



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Bembridge Village Partnership Green Town Steering Group meeting held on **21<sup>st</sup> September 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, Mrs B Clough, Mr T Freeman, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Assistant Clerk)**PUBLIC:** 1

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence  
Apologies received from Mrs H Welsted

### 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**RESOLVED:** Approved minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 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
WW1 Remembrance Orchard, Lane End Cemetery 5 trees planted and a new bench	28 <sup>th</sup> 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
Lincoln Way Pond Clearance	August 2015 Lengthsmen and volunteers August 2016 Lengthsmen	Ian Graham
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
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
Lane End Clear up Cleared, painted and replanted beds	March 2016 Lengthsmen and volunteers	Ian Graham
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

Hugel Bed, Lane End Cemetery Create a hugel bed	September 2016 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services - Shaping area for hugel bed October 2016 Spike Hughes - Trees in the area to be cut back and put on the hugel bed	Shelia Weedall
<b>Regular Events</b>		
Beach Cleans	19 <sup>th</sup> March, 4 <sup>th</sup> June, 9 <sup>th</sup> July, 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug and 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2016	
Litter Picks	16 <sup>th</sup> April and 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>Footpaths</b>		
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
BB10 – Sandhills beach-hut Relaying footpath with IWC Rights of Way	September 2016 Lengthsmen and Aaron Rogers Gardening Services	John Leaver
Brooks Close to Foreland Farm Lane Relaying footpath with IWC Rights of Way	September 2016 Discussions on going with landowner	Sheila Weedall

#### 4. CLEAN UPS

To discuss summer litter issues on the beaches and new signage  
Is it worth the beach cleans coinciding with others on the Island? They were arranged by the Marine Conservation and mainly over the other side of the Island. There would be lots of paperwork if we sign up with them as you need to record everything collected. The beaches are private and would need permission for any signage on the beach. Would any notice be taken of the signs? Could signs be placed by the bins? Too much signage does not look good around the village and believe any signage should have a positive message eg: Please keep are beaches beautiful... Could we try to get the message out in the Parish News, Beacon, Bembridge and St Helens? Could the IW Rights of Way let us know what signage they use? Need to discourage waste being left on the beaches especially broken glass and cans. Clerk will speak with Darrel at Rights of Way.

**5. RIGHTS OF WAY**

To discuss the BB10 Sandhills footpath improvement project  
First section complete today by Aaron Rogers Gardening Services and the lengthsmen,  
second section will be re-laid next April 2017.

To discuss Brooks Close to Foreland Farm Lane improvement project  
Path will be 1.75m wide with fencing down the boundary with restriction gate at Brooks  
Close end. Darrel at IW Rights of Way dealing with the paperwork and works will take place  
next spring.

BB7 signage – footpath closed need a new sign stream across washed some away  
Closed sign needs to be removed and footpath sign re-directed.

**Land Registry Searches Embankment Road**

Many land owners though there is public access along most. There could be the possibility  
of re-instating as a right of way, though money will be needed. Shelia will find a map to  
show footpath and Emma will contact Pete Fellows to see if the East Wight Landscape Group  
would be interested in another project such as access to river ways.

**6. CULVER TRAIL PROJECT**

To update on the Culver Trail project  
Unsuccessful with grant for full replacement of boards, but 2 boards will be replaced and the  
others repaired by the Lengthsmen over the winter. Have added to forward plan to monitor  
and maintain.

**7. THE POINT**

To discuss the replacement of Hebe bushes The Point  
Disappointed bushes were destroyed. Need to be careful with any replacements as the  
ground at the Point is very dry and the old station turntable under the grass. Hydrangeas or  
grasses may be an option. Leave as grass at present.

**8. LANE END FLOWER BEDS**

To discuss Lane End sculpture  
Do not like the Heron idea, would prefer not an animal figure. Could look at a sculpture  
from re-cycled materials or driftwood? Shelia will speak with Alice to see if she has any  
ideas or contacts.  
Cllr J Bacon is chasing up why the fencing is still up around the drain grills and who is sorting  
out the problem.

**9. HUGEL BED**

To discuss the introduction of a hugel bed at Lane End Cemetery as shaping on the 26<sup>th</sup>  
September and trees cut on the 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Aaron Rogers Gardening Services and the lengthsmen will be shaping the mound on Monday  
and Spike Hughes will be cutting back some trees on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Need to contact George  
for guidance. Meet at the cemetery on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10am with the  
lengthsmen to build up the hugel bed. Arrange another date early November if required.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr Preston asked why the BB19 and BB21 have never been joined up? This has been looked  
into before and is on the IW Rights of Way Improvement Plan list. John and Shelia will look  
into records and bring back.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To confirm date and venue of next meeting  
Next meeting Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm in the Parish Office

Meeting closed 17.00

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