



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in Bembridge Village Hall, Small Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllr M Tarrant (Chairman), Cllr D Grannum, Cllr B Dyer, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr G Kendall, Cllr B Bristow, Cllr C Doe, Cllr M Humphray, Cllr A Lee, Cllr A Woodford, Cllr J Marr, Cllr P Pugh, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Asst clerk) **PUBLIC:** Cllr J Bacon, County Press Reporter & 3

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Cllr Grannum complained about the state of County Hall's frontage with rubbish and dead plants on view for all to see. She requested that Ward Councillors ask County Hall's maintenance/cleaning department to clean the frontage. Mrs Clough agreed, stating that it did not look good for residents or visitors in Newport.

### 1. 105/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Tarrant congratulated Cllr Sally Pigot receiving an OBE. It is very well deserved and we hope you continue to give such good service to our community for many years to come. Cllr Pigot thanked the chairman and councillors for their best wishes, and thanked all those friends and colleagues over years that had supported her.

### 2. 106/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence  
None received

### 3. 107/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**107/15/01** To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda  
None received

**107/15/02** To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate  
None requested

### 4. 108/15 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**RESOLVED:** Approved minutes of the Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and duly signed by the Chairman.

### 5. 109/15 PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note minutes of the Planning Committees held on 19<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

**RESOLVED:** Noted minutes of the Planning Committees held on 19<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

### 6. 110/15 WORKING GROUPS

**110/15/01** To note minutes of the Greens Towns Steering Group held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**RESOLVED:** Noted minutes of the Greens Towns Steering Group held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**110/15/02** To note minutes of the Village Partnership Group held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**RESOLVED:** Noted minutes of the Village Partnership Group held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### 7. 111/15 FINANCE

**111/15/01** To approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**RESOLVED:** Approved bank reconciliation and cash balances to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**111/15/02** To approve schedule of payments to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**RESOLVED:** Approved schedule of payments to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015

## **8. 112/15 REPORTS**

To receive the following reports:

**112/15/01** Hampshire Association of Local Councils

Nothing

**112/15/02** Village Hall Management Committee

Meeting tomorrow

**112/15/03** Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee

Meeting tomorrow

**112/15/04** Village Partnership (plus Green Town Steering Group)

Fireworks going ahead on 7<sup>th</sup> November. Cricket funding still being sought. Beach Clean was successful and the next one is in July.

**112/15/05** Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

Pension advise being sort from a local financial adviser. Finances good at present.

**112/15/06** Harbour

Dredging started this week

**112/15/07** St Helens Medical Centre Patient Forum

Next meeting 30<sup>th</sup> July. My Life a Full Life/Vanguard taking shape and Cllr Pugh will be taking a role within the group though not as a councillor and will inform the Clerk of details. Cllr Pugh will be accompanied by the Clerk to attend the North East Locality Group meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**112/15/08** Bembridge Bathing Water

Meeting in July

**112/15/09** Other reports

Marshcombe Shute should be opened on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Nothing else to report

**112/15/10** Clerk's report

### **FLY THE FLAG FOR ARMED FORCES DAY**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015 marks the seventh Armed Forces Day and it is very heartening to see the support that the people of the United Kingdom continue to give the Armed Forces. The respect and appreciation shown on Armed Forces Day by the people in communities such as yours goes a long way to sustaining the high morale of the Armed Forces family, including regulars, reserves, veterans and their families.

Please join us for the flag raising ceremony at 10.00am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 at Bembridge War Memorial Gardens to fly the flag for the week leading up to Armed Forces Day.

### **BEMBRIDGE IN BLOOM**

The closing date for Bembridge in Bloom is upon us and we have received a flurry of nominations through the Parish Office. The judging will take place early – mid July. The awards will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall.

### **STEYNE PARK PROJECT**

The working group is to commence the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of public consultation to gauge the view of the public for what facilities they would like to see developed at Steyne Park and the School Field. A stall will be manned at the Summer Festival on 11<sup>th</sup> July so please come along to visit us and chat through your ideas. Alternatively if you cannot make these events the consultation forms will be available throughout the community at local businesses, the Parish Office and the Library.

### **BEMBRIDGE COMMUNITY MINI BUS - VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED**

Bembridge Community Mini Bus needs volunteer drivers.

Do you have a full licence obtained before 1997?

Are you under 70 years of age?

Do you have some spare time?

If yes, yes and yes then you are just who we need. Training sessions on the mini bus will be given and insurance is provided. If interested please contact Alan on 873986.

### **BEACH SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

Bembridge Parish Council is working in partnership with the Isle of Wight Council, Whitecliff Bay Holiday Park, Sandhills and Kingswood to retain the beach safety phone at Whitecliff Bay. Park Resorts and Sandhills Holiday Park has confirmed they will contribute £100 per annum towards this potentially lifesaving equipment. The phone will be transferred from the Isle of Wight Council to

Bembridge Parish Council. Bembridge RNLI has agreed to take on the emergency phone located at Fisherman's Walk.

Malcolm Thorpe Bembridge Harbour has agreed to consider taking on the 2 lifebelts at The Point beach and Beach Road. It is felt that if the speed marker buoys are not policed they become ineffective and there is little point in putting them out.

### **BEACH CLEANS**

The beach cleans are confirmed to be on the 18<sup>th</sup> July, 15<sup>th</sup> August and 19<sup>th</sup> September. I hope lots of people can make it! We will be starting at 10.00am from 5 points down the beach:

- 1) The end of Beach Road (opposite the Pilot Boat Inn),
- 2) Ducie steps,
- 3) Swains Lane steps,
- 4) The lifeboat pier,
- 5) The Crab and Lobster

You can choose whichever starting point is most convenient for you -which one will you go for?!

There will be a volunteer to meet you and give you gloves, bags and litter pickers and wish you well.

Look out for posters nearer the time! Cllr Alice Lee

### **CRICKET FUNDING NEEDED**

Bembridge Parish Council is seeking local funding for a new cricket wicket, shock pad and professional installation costing £4,800. The existing wicket and shock pad have been in position for over 20 years! The old wicket and shock pad will be utilised within the old Petanque area and training nets will be installed to make a new cricket training area. Awards for all, Biffa, Peoples Millions and Sport England grants are not available for this project. Look out for the upcoming cricket match Council vs Community date to be announced soon.

£1,000 has already been pledged by Bembridge Parish Council's Steyne Park Project group

£250 left over from the Cliff Morgan donation

£100 has been donated by Terence Wiley Solicitors

### **SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Summer Festival takes place at Steyne Park on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015 2.00pm-10.00pm. This event is being held to raise money for Bembridge Youth and Community Centre. Entry to Bembridge Summer Festival will be FREE and the day will include live music, a fun pet show, classic cars, falconry, an art exhibition and more!

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Fly the Flag for Armed Forces Day – 10.00 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

Bembridge Summer Festival Steyne Park/BYCC - 14.00 Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Bembridge in Bloom Awards Village Hall - 14.30 Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Bembridge Harbour Family Fun Weekend - 31<sup>st</sup> July - 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015

Festival of Sport Steyne Park/BYCC - 13.00 Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015

Bembridge Harbour Food Festival – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Village of the Year Awards BHYC– Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Bonfire and Fireworks Event Steyne Park - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## **9. 113/15 BEACH SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

To discuss Beach Safety Equipment devolvement from Isle of Wight Council

### **113/15/01 Beach Phones**

RNLI will be taking on the phone at the Lifeboat Station from the Isle of Wight Council. Sandhills Holiday Park, Park Resorts and Wonky Café have all agreed to contribute £100pa towards the cost of the phone at Whitecliff Bay. The phone will be included on our assets register and added to our insurance. Wonky Café congratulated us on keeping the phone. Wonky Café are a small business and should be congratulated on contributing to the costs. Kingswood to be chased for contribution.

### **113/15/02 Lifebelts**

There are 7 belts around the Bembridge coastline and Bembridge Harbour are considering taking on 2 around the harbour area (60 The Point & 61 Beach Rd). RNLI have not got back to us with regards the other life belts. Need to chase.

### **113/15/03 Marker Buoys**

Bembridge Sailing Club, Brading Yacht Haven and Bembridge Harbour have been canvassed for their opinions about the retention of the speed marker buoys. If they are not policed there is little point in placing them out. It should be noted that there is a speed limit of 10 knots per hour.

**10. 114/15 ICCM CEMETERY MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE COURSE**

To agree for the Clerk to attend ICCM Cemetery Management and Compliance Course £130.00 on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct in Dorset plus associated travel costs

**RESOLVED:** Agreed for the Clerk to attend ICCM Cemetery Management and Compliance Course £130.00 on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct in Dorset plus associated travel costs

**11. 115/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

To ratify the decision for the Neighbourhood Plan annual report to be produced by Janet Kendall £420.00 and included in the Beacon £275.00

Cllr Kendall left the room

**RESOLVED:** Ratified the decision for the Neighbourhood Plan annual report to be produced by Janet Kendall £420.00 and included in the Beacon £275.00

**12. 116/15 CONSULTATIONS**

**116/15/01** To discuss the IWC Customer Interface Agenda Consultation deadline 26<sup>th</sup> June

The suggestion to withdraw face to face contact with the public at the Isle of Wight Council is not helpful especially with the aging population on the island. This will also discriminate against those on benefits with no access to computers and working people. Not everyone has access to computers and with the demise of libraries fewer public computer facilities are available for use. Cllr Bacon stated that mobile units could be the solution.

**RESOLVED:** To strongly oppose the withdrawal of face to face contact at the Isle of Wight Council

**116/15/02** To discuss HALC affiliated to NALC consultation deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> July

HALC do not believe NALC to be good value for money. Local councils do need a national voice at a high level. They should be lobbying on behalf of parish and town councils at government level. Leaving NALC does not solve the problem, could be better to stay and try to solve problems.

**RESOLVED:** Delegated to the clerk to respond

**13. 117/15 COMMUNITY BUS**

To discuss the future of the Community Bus/Friendship Circle

There is not much we can do at present. The group are running with minimal volunteer drivers and once they reach 70yrs cannot legally drive the bus anymore. Training and test costs approx. £1500 for two people and would be needed on driver with a licence dated after 1997. The main use of the bus is to transport the elderly to the Luncheon Club on a Tuesday and Thursday, but other groups regularly use the bus including the primary school, church, scouts and Sandown rugby club. It is available for private hire. It is an underused facility but you cannot put too many demands on volunteer drivers. Age UK has been contacted for a list of vulnerable/elderly Bembridge residents, who could be helped by the service. My Life a Full Life will be looking into these type of situations. In future might be worth looking into employing a driver and re-viewing the services. What would happen if the service was to stop? Who would take on the bus as it was purchased with Big Lottery funding? We have a declining bus service, could the community bus be used to help address transport concerns? Advertising for more volunteer drivers is on-going and we will review with the Friendship Circle in 6 months.

**14. 118/15 BEMBRIDGE HARBOUR FOOD FESTIVAL**

To consider a contribution from Parish Council for the Bembridge Harbour Food Festival

The event is being held at the Bembridge Sailing Club who will be charging for use but will not profit from bar takings as there will be a beer and wine stall in the marque. Costs of approx. £10,000 to stage the event, BBA are donating £1,000 of sponsorship. This is a commercial event and should be sponsored by businesses and not public money. Sounds like a good event and should attract visitors to the village. Think it would be better if staged in the village centre. Last year the Gift Fair did very well at the Sailing Club, raising a lot of money for charity.

**RESOLVED:** Actively support the event but no financial contribution to be given

**15. 119/15 YOUTH FOOTBALL**

To agree youth football bookings for the 2015/16 football season

**RESOLVED:** Agreed youth football bookings for the 2015/16 football season

**16. 120/15 EVENTS**

**120/15/01** To agree that the Bembridge Village Partnership host the Bonfire and Fireworks Event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November at Steyne Park

**RESOLVED:** Agreed that the Bembridge Village Partnership host the Bonfire and Fireworks Event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November at Steyne Park

**120/15/02** To agree Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Parish Office on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

**RESOLVED:** Agreed Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Parish Office on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

**17. 121/15 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL**

To urge the Isle of Wight Council to advertise for a replacement for the Chief Executive/Managing Director role to replace Dave Burbage upon his leaving

We must urge the council to re-think this decision and advertise for the role. You pay for what you get, and this is an important position so must have the best person for the job. The right person should be able to justify a higher wage. A younger person trying to prove themselves could be the way forward. EU rules state that procurement limits over £75,000 have to go out to tender, why hasn't the job been advertised? Cllr Bacon stated that costs do need to be considered and that the Employment Committee will be reporting on the situation in September.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to write to the Isle of Wight Council to advertise for a replacement for the Chief Executive/Managing Director role to replace Dave Burbage upon his leaving

**18. 122/15 FLY THE FLAG ARMED FORCES DAY**

To agree to fly the flag for Armed Forces Day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 10.00am in the War Memorial Gardens

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to fly the flag for Armed Forces Day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 10.00am in the War Memorial Gardens

**19. 123/15 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

To resolve that in accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Confirmed Full Council meeting 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015, 7.00pm Village Hall, Small Hall

Meeting closed: 8.00pm

Signed: .....

Dated:.....