



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Village Partnership Green Town Steering Group meeting held at **4.00pm 6th April 2016**, Parish Office, 5 Foreland Rd, Bembridge

PRESENT: Mr J Leaver (Chairman), Mrs B Clough, Mrs S Weedall, Mr I Graham, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk). **GUEST SPEAKER-** Paul Elvins, IOW Beach Clean Volunteers – did not attend await further approach

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence. Apologies from Mr T Freeman.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To receive for approval minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 24th February 2016

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 24th February 2016 and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

BB21 Awaiting quote from Dempsey's who had a walkover last week and had some different ideas about how to approach the works.

Brooks Close to Foreland Farm Lane all of the witness statement forms have been handed out and will be chased by Sheila.

Lane End Tidy Up project went well. The large shrub bed lends itself to a sculpture similar to the woodman at Lincoln Way Pond, Dolphin at Beach Hut and Seahorse at Hotel. Sheila to look at prices of Paul Sivills work.

3. **SPRING LITTER PICK**

Spring Litter Pick on 16th April at 10.00am commencing at Steyne Park. Daryl will be in attendance to hand out equipment and take away the rubbish. A map of the paths will be printed to assist. Sheila will allocate on the day. Kingswood will be invited. It will be publicised on Facebook.

4. **PALMER MEMORIAL PROJECT**

The information board has been ordered from Shelley Signs. Leaflets are being designed. Press release to be circulated once approved by Pete Fellows. Wighstonemasonry Ltd is underway with restoration. The grand unveiling, afternoon tea and traditional skills demonstration will take place 20th May at 13.00 and the school class has been invited and confirmed attendance. Permission given to repaint the posts and chains. Nigel Bennett is going to resurface his entrance mid-April. They cannot remove the concrete boulder or green fence as this prevents people parking there and this is essential for the Lorries to enter the site. Posts requested instead of green barriers however it's unclear who's remit this is. Matt Shaw District Steward from Island Roads is going to look at the area see if the pavements can be improved. The Green Towns group will tidy the area, weeds need clearing, troughs need planting/clearing, white post knocked down needs repositioning, and metal post next to memorial needs improvements. Tidy up to take place on 19th April at 10.00am Parish Lengthsmen to assist. The fence by the ladies Point Toilets has been replaced by Southern Water. A planter at the rear of Parish Office can be relocated to replace the pots there. County Press to be invited on 20th May. More publicity nearer the date. John has 3 hebe plants to be planted at the Point. Chase up clearance of overhanging branches.

5. FOOTPATHS

Review rights of way for potential footpath improvement projects

BB7 has been cleared of vegetation however it's still really boggy. Check with ROW if more works are planned. BB6 Ramblers have previously done work but it currently has a sign to say no entry. The footpath that runs past Sandills requires work. The lakes along left hand side of Embankment Road the bottom is waterlogged. This is not an official right of way it's a permissive path by RSPB. Seek advice from Rights of Way about future maintenance projects required.

6. INFORMATION BOARDS

Thanks to Ian for the thorough review of the information boards. 2 are missing and 6 needs restoring or replacing. Funding is required. Look at Groundworks grant funding to see if eligible. Need to include on the Parish asset register and rolling maintenance programme. Pepper Creative has given a quote for the 2 mission on Culver at £1395 plus VAT and Sign Shop ranges from £650-350 dependent upon the materials required. Could upgrade the leaflet into a booklet and sell it. Alternatively do not replace the signs and have a post with a number that the leaflet could correspondent for walkers. Groundworks grant £8-12K available. Next funding rounds are May or September. Look into the details.

7. BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARDS

To discuss Best Kept Village Awards and review the requirements

The Lengthsmen will collect the hanging baskets from Ager Farm on 26th April and these will be hung prior to 1st May. Additional litter picks are required particularly at Steyne Park. All planted need to be replanted beforehand. Outside 5/7 High St, Village Hall, Foreland Rd, Lane End Cemetery inside and out. Birdham Corner beds and Kings Oak boat also needs attention. Barbara to provide an idea of plants required and the Lengthsmen will do the works w/c 25th April. 3 electric boxes at the point need painting and the phone box needs cleaning. Sheila to take photos for the office to report. The bin on Foreland Rd has been replaced.

8. STREET FAIR

To discuss this year's Street Fair stall

The application has been submitted for the street fair stall. The Parish Council has a new double pop up gazebo which has weights for the feet. 3 pop up banners are in the office for the green towns. The trestle table is still around the yard. Sheila will start collecting recycling again. Tony will be back from holiday by then and may be able to deliver all the items and set up on the day. Sheila, Barbara, John and Ian are all available to man the stall on the day. The office will produce information boards again showing all projects and provide a range of leaflets for distribution. Amey have offered to join the stall to promote the waste recycling. The mobile education centre would be too large for the street fair. Rota for the day; Tony and Sheila 11.00-1.00, Ian and Barbara 1.00-2.30, John 2.30-4.00 Tony will return at 4.00 to assist with the dismantle and take equipment away.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10 items of aob from Ian Graham below:-

1. Add a contact no. for next beach clean as I'm away. Also get people to register for beach cleans? Yes people should register for beach cleans and we will ask if Tony's happy for this mobile number to be on the posters for people to contact on the day if they need to.
2. Part tree down on path after end of Swain's Road (same place as before but smaller). Report to ROW.
3. Suspicious object on beach. See picture below. Cannot remove and may be covered by sand as the tide comes in and out. All beaches are privately owned so action is limited.
4. Can we ask RNLI to cut off metal spikes from old pier which are still there? Yes
5. 5. Can we Ask Warner's hotel to beach clean in front of the hotel? Yes
6. Board walks / regeneration at harbour (longer term idea) Agenda item for next meeting

7. Using Bembridge Guide to advertise dog bins, beach cleaning etc. ? Guide already being printed. Can advertise beach cleaning dates in next Beacon edition.
8. Householder and managed by Peckhams Contractors. Can email them to litter pick.
9. What's happening about the area beside the coastguard lookout (at C&Lobster)? Parish Council has a lease of 125 years and the Parish Lengthsmen cut it.
10. Can we bridge the gap in the path between the road and the bit which runs along the edge of the embankment ponds? No permissive path only.

Walking festival commences on 15th May ensure more leaflets are printed for the Bembridge Trail information board and that the time is correct and not 1 hour.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4th May 2016 4.00pm Parish Office

Signed: Dated:.....