



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Village Partnership Green Town Steering Group meeting on 6th July 2016 at 4.00pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room, 5 Foreland Road, Bembridge

Present: Mr J Leaver (Chairman), Mrs H Wellsted, Cllr S Weedall, Mr I Graham, Mr T Freeman, Mrs B Clough and Mrs J McDade (Assistant Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence
None

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 1st June 2016
RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 1st June 2016

3. BEACH CLEAN

To discuss the beach clean on 9th July
Litter pickers and bags to be collected from the office. Lengthsmen to collect rubbish Monday from Beach Road. Barbara to start at Beach Road, Shelia to start at Swains Lane, Hillary to start at Lane End, John to start at Ducie Ave and Ian to start at Paddock Drive. Meet for tea/coffee at the Tollgate Café.

4. MEN IN SHEDS

To discuss the Men in Sheds project

Age Friendly Island - As part of Age Friendly Island Age UK IW will be running a Men's Shed project. Social isolation, loneliness and stressful social ties are common amongst older men, and are associated with poor physical health, higher risk of disability, and poor recovery from illness.

Pottering around in the shed is one way that men can find relaxation in their day. The 'Men's Shed' movement sprung up as a way to tackle social isolation in men, particularly after retirement, as well as providing an informal setting to talk about health issues. The idea is simple. Instead of men pottering about in their own shed, they get together and have a local shed where they can not only carry out activities alongside each other, but learn new skills, support each other and be positively involved in their own community.

A communal 'Shed' is a relaxing way of spending time, and doing odd jobs and practical tasks. On retirement, after active lives spent in work and the social contact that brings, older men can find it difficult to start new friendships. Generally men do not want to sit around talking, and would much rather immerse themselves in a task.

By working in a shed alongside each other, older men can carry out a hobby, while also learning new skills and support each other. Older men use fewer community based health services than women, and are less likely to participate in preventative health activities. Sheds provide an engaging way to talk about and deal with health and other issues.

A 'Shed' can be just that, a shed at the bottom someone's garden, or it can be an outbuilding, a beach hut, a garage, or any other space that can be utilised for practical purposes by a group. Men do not need to stay within the shed, day trips and outings can also be arranged, as well as guest speakers and participation in community events. Most importantly, the 'Shed' is not the building, but the people within it.

Age UK IW will be working with older men across the Isle of Wight to set up three new sheds a year with a total of 15 sheds being established across the island over the next 5 years building a network of Men's Shed. So far work has started in Ventnor and Newport.

Is there a need in Bembridge? Who and where do we need to speak with? Is funding flexible, with scope to develop what's already in the Village? Where would the 'Shed' be located? How does this work in Ventnor? Need to circulate to Church, Friendship Circle and Luncheon Club for their views.

5. RIGHTS OF WAY

To discuss Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation deadline 16th September

Page	Content	Comments
12	The St Helens to Brading link has a stile in place, and so does not allow a multi-user route. This should be removed to help off road links.	Do not believe there is a stile at present. Leave on list
39	Designated areas of open countryside – Bembridge Down, Bembridge correct signage and full access	Working on Culver Trail signage at present. No problem to remove from the list
52	BB19 comes to a dead end at Knowles Copse Bembridge	This was closed by an order in 1938. Aspirational wish, as once gone will be lost forever. Stay on list.
52	Upgrading footpath R85 to bridleway status would allow a safer off road link from Bembridge Duver to Seaview and beyond	Not our remit
56	Upgrade of status on footpaths BB34 and BB5	Going through at present
57	Improved links from Brading Railway station to St Helens	Not our remit
57	Introducing the Bembridge – Yaverland circular walk using RSPB land	Rarely advertised but already accessible
58	New bridleways at Brading Station to St Helens on the old railway line	Not our remit
60	Upgrade footpath B56 near Bembridge	Not our remit
60	Upgrade footpath BB29 on Bembridge Down	Should stay on list
60	New link adjacent to Longlands Shute in Bembridge connecting footpath BB26 to footpath BB23	Should stay on list
60	New link extending footpath BB19 through to Mill Farm in Bembridge	Private field do not possibility of extending footpath. Should stay on list
62	Construction of new routes on Brading to Bembridge, using the old railway line	Should stay on list
62	Upgrade of routes to allow cycle use Bembridge Harbour to Love Lane	Nothing stopping cyclists at present. Should stay on list

6. RECYCLING

To discuss the Amey mobile recycling unit and education centre

Very large unit that would take over the Steyne Park car park so do not think it would be practical for it to come to Bembridge or required. Mobile unit will be at Smallbrook when Lynn Bottom is closed 1-14th August. There have been no queries in the office recently, though green bags still seem to be a problem for the library to obtain.

7. BEMBRIDGE IN BLOOM COMPETITION

Update on Bembridge in Bloom Competition

20 entries this year, down on last year. Hilary will help Barbara with the competition. Hilary asked if it would be possible for the trophy for large front garden to be engraved prior to awards, as the cost of £10 put some winners of adding their name to the trophy. Will discuss with Barbara.

8. HILLWAY DUCK POND

To discuss Hillway Duck Pond
Nothing to report at present.

9. LINCOLN WAY POND CLEARING

To discuss the Lincoln Way Pond clearing
This will need to be postponed until the water has dried up, full at present. Will advise of new date by email.

10. HUGEL BED

To discuss the introduction of a hugel bed at Lane End Cemetery
This will not take place until September as Spike Hughes will not be cutting back the trees till after the nesting season.

11. LANE END FLOWER BEDS

Update on Lane End Flower beds
Successful tidy up, though a sculpture in the main bed would be good. Shelia will look into sculptures and bring back to the next meeting. Where drainage covers are being repaired, a few tiles have been moved and now part of the wall needs painting again, small area.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Believe the Bembridge Weeders are in need of funds? Barbara is waiting to see if they will have any money from a competition and the Weeders have discussed a fund raising coffee morning for October. Will discuss at the Village Partnership meeting to allocate a budget for the Bembridge Weeders
- Amey Forum discussed promoting more composting at home. Do we arrange a 'composting' afternoon, giving information to people on how to compost and where to purchase composting bins or how to make your own? Bring back to the next meeting.
- BB7 – order of works has been approved but not sure when works will take place. Signs at both ends of the path will be put in place.
- BB21 – contractor has now been agreed by Down to the Coast for the path.
- Culver Trail Boards – still no response to grant application

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To confirm date and venue of next meeting as Wednesday 21st September, 4pm in the Parish Office

Meeting Closed: 5pm

Signed:

Dated: