



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm on 21st July 2015 in Bembridge Village Hall, Small Hall

PRESENT: Cllr M Tarrant (Chairman), Cllr D Grannum, Cllr G Kendall, Cllr B Dyer, Cllr C Doe, Cllr A Woodford, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr B Bristow, Cllr M Humphray, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Assistant Clerk) **PUBLIC:** 3, County Press and Cllr J Bacon **PUBLIC FORUM:** None

1. 125/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was with regret that Cllr Lee had resigned from the Parish Council and Cllr Tarrant wished her well for the future and thanked her for all her hard work in the Parish.

2. 126/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence
Apologies received from Cllr P Pugh and Cllr J Marr.

3. 127/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

127/15/01 To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda
Cllr Kendall declared a pecuniary interest in item 9. Mrs Kendall providing a quotation as a planning consultant.

127/15/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate
None

4. 128/15 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th June 2015

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th June 2015 and duly signed by the Chairman

5. 129/15 PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note minutes of the Planning Committees held on 16th June and 7th July 2015

RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Planning Committees held on 16th June and 7th July 2015

6. 130/15 WORKING GROUPS

130/15/01 To note minutes of the Steyne Park Project Group held on 24th June 2015

RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Steyne Park Project Group held on 24th June 2015

7. 131/15 FINANCE

131/15/01 To approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 16th July 2015

RESOLVED: Approved bank reconciliation and cash balances to 16th July 2015

131/15/02 To approve schedule of payments to 16th July 2015

RESOLVED: Approved schedule of payments to 16th July 2015

131/15/03 To accept the External Audit Report year ending 31st March 2014

RESOLVED: Approve the External Audit Report year ending 31st March 2014

131/15/04 To agree statement of accounts for 2014/15 amendment to box 9 following revision of the asset register values as advised by Paul Sims of the Councils Audit section of the BDO

RESOLVED: Approved statement of accounts for 2014/15 amendment to box 9 following revision of the asset register values as advised by Paul Sims of the Councils Audit section of the BDO total £1,192,422 value as at 2008

131/15/05 To agree additional external audit fee charge of £30.00

RESOLVED: Agreed additional external audit fee charge of £30.00

131/15/06 To expect an unqualified opinion to be issued by the BDO as last year's External Audit Report was not agreed within that financial year and the asset register should have listed the purchase or nominal values not insurance reinstatement values

RESOLVED: Will expect an unqualified opinion to be issued by the BDO as last year's External Audit Report was not agreed within that financial year and the asset register should have listed the purchase or nominal values not insurance reinstatement values. This has now been rectified and resubmitted to the BDO following numerous telephone calls and emails. An unqualified report doesn't affect quality status. It is felt that the BDO approach to the listing of asset values is incorrect however the process has been complied with.

Cllr Kendall expressed his thanks to the Clerk for your hard work with the BDO on the audit; it was much appreciated by all.

8. 132/15 REPORTS

To receive the following reports:

132/15/01 Hampshire Association of Local Councils

No report

132/15/02 Village Hall Management Committee

Next meeting 22nd July 2015

132/15/03 Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee

The Summer Festival was a success raising £1,600 for the BYCC, this was a little down on last year but the committee are already looking to improve the event for next year. Thanks to Sarah Portwine for all her hard work. They also raised £800 behind the bar from a football match between Bembridge and Brading on Sunday. The Petanque team is doing well and considering playing in mainland competitions in the future.

132/15/04 Village Partnership (plus Green Town Steering Group)

Beach clean went well, though broken glass on the beach a problem. Need to consider larger bins for events around the village maybe from Biffa or larger public bins. Thanks to the Councillors, Lengthsmen and volunteers who helped clear Lincoln Way Pond. The pond is dry during the summer months but drainage and flooding need to be looked into before filling the pond during this time.

132/15/05 Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

All well, though still considering pension provision. Thanks to Cllr Doe for all her research information.

132/15/06 Harbour

The minutes of the meeting of 15th June were circulated to councillors. Cllr Grannum stated that the Brading Yacht Haven and Harbour were working well together on the new pontoons. Fiona Thorpe had visited local primary school speaking on beach safety issues. Following the Rijnstroom houseboat fire all houseboat owners would need to have public liability insurance.

132/15/07 St Helens Medical Centre Patient Forum

Next meeting 30th July

132/15/08 Bembridge Bathing Water

Next meeting in August

132/15/09 Other reports

Cllr J Bacon – Cancellation of some no.8 bus services was on the list but Stuart Chandler from the transport team was on annual leave, so no information available. Outstanding legal queries was also on hold as John Metcalf was on annual leave. Cllrs Bacon & Kendall will be walking the parishes of Bembridge, Brading and St Helens on 27th August with Island Roads to discuss outstanding issues, though the list needs to be prioritised as only one day to get around 3 parishes.

Church Road must be a priority following the building works at McCarthy & Stone. Also concerns over new pinch in the road causing accidents. This was raised with planning and the inspector before permission was granted. Parking by contractors still persists but there is no enforcement of the conditions by the planning office.

Cllr G Kendall – attended a meeting with the Clerk at Island Roads with other parish councils and was told work on the drainage at Steyne Road would take place January 2016 with the road being re-surfaced as soon as possible afterwards. As there had been no reports of flooding during 2013/14 with photographic evidence, the scheme had been redesigned and delayed. Now with the Vectis Housing development works are being programmed, as the old primary school had regular flooding issues. Bembridge Primary School has done extremely well in its key stage 2 results, well above the

national average. Congratulations to Mrs Baker and her team. Sea defences will be done at the same time as road works on Embankment Road, re-programmed for 2016/17.

132/15/10 My Life a Full Life powered by Vanguard

We have no powers on this subject and do not believe we need to receive a report at full council meetings, an email update will be sufficient.

132/15/11 Clerk's report as follows:-

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Bembridge Parish Council has a vacancy in the North Ward. If you are interested in representing your community on a proactive Parish Council please consider submitting your nomination. Nominations open on 12th August, and close at 4:00pm on Thursday 20th August. (if contested) the election will be on 17th September 2015.

BUS SERVICES TO BE AXED

Southern Vectis has confirmed that from 6th September 2015 the number 8 bus service is to be reduced. The 19.40 and 21.40 from Newport will be withdrawn along with 20.00 and 22.00 from Ryde and 0.645 on Saturdays meaning that the evening service will be 2 hourly to Bembridge. How will this affect you we need to know?

Southern Vectis will send us costs and usage figures by the end of this week.

STEYNE ROAD DRAINAGE SCHEME

The proposal at this time is that the drainage works will start in the spring of 2016 so that when they are finished the surfacing can be undertaken immediately thereafter. By undertaking the works in the autumn the temporary reinstatements would be left open to traffic until the start of the 2016 surfacing programme in March. Kevin Burton Network Manager Island Roads

NATWEST MOBILE BRANCH

Did you know Natwest mobile branch van visits Steyne Park car park every Thursday 11.30-12.30?

CRICKET FUNDING NEEDED

We are seeking local funding for a new cricket wicket, shock pad and professional installation costing £4,880 as the existing wicket has 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 and Peoples Million grants are not available for this project. £1,350 has already been collected. Can you help us?

An Awards for All grant for £9,681.02 has been applied for this week.

BEACH CLEANS

The beach cleans are confirmed to be on the 18th July, 15th August and 19th 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!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Beach Cleans 10.00 18th July, 15th August and 19th September 2015
Festival of Sport Steyne Park/BYCC - 13.00 Sunday 23rd August 2015
Bembridge Harbour Family Fun Weekend - 31st July - 2nd August 2015
Macmillan Coffee Morning Parish Office – 10.00 Friday 25th September 2015
Bembridge Harbour Food Festival – 2nd – 4th October 2015
Bonfire and Fireworks Event Steyne Park - Saturday 7th November 2015

FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

No meeting in August unless urgent business arises

Tues 15th September 7.00pm Village Hall

PLANNING MEETINGS

Tues 4th August 6.00pm Cloisters

Tues 1st September 6.00pm Village Hall

Tues 15th September 6.30pm Village Hall

9. 133/15 CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SERVICE

133/15/01 To agree to print the planning applications on a fortnightly basis in the Parish Office and if A2, A1 or A0 size plans are required use Cllr John Marr's printing facility or as a backup IOW Printing who supplied the cheapest quote

RESOLVED: Agreed to print the planning applications on a fortnightly basis in the Parish Office and if A2, A1 or A0 size plans are required use Cllr John Marr's printing facility or as a backup IOW Printing who supplied the cheapest quote

133/15/02 To appoint a Planning Consultant for advice on complex applications

Cllr Kendall left the room

Following a meeting at the IWC with regards changes to the planning service the Parish Council may need to get support and advice from a Planning Consultant for complex applications. Last year 72 applications were received of which 8 would have required advice. Advice would be on planning policy and technical issues so there would be no conflict of interest with Councillors if Mrs Kendall was appointed.

RESOLVED: Appoint Mrs Kendall as Planning Consultant for advice on complex applications.

10. 134/15 PROPERTY LEASES

134/15/01 To receive a motion signed by 4 Councillors to rescind the previous decision made on 17th March 2015 about the bowling club lease parking

Well done on negotiating the lease, give and take on both sides.

RESOLVED: Approved a motion signed by 4 Councillors to rescind the previous decision made on 17th March 2015 about the bowling club lease parking

134/15/02 To agree changes to the Bowling Club draft lease and ask the solicitor to issue final lease for signing

RESOLVED: Agreed changes to the Bowling Club draft lease and ask the solicitor to issue final lease for signing

134/15/03 To agree changes to the Scouts draft lease and ask the solicitor to issue final lease for signing

Scouts not happy to include road maintenance and they are a charity so different from Bowls Club.

RESOLVED: Agreed changes to the Scouts draft lease and ask the solicitor to issue final lease for signing

134/15/04 To agree to execute the lease from the Isle of Wight Council for the Coastguard Green
Still a problem with IWC fee to be sorted

RESOLVED: Agreed to execute the lease from the Isle of Wight Council for the Coastguard Green

11. 135/15 BUS SERVICES

To agree the position regarding the reduction of the Southern Vectis number 8 bus service from hourly to 2 hourly in the evenings from Ryde and Newport to commence on 6th September 2015.

Lots of work to be done in a short time frame and with a number of other parishes as the services is to be cut from 6th September. It is difficult to gauge the effect on local people with the loss of the services without user statistics and costs information. IWC have agreed to fund the services for an extra 2 months whilst the consultation is carried out. Transport meeting on the 5th August to be attended by IWC and Southern Vectis. Agenda item for the next meeting.

12. 136/15 POLL CARDS

To consider the use of poll cards if the Bembridge North Ward by-election if contested

Poll cards help to advertise the election though approx. cost could be £1,200. If poll cards are not used advertising the election will be essential.

Proposed to use poll cards – 2 approved 4 against 3 abstained

RESOLVED: No poll cards if Bembridge North Ward by-election if contested

13. 137/15 CONSULTATIONS

137/15/01 To provide a response to the library consultation deadline 6th September 2015
This will not affect Bembridge Community Library. They are doing really well at present with a healthy bank balance and they should be congratulated.

RESOLVED: To comment that Bembridge Community Library is doing well and should be used as an example of good practice.

137/15/02 To provide a response to the Rights of Way consultation on BB7 footpath deadline 10th August 2015

There are three options:

1. The making of Traffic Regulation Order pursuant to s1 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 closing the path to the public on a permanent basis. The public could then simply use the beach.
2. The making of an Extinguishment Order pursuant to s118 Highways Act 1980 (deleting the path from the Definitive Map). Again, the public could use the beach as an alternative.
3. The making of a Diversion Order pursuant to s119 Highways Act 1980. This will have the effect of deleting the path along its current line on the Definitive Map and creating a new path above the beach and through the vegetated area below the existing path.

Green Town Steering Group recommends option 3. Lucky we have been offered a diversion for this footpath. Tyne Hall beach access is getting worse, with it now being difficult to pass 2 hours before high tide and the beach receding on the harbour side.

RESOLVED: Agreed to support option 3 for BB7.

14. 138/15 GREEN TOWNS FACEBOOK PAGE

To consider administration of the Green Towns Facebook page following the resignation of Alice Lee Mrs Shelia Weedall has offered to administer the Facebook page and has been in touch with Alice to change the administrator.

RESOLVED: Agreed that Mrs Shelia Weedall will administer the Green Towns Facebook page following the resignation of Alice Lee.

15. 139/15 RESOURCES

139/15/01 To accept the resignation of the Cleaner from 12th June 2015 for personal reasons

RESOLVED: Accepted the resignation of the Cleaner from 12th June 2015 for personal reasons

139/15/02 To appoint Eazi Cleaners as the contractor to clean the Parish Office from 26th June at £15.00 per week to be included within the invoice for the Public Toilets Cleaning Contract

RESOLVED: Agreed to appoint Eazi Cleaners as the contractor to clean the Parish Office from 26th June at £15.00 per week to be included within the invoice for the Public Toilets Cleaning Contract

16. 140/15 SCOUTS FENCE

To agree for the Lengthsmen to replace the 15 panel wooden fence at the boundary of the scout's field when the work schedule allows and inform the neighbours of the proposed action

Works need to be completed. Likely to take place in January.

RESOLVED: Agreed for the Lengthsmen to replace the 15 panel wooden fence at the boundary of the scout's field when the work schedule allows and inform the neighbours of the proposed action

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

No meeting in August unless urgent business arises.

Confirmed Full Council meeting 15th September 2015, 7.00pm Village Hall, Small Hall

Meeting Closed 8.00pm

Signed:

Dated:.....