



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in The Cloisters, Bembridge

**PRESENT:** Cllr G Kendall (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Grannum, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr B Dyer, Cllr B Bristow, Cllr C Doe, Cllr M Humphray, Cllr S Weedall, Cllr P Pugh, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Assistant Clerk)

**PUBLIC:** 3 **PUBLIC FORUM:** Well done with the Fireworks Event.

**GUEST SPEAKERS** Leigh Phillips Activity Manager and Alec Bates Centre Manager Kingswood

Thank you for the invite to address the Parish Council. Between the 2 we have over 20 years' experience working for Kingswood. Kingswood is an Outdoor Education Centre for children between 8-18 years of age. This includes day, residential and international visits. We have 10 centres across the country and the Island employs approx. 70-110 people with 30 permanent staff. Last year 14,000 children and 2,000 adults visited the Bembridge centre, approx. 2,000 of these were island visits. Working alongside the national curriculum the centre works to help children with their communication skills, team building, to improve self-confidence and students engagement with learning. We have a number of activities which children can take part in including water sports from Whitecliff Bay, motor sports, rope activities, 3G swing and bush craft. These can be built into individual programmes as requested. The centre is inspected at least once a year on the activities and teaching levels it provides. Thank you for inviting Kingswood to join the litter pick which was a success and we would like to extend an invitation to the Parish Councillors to visit the centre and join some of the activities on offer. Could the parish council email details of the emergency telephone and costs, and we will look into the contribution request. Hi viz jackets will be purchased for the staff, as walking along Hillway Road is dangerous and sightlines not good.

Wheelie bins will be pushed around the back of Raffles and checks made. Corporate day events can be arranged and children under 8 years can be included but certain activities would not be off limits.

### 1. **180/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

### 2. **181/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Tarrant, Cllr Woodford and Cllr Marr

### 3. **182/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**182/15/01** To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda

None received

**182/15/02** To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate

No requests

### 4. **183/15 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To receive for approval minutes of the Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**RESOLVED:** Approved minutes of the Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and duly signed by the Chairman

### 5. **184/15 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To note minutes of the Planning Committees held on 20<sup>th</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015

**RESOLVED:** Noted minutes of Planning Committees held on 20<sup>th</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015

**6. 185/15 WORKING GROUPS**

**185/15/01** To note minutes of the Green Town Steering Group Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**RESOLVED:** Noted minutes of the Green Town Steering Group Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**185/15/02** To note minutes of the Steyne Park Project Group Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**RESOLVED:** Noted minutes of the Steyne Park Project Group Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**7. 186/15 FINANCE**

**186/15/01** To approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**RESOLVED:** Approved bank reconciliation and cash balances to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**186/15/02** To approve schedule of payments to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**RESOLVED:** Approved schedule of payments to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**186/15/02** To note mid-year internal audit report

**RESOLVED:** Noted mid-year internal audit report

**8. 187/15 REPORTS**

To receive the following reports:

**187/15/01** Hampshire Association of Local Councils- None

**187/15/02** Village Hall Management Committee- None

**187/15/03** Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee

Very successful Fireworks Event. Christmas tree lights have been found

**187/15/04** Village Partnership (plus Green Town Steering Group)

A couple of new members have joined the GTSG. Had a presentation from Down to the Coast at the last meeting which features as an agenda item.

**187/15/05** Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

Nothing major to report. Bowling Club lease still ongoing. Prioritising office workload.

**187/15/06** Harbour- None

**187/15/07** St Helens Medical Centre Patient Forum

Flu jabs still available

**187/15/08** Bembridge Bathing Water

Meeting next week. Bembridge has very low bathing numbers so the recommendation to deregulate our beaches is a good thing and cost effective. Water quality would still be monitored.

**187/15/09** Other reports

Cllr Weedall has joined up to the new Amey Waste Provider Group and attended an introductory session in October. No major changes to waste collection at the moment apart from having to call to request green waste bags be collected (3 working days prior to collection day). Lyn Bottom tip is being updated and in time Forest Road tip will close to the public. Mobile re-cycling units will visit areas to educate residents on more re-cycling and black wheelie bins will be distributed to residents. Re-cycling units in villages/towns are being monitored as re-cycling can be done by households and the units should not be used by pubs, clubs, shops etc.

**187/15/10** Clerk's report

**FIREWORKS**

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the fireworks event at Steyne Park on 7<sup>th</sup> November; a truly fabulous community event attended by over 1650 people. We look forward to next year.

**STEYNE PARK VANDALISM**

The new play boat at Steyne Park was set on fire on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Further vandalism on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The Cricket Project has now been postponed until a later date due to fear of this too being burnt and further additions to the park will not be considered until the vandalism stops and CCTV is installed. A reward of £300 has been pledged by the Community for information which leads to a prosecution for the vandalism and arson. Anyone with information please contact: Neighbourhood Prevention Team on 101 Crime Reference 44150380482. The Steyne Park Project Group are urgently looking into the installation of CCTV.

**BEMBRIDGE CHRISTMAS FAIR**

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December Bembridge will play host to Father Christmas at this year's Christmas Fair. Starting outside Lane End shops at 11:00am where you will find Santa with his carol singers until 12:30pm when they will set off on a tour of Bembridge arriving at the Bembridge Youth and Community Centre in Steyne Park at 3:00pm. The BYCC will be open from 2:00pm with stalls, games, refreshments and Queen Elsa from Frozen. Santa will arrive at 3:00pm and then he will be in his grotto inside BYCC to meet all the children until 5:30pm. Bembridge Christmas Fair is a FREE event, for more details please call 07756 296249.

### **ISLE DRIVE SAFE – REMEMBER EVEY**

Bembridge Parish Council supports the Bin Your Speed Campaign run by Isle Drive Safe Remember Evey and is selling wheelie bin stickers from the Parish Office, 5 Foreland Road. The stickers are designed to encourage motorists to keep to the speed limits in all areas and the main objective is to raise awareness that speed kills. Any help towards reducing accidents on our Island can only be a good thing. Stickers can be purchased for £1.00 from the Parish Office.

### **DEFIBRILLATOR**

Bembridge Parish Council has been successful with a grant application to the British Heart Foundation to fund a defibrillator and case for outside the Village Hall. After Christmas we will look into organising training for its use with 12 local shopkeepers and arrange for installation. Plus a campaign to inform the village of all defibrillator locations within Bembridge.

### **GREEN TOWNS STEERING GROUP – MEMBERS WANTED**

The purpose of the Green Town Scheme is to encourage local people to take action to improve the environmental performance of their community. A 'Green Town' is a community which is committed to making positive changes. The Steering Group should engage as many people & local groups to work together for the benefit of the community – to help reduce energy use, to recycle more household & business waste, keeping local footpaths/beaches clean, creation of new community wildlife areas etc. Meetings would be held quarterly.

### **FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

15<sup>th</sup> December & 19<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm Village Hall

### **PLANNING MEETINGS**

1<sup>st</sup> December and 5<sup>th</sup> January 6.00pm Village Hall

15<sup>th</sup> December & 19<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm Village Hall

Closure of Parish Office for Christmas at 12.30 on 23<sup>rd</sup> December returning on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

## **9. 188/15 STEYNE PARK**

**188/15/01** To note vandalism at Steyne Park and the acceptance of Insurance Claim (policy excess to pay £250) balance of £1975.00 to be received in 3-5 days

**RESOLVED:** Noted the vandalism at Steyne Park and the acceptance of Insurance Claim (policy excess to pay £250) balance of £1975.00 to be received in 3-5 days

**188/15/02** To agree the replacement of the children's boat at Steyne Park

**RESOLVED:** Agreed the replacement of the children's boat at Steyne Park

**188/15/03** To agree to apply for the OPCC small grant of £3,000 towards CCTV at Steyne Park deadline 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to apply for the OPCC small grant of £3,000 towards CCTV at Steyne Park deadline 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**188/15/04** To ratify decision to appoint Stuart Canvas and SSJ for the cricket project

**RESOLVED:** Ratified the decision to appoint Stuart Canvas and SSJ for the cricket project

## **10. 189/15 No8 BUS PROPOSAL**

To agree the Bus proposal circulated to 9 Parishes Councils to work in partnership to fund an hourly service for route 8 on Friday and Saturday nights to commence on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016 cost £500pa.

This has now be superseded as costs received this week from Southern Vectis have doubled and 4 parish/town councils along the route have ruled out paying towards the proposal, which has failed. Mentioned was made of use of a minibus or the community bus but not at this time.

## **11. 190/15 DEFIBRILLATOR**

**190/01/15** To note successful grant from British Heart Foundation for Defibrillator outside Village Hall, training for 12 people and campaign to raise awareness in Bembridge

**RESOLVED:** Noted the successful grant from British Heart Foundation for Defibrillator outside Village Hall and agreed the training and campaign to raise awareness in Bembridge

**190/02/15** To agree training by Wight First Aid for 12 people at a cost of £400

The BBA will not help towards the funding of the defibrillator as they contributed to the defibrillator at Lane End. The Little Theatre Company has offered to contribute £200 towards the training costs.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed training by Wight First Aid for 12 people at a cost of £400, £200 from The Little Theatre Company and £200 from the Parish Council to be arranged in the New Year.

## **12. 191/15 DRAGONS DEN 2016**

To agree Dragons Den event on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Bembridge Youth & Community Centre

**RESOLVED:** Agreed Dragons Den event on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Bembridge Youth & Community Centre

**13. 192/15 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT GRANT AND DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES**

To agree response to IWC regarding Local Council Tax Support Grant and Devolution of Services  
Mike, Gordon and Emma attended the meeting at County Hall chaired by Jonathan Bacon and led by John Metcalfe. Two options were put forward devolution and the establishment of a limited company funded by £500K from IWC with IWC staff TUPE across and match funded by £500 parish precept to run public toilets, grass cutting, beach cleaning etc. This was not favoured by the attendees. Representations were also made not to cut the Local Council Tax Support Grant otherwise a boycott would take place. Devolution was accepted by majority in attendance. Clustering and Partnership working would also be required. Reiterate representations made via the scrutiny process and scrutiny task force meeting including objection to loss any local council tax support grant. Another meeting would be held early December following Governments expected announcements around Devolution. The focus would be on public conveniences and beach concessions. The Isle of Wight Council seem to be backtracking on the cuts of the parish/town councils Local Council Tax Support Grant as a motion appears on the Full Council agenda, which for Bembridge would have been a loss of approx. £8,000.

**14. 193/15 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

To confirm who is responsible for the Christmas lights and boxes at War Memorial, High Street and Kings Oak

The electrical boxes were purchased by the Parish Council in 2003 though no records could be found in the office and they were not listed on the asset register, however a document has been supplied by Arthur Robinson. The BBA have agreed to pay for the power costs but would like the Parish Council to pay for the boxes to be tested. 1<sup>st</sup> Electrical have quoted £100 to test and repair this year.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed 1<sup>st</sup> Electrical quote and to put electrical boxes on the asset register and insurance policy.

**15. 194/15 BB21 FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

To agree to work with Down to Coast EWLP to assist with the delivery of the BB21 footpath improvement project bottom of Windmill slope to Brading Quay Lane

Volunteers will be needed to clear the overgrown vegetation and contractors will lay the new path surface and rebuild part of the seawall and replace stiles with pedestrian gates. The vegetation needs to be cleared January to March 2016 before the nesting seasons. It is hoped that all consents would be in place before Christmas. The GTSG will walk the footpath next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November with the Ramblers.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to work with Down to Coast EWLP to assist with the delivery of the BB21 footpath improvement project bottom of Windmill slope to Brading Quay Lane co-ordinating volunteers to clear the vegetation and meet with landowners to demonstrate Parish Council support

**16. 195/15 PUBLICATION OF CHECK, CHALLENGE, APPEAL**

To respond to the Publication of Check, Challenge, Appeal Reforming business rates appeals Consultation Document deadline 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**RESOLVED:** Not to respond to the Publication of Check, Challenge, Appeal Reforming business rates appeals Consultation Document deadline 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**17. 196/15 PALMER MEMORIAL**

To accept terms and conditions of grant £5,260.00 from Down to Coast EWLP for the restoration and promotion of the Palmer Memorial. Well done

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to accept terms and conditions of grant £5,260.00 from Down to Coast EWLP for the restoration and promotion of the Palmer Memorial

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Full Council meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015, 7.00pm Village Hall, Small Hall and Budget meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015, 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Small Hall following the Planning Committee meeting

Meeting Closed: 8.05pm

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