5 Foreland Rd, Bembridge

Present: Cllr A Lee, Mrs S Weedall, Mrs B Clough, Mr J Leaver, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Asst Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence
None received

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 16th April 2015

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 16th April 2015 and signed by the chairman

3. SUMMER FESTIVAL

To discuss Summer Festival stall on the 11th July at Steyne Park

Alice will not be available on the day, Sheila and Barbara available to help, John will check availability. Set stall up at 1.30pm until 5.00pm, sharing gazebo with the Steyne Park Project group. Sheila will be there from 1.30pm till 3.00pm and Barbara will get there at 3.00pm. Need more dog poo bags for the stall. Stall setup as street fair including some pictures of the beach clean.

4. BEMBRIDGE IN BLOOM 2015

To discuss Bembridge in Bloom 2015

All going to plan, plenty of entries. Same categories as last year including best initiative involving Children or Young People with 3 entries this year. Awards will be on Thursday 30th July at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, with Philip Weeks from HRD presenting the awards. Judging takes place early to mid-July.

5. WIGHT IN BLOOM 2015

To note the entry of the war memorial gardens for category 7 Best Community Floral Project War Memorial garden looking good. Pleased to be receiving £200 grant from Wight in Bloom, can ask for the money or buy goods from Jubilee Nursery or Honour & Jefferies. Not many entries from other villages/towns.

6. RIGHTS OF WAY

To discuss BB7 footpath

Email from IWC Rights of Way with regards BB7: 'Unfortunately, the path is beyond physical repair. However, on a positive note I have today received confirmation from the landowner regarding a possible diversion. This will be below the path but above high water mark so will be accessible at high tide. I am about to go on leave but when I return I will send out the usual consultation email and plan for the PC's consideration.'

Believe this is the easy option and other solutions need to be explored. Do not think the landowners wish for the path to be re-opened, and area is all overgrown. Path on the beach

could be a problem at high tide. Arrange a site meeting with Darrel Clarke from IWC to discuss way forward.

To review of rights way for footpath improvement projects

BB22 the disputed area from the camp site to Sandown Road can be impassable at times and needs work. Problems of land ownership were the reason the path was not resurfaced previously.

BB4 was cleared last year but still concerned about the access to the beach being blocked. 2 men cleared part of the path. Problems with a fir tree overhanging and a fence leaning into the path. Will look into ownership of land bordering Sand Cove house and land, as land registry shows a clear section that should allow access from the path. Shrubs/trees have been planted blocking the exit of the path. Cannot see the point of the path if not passable.

The old railway track, running adjacent to Embankment Road is not classed as a public footpath but allows permissive access. Bembridge Boat yard up for sale stating planning application has been applied for, though nothing on the IWC planning site. Plan clearly shows the track at the back. Track at the back of Pilot House has been dug up and impassable. Track did link up with BB19 at Station Road. Need to speak with Rights of Way.

RESOLVED: Ask Darrel Clarke to visit Bembridge to discuss all the above issues.

7. BEACH CLEAN

To discuss upcoming beach cleans

Very good for the first event, with some new people attending. Lots of plastic collected from the beach, so a worthwhile job. The Point and Swains were the 2 main areas cleared. Between Ducie and Swains a plastic buoy is embedded in the sand which needs removing and there is a semi-circle of metal protruding along the same stretch before the wall. Next clean is 18th July.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed date and venue of next meeting as Wednesday 23rd September at 4.00pm in the Parish Office.

Signed: Dated:.....