



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Village Partnership Green Town Steering Group meeting held on **9th November 2016 at 4.00pm** in the Parish Office Meeting Room, 5 Foreland Road, Bembridge

PRESENT: Mr J Leaver (Chairman), Cllr S Weedall, Mr I Graham, Mr T Freeman, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Mrs H Welsted & Mrs B Clough

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 21st September 2016

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 21st September 2016

3. FORWARD PLAN

To discuss forward plan

Project	Completed	Update
The Point Clear Up Project Clearance of verge, new sign for Bembridge Trail and leaflets	October 2013 Lengthsmen, Nick Ryde and volunteers	Tony Freeman ok
WW1 Remembrance Orchard, Lane End Cemetery 5 trees planted and a new bench	28 th January 2015 Opened by Lord-Lieutenant White and attended by Bembridge Primary School representative, Parish Council, Royal British Legion and members of the public	Shelia Weedall Prune lower branches. Lengthsmen have fixed broken sign
Lincoln Way Pond Clearance	August 2015 Lengthsmen and volunteers August 2016 Lengthsmen	Ian Graham Roses have been done all ok
Big Tree Plant Playing Field, Steyne Park 5 Oak, 5 Field Maple, 5 Elm, 5 Wild Service planted. Trees given by Natural Enterprise.	November 2015 Lengthsmen and volunteers	Shelia Weedall One dead tree need to buy one to replace ACTION
Palmer Memorial Restoration Cleaning and restoration by Wight Stonemasonry Project with East Wight Landscape Partnership	May 2016 Wight Stonemasonry Opening attended by Bembridge Primary School, Heritage Society, Parish Council and members of the public	Tony Freeman Get quote from Wightstonemasons to drill holes to let water out. Tony to bail out water/stones. Lengthsmen to spray weeds ACTION
Lane End Clear up Cleared, painted and replanted beds	March 2016 Lengthsmen and volunteers	Ian Graham ok

Culver Trail Project Signs and leaflets	September 2016 Tesco grant unsuccessful for all new signs. Awaiting quote for 2 new signs from the Sign Shop	Ian Graham Lengthsmen through the winter
Mound, Lane End Cemetery	September 2016 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services - Shaping area for mound October 2016 Spike Hughes - Trees in the area to be cut back	Shelia Weedall Future agenda item to redo compost area. New spoil to be resolved. 2 dead branches still on cherry tree ACTION
Regular Events		
Beach Cleans	19 th March, 4 th June, 9 th July, 13 th Aug and 10 th Sept 2016	
Litter Picks	16 th April and 22 nd October 2016	
Street Fair	May 2016 - stall	May 2017 - stall
Bembridge in Bloom Awards Sponsored by Hose Rhodes Dickson.	July 2016 Successful event, new entrants. Awards held in the Village Hall	May 2017 – Barbara Clough
Best Kept Village	September 2016 Awards	April 2017
Wight in Bloom War Memorial Garden entered	September 2016 Unsuccessful	May 2017
Footpaths		
BB22 – Hillway Road to Sandown Road Relayed footpath in partnership with IWC Rights of Way and with a grant from BIFFA Completed footpath to Sandown Road and into the wooded area	October 2013 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services October 2015 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services	Ian Graham
BB4 – Clearance of footpath	February 2014 Lengthsmen and volunteers	Sheila Weedall
BB14 –Howgate Road to Coastal Path Relayed footpath in partnership with IWC Rights of Way	April 2015 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services	Jacqui McDade
BB21 – Bembridge Windmill to Brading Cut back over grown hedging in partnership with Down to the Coast and IWC Rights of Way	January 2016 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services	John Leaver Photo on Tuesday at 2.00pm ACTION
BB10 – Sandhills beach-hut Relaying footpath with IWC Rights of Way	September 2016 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services	John Leaver Next section to be done April 2017
Brooks Close to Foreland Farm Lane Relaying footpath with IWC Rights of Way	September 2016 Discussions on going with landowner	Sheila Weedall Dedication agreement going through. Works to be done April 2017
Paddock, Beachfield and Poplar footpath	Footpath improvement project required Modification order?	Land Registry Searches ACTION
BB7	Water course problems and signage not complete sent onto Darrel Clarke for action.	

4. WALKING & CYCLING FESTIVAL

Resources axed by the Isle of Wight Council. Would like to see the festivals retained and organised by Visit Isle of Wight. Write to support them taking it over. **ACTION**

5. RIGHTS OF WAY

To discuss Embankment Road footpath access and footbridge
Regarding Embankment Road permissive footpath. We have received some advice from Darrel Clarke Rights of Way Manager at Isle of Wight Council as follows:-

‘The RSPB have made a Section 31 Highways Act deposit in respect of their land (copy attached) which is held on the s31 Register maintained by the Isle of Wight Council.

There would need to be evidence of public use for 20 years prior to the start of the permissive arrangement without interruption, force, secrecy or permission. Another requirement is that there is no evidence of intention not to dedicate by the landowner i.e. signs saying ‘no public right of way’ or the classic example of shutting the path off to the public one day (or more) per year.

I would suggest that it would be difficult to collect the necessary evidence of public use and if the individual wishes to proceed he should do so with caution as making an application could well have an adverse impact if the RSPB reacted in a defensive manner and decided to end the current permissive arrangement which would be at the detriment of everyone’.

Following the advice we will not be considering a modification order for Embankment Road footpath as there are no concerns with the current permissive footpath and we do not want to cause an adverse reaction to such as suggested.

We are however going to look at the footbridge and see if we can work with RSPB and to replace it and Malcom Thorpe to retain access from the harbour user’s car park land.

ACTION

To discuss path between Beachfield Road and Paddock Drive modification order/footpath improvement project

A site visit took place to look at the footpath Beachfield Rd to Paddock Drive to Poplar Close. This has been strimmed by the Lengthsmen for the past 13 years. IWC will not take responsibility as they asked the Parish Council to remove a wasp’s nest and address boggy area in winter. Do a land registry search and bring the results back to a future meeting to consider footpaths improvement project and modification order if thought appropriate.

ACTION

6. BEMBRIDGE & ST HELEN GUIDE

To discuss Bembridge and St Helens Guide 2017 entry to promote beach cleans, litter picks and taking litter home – bag it and bin it

Draft an article for the guide to include beach clean and litter pick dates and a friendly campaign to remind visitor to take remove litter and use dog bins such as bag it and bin it. Draft an article using beach images and circulate via email for suggested amendments. Entry needed by January. **ACTION**

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

New Bembridge Map can we use the one in the centre of the guide? The blue map is not exciting. The Ryde Town Map is. We could have large plinth outside Village Hall, Lane End and Steyne Park highlighting sought after areas such as Lifeboat, Coast Hotel, public toilets etc. Have a leaflet holder with each plinth. Need to have an idea of costs and ongoing commitment to prin. Refer item onto the Village Partnership for consideration. **ACTION**

BYCC car park had a lot of rubbish around such as children’s nappies. Ask BYCC if they can email user to politely remind them to take litter home or use the bins provided. **ACTION**

Vegetation is overgrowing from the big house on Foreland Farm Lane owned by S Snelling.
Ask ROW to contact for cutting back. **ACTION**

Upgrading of BB5 and BB34 process almost complete.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Wednesday 11th January at 4.00pm in the Parish Office

Meeting closed 17.10

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