



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Bembridge Village Partnership Green Town Steering Group meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 4.00pm Parish Office, 5 Foreland Road, Bembridge

**PRESENT:** Mr J Leaver (Chairman), Cllr S Weedall, Mr I Graham, Mr T Freeman, Mrs B Clough, Cllr M Sullivan, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk). Cllr M Donlon and Mr J Doolan joined the group.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence. Non-attendance Cllr T Millington.

### 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**RESOLVED:** Approved minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### 3. FORWARD PLAN

To discuss forward plan

Project	Latest Actions	Actions Required
The Point Clear Up Project inc Bembridge Trail Sign/Leaflet	Report the trees at the Point to Island Roads for removal of large fallen branch and assessment for ongoing safety	Cleared
Palmer Memorial Restoration inc Sign/Leaflet	Wightstonemasons to drill two holes within the Palmer Memorial to drain the water from the troughs	Holes drilled works well
WW1 Remembrance Orchard, Lane End Cemetery	Bembridge Beauty needs to be placed as it is dead	Lengthsmen to go over. Membrane and bark chippings required
Lincoln Way Pond Clearance	No pond liner to be installed.	Annual clearance TBA
Big Tree Plant Old School Field	Top 8 trees need new guards to be replaced	1 dead to be replaced
Lane End Clear up	More weeds to be removed	Removed
Culver Trail Project Signs and leaflet	Ok	Ok
Mound, Lane End Cemetery	Ok	Ok
Compost bin area, Lane End Cemetery	Ok	Ok
War Memorial Gardens fence	4 posts are rotten and the fence need to be replaced	Done
Birdham Corner flower beds	6 sleepers to be installed on the large bed. A membrane to be put in place and bark chippings covering it with less shrubs for easier maintenance (Sept/Oct)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct Lengthsmen to help
Regular Events	Latest Actions	Actions Required
Beach Cleans	Ok	Ok
Litter Picks	Ok	Ok
Street Fair Stall	No stall for 2017	Not appropriate
Bembridge in Bloom Awards	Successful event	Ok

Best Kept Village	Litter picking rota ongoing	Awards 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Wight in Bloom	Chase for sponsorship	None available
<b>Footpaths</b>	<b>Latest Actions</b>	<b>Actions Required</b>
BB22 – Hillway Road to Sandown Road		
BB4 – Beach Road dead end		
BB14 –Howgate Road to Coastal Path		Hedge to be cut back – done
BB21 – Bembridge Windmill to Brading	2016/17 Project complete	Hedge to be cut back – done
BB10 – Sandhills	2016/17 Project complete	Done
Brooks Close to Foreland Farm Lane	15-16 <sup>th</sup> May works took place and ROW to install staggered barrier	Gates and signs to be installed
BB2	Waiting for response from ROW as to what works they wish to see happen here as a natural spring means it's always wet	Works planned for 19-20 <sup>th</sup> September
Poplar/Beachfield/Merlin Close	Was the shingle dumped on the rear corner?	Yes

#### 4. BEST KEPT VILLAGE

To discuss Best Kept Village inspection and awards

The results will be known at the awards on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 19.30 at 6<sup>th</sup> form campus Nodehill. Barbara and Sheila to attend if available.

#### 5. BEMBRIDGE IN BLOOM

To discuss Bembridge in Bloom 2017

Successful event congratulations to Barbara for co-ordinating.

#### 6. BIRDHAM FLOWER BEDS

To discuss the flower beds at Birdham corner

Need to redesign both beds so that they are less maintenance. The small bed has sleepers surround which would be good for the larger bed opposite. 6 sleepers would be required cost £17 each from Travis Perkins. Bark chippings check is we can get from Vaughn and Page free of charge. Dig out the shrubs, lay a membrane and put bark chippings on top with a few planted shrubs. £300 budget allocated from the Village Partnership. Ian and Barbara visited 3 nurseries and concluded St Helens Coastal Gardener is the best to use. Some shrubs will be removed and relocated to Lane End beds. £100 allocated for shrubs. Site visit Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 9.30. Works to take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Could the gardener sponsor the bed to reduce the cost? A discount has already been offered as part of the order.

#### 7. WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION PROJECT

To discuss War Memorial restoration project

Listed building consent has been granted. War Memorials Trust grant application submitted. A site visit meeting took place with Dave Crouch of Wightstonemasons and Andrew McMaster from War Memorials Trust.

The grant application is not easy to determine because there are not 3 quotes. Projects over £10K require employment of a Conservation Architect and there are none known of on the Island. There could be a case for none supply of quotes if it can be reduced under £10K.

WMT administer funds on behalf of Historic England and the primary objective is maximum retention of original fabric. The paving is local rag stone/sand stone that is no longer available and the proposal does not follow the original design.

Wightstonemasons are going to provide a revised quote for a compromise to try and follow the lines of the existing stone but they would not be cut up to the same pattern as we are creating additional joints for no reason (a future trip hazard/problem). This could increase the price considerable due to the labour required. Could repoint the cracked step rather than replace to try and reduce the cost.

Have already received listed building consent so could continue with the York stone replacement but would not gain the funding. Are there alternative sources of funding? EWLP do have an option under the Caulkhead Hero's programme. Deadline for applications is 13<sup>th</sup> October. Need to await response from WMT as it is unlawful to submit more than one grant application at a time. The next round of funding for EWLP is June/Oct 2018.

Do we take up the rag stone and turf up to the memorial? Do we put a safety barrier around as a last resort because it's a trip hazard? Seek advice from Lee Byrne Conservation Officer.

Andrew McMaster is going to seek advice from his Conservation Team and the next grant panels meeting. It will be likely that they would not approve the grant as it currently stands and may need to revise the project and resubmit. Therefore await the outcome and a revised quote from Wighstonemasons.

#### **8. VILLAGE TREES**

Ian has drafted a spreadsheet of approx. 220 trees in the village using the PFI asset maps for comparison. Information is required for land ownership as they are not all on the PFI maps. Emma to check the list and make notes of any information. Forward parish council tree survey to Ian which is conducted every 3 years; next one due December 2017. Brading included photos within their log. Arrange a meeting with Island Roads Soft Estates Manager to review the list. Island Roads would replace any dead or missing trees that are contained in the PFI maps with a certain species. Any additions would need to be considered by the Parish Council as there would be a cost associated. Can Island Roads stop strimming up to the trees as they are causing damage? Could leave 1 ft. of grass surrounding the trees to prevent damage. Seek advice from Island Roads.

#### **9. JAPANESE KNOTWEED**

The locations of known Japanese Knotweed have been recorded onto the Natural Enterprise database. A section of knotweed along the old railway line between Shanklin and Wroxall is being killed as a test by the Green Gym.

#### **10. BB2 FOOTPATH**

Works to take place on 19-20<sup>th</sup> September by the Parish Lengthsmen. Verge encroachment to be cut back. Road Planeing's to be laid. ROW footpath closure notice.

#### **11. AUTUMN LITTER PICK**

Arranged for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 10.00am Steyne Park. Invite Kingswood.

#### **12. PUBLIC REALM**

To discuss 2 broken benches on BB19 Lynchens

Continually located under the trees. Some concrete is broken. Who owns them? Ian to take a photo and Emma will seek advice from Darrel Clarke ROW.

To discuss benches, bin, posts and planters outside 5/7 High St

There is a mismatch of items outside 5/7 High Street including the circular bench, long bench, bin, planter and fingerpost sign. Also the railings outside of Lloyds bank building are not suited to a Conservation Area and were criticised within the LPA Conservation Area Appraisal Document. The area is owned by IWC and Island Roads as contractor are responsible. Ian and Sheila have come up with ideas to improve the area. Meet with Emma to draft a plan. Need to consult with the local shopkeepers as a matter of courtesy. The benches come under Island Roads and would be replaced with the standard contract benches (same as the one half way up Foreland Road next to the post box).

#### **13. LINCOLN WAY POND CLEARANCE**

To discuss the Lincoln Way Pond clearance

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 10.00-12.00 to remove iris and cut back.

#### **14. ALL WEATHER WALKING AND RUNNING TRACK**

To discuss an all-weather walking and running track at Steyne Park

To be discussed by Village Partnership.

**15. GREEN SPACES AUDIT**

To receive Green Spaces Audit completed for the Neighbourhood Plan  
Drafted by Janet Kendall as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process in 2013. Reference to a circular bench around a tree opposite the Windmill. No longer there replaced with an oak bench opposite the tree.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm in the Parish Office

Meeting closed 16.55

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