



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of **ROAD SAFETY & SECURITY GROUP** meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 2.00pm Small Hall, Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr G Stillman, Cllr R Widger, Mr K Cook, Mrs V Sparrow, Cllr M Donlon, Mrs L Mitchell and Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) **PUBLIC:** 7

PUBLIC FORUM: Susie Mason read a suggestion on Facebook that public speaking should be at the end of a meeting. No its bad practice to have public speaking at the end of the meeting as decisions have already been made. Members of the public are invited to speak on agenda items during the meeting, at the discretion of the Chairman.

Christine Grant from Kings Road regarding Island Roads Ward Walk to speak during agenda item.

Dana Molecki emailed Richard Weaver who referred onto this group regarding access onto Kings Road from Kings House.

Elizabeth Buckland and Sarah Ricketts Sherbourne Street residents concerned about the proposal to make it a 2 hour limit. Do not have off street parking so need to park in the street full time.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies – Apologies from Mrs S Sheath and Cllr C Behan. Non-attendance Cllr T Millington.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda - None received

3. **ROAD SAFETY**

To welcome Mrs Sandra Grocock Headteacher Bembridge Primary school to discuss parking and traffic congestion and the idea of a walking bus.

Tight for parking spaces outside the school. There are zig zag lines immediately outside and had to wait one year before a sign was installed to say no parking or drop off. People park on the roads around the school and pavements blocking people's driveways. The school does everything it can to promote sustainable travel to school such as walking, cycling and scooting. Bembridge Primary School has the silver award for sustainable travel; the only on the Island to do so and is now working towards the gold award.

2 PCSO's have patrolled the area and received abuse and foul language from parents. Information goes into the school newsletter regularly about the parking problems. Do you have a reciprocal arrangement to park in the Methodist Church and walk to school? School doesn't currently have enough parking for staff onsite so they are gaining quotes to extend the staff car park to get them off the road. Could you use the expanse of grass outside for a drive in and out drop off zone so that children are greeted by a member of staff and taken into school? The grass area out the front of the school is being utilised as an outdoor education area and the fencing cost a lot of money. Not enough room for a drop off area outside the school.

Enforcement of double yellow lines is a problem as there is a 5 minute window before tickets can be issued. Did ask Island Roads for a red line system of no parking but were informed that it only operates in London.

Children have to be taken into the school and collected. Only years 5 and 6 are allowed to walk on their own as under 10s is too young to be unaccompanied.

People should walk not drive. They could use Steyne Park Car Park and walk around to school. Oenus of parking outside the school is not down to Bembridge Primary School but parents behaviours. If it is raining parents wont park in Steyne Park Car Park and walk as they want to get as close to the school as possible.

Walking bus worked well in Hertfordshire and was organised by the PTA. Adults were front and back with hi-vis jackets on. All DBS checks would be required and would need regular volunteer support.

The school have a free family breakfast a couple of times per year to promote the sustainable travel to school. Sustrans who operate the travel award were impressed by the level of attendance. The school also have an active travel crew who award cyclists and scooters every week with a medal to encourage the children's participation.

Island Roads will be reviewing the traffic regulation order in due course. Double yellow lines have been requested for the junctions of Downsvie Road and Crossway. The Civil Enforcement Officer has been invited to the area on a regular basis between 8.30-9.15 and 14.30-15.15. Obstructions would require the Police.

Thank you to Mrs Grocock for attending the meeting and solutions will require us to look outside of the box.

4. 20MPH

To welcome Cllr Julie Jones-Evans to share experience of Newport's 20's plenty initiative and to discuss the results of the 20mph limit survey

Cllr Julie Jones-Evans from Newport has been working on 20' plenty for 5-6 years and has attended various conferences on the mainland. Conclusion is that the whole island requires a comprehensive plan not just Brading. Item was on Isle of Wight Councils Full Council and approved to go to the Cabinet almost a year ago. It is cheaper per head to implement. £100,000 was set aside in the IWC budget and it is still there. There has been a change in administration since the last years motion and it is stuck in the process. The cabinet member does not support the proposal. Need to lobby local ward councillors for a decision. The IWC speed limits policy is lengthy and onerous.

Newport has received 1000 responses so far out of 20,000 from the survey which commenced beginning of August and will run for another 2 weeks. The surveys have been delivered to most houses. Cllr Jones-Evans and Cllr Hobart went door knocking to promote the survey. Results so far for Newport are 49% do want it 47% do not want it, others don't know.

Survey results to date have been provided as hard copy. 100 responses received so far. Web link to the survey is on Facebook and the website and will be circulated in the next e-newsletter. Hard copies are available from the office. Bembridge so far is 54% do want it and 46% do not. The survey can run for another couple of months and be included on the e-newsletter and next hard copy newsletter. All Parishes should be lobbying the cabinet to bring a decision to the table.

How effective are speed reactive signs? A survey of the sign at Walls Road showed 96% of drivers broke the 20mph advisory limit. Effective in certain areas such as Embankment Road as it makes people slow down when the speed flashes up.

Other places have conducted the surveys and gone back a year later to analyse the implementation. Not once place has removed it.

Steve Hull is currently assessing location for the Community Speed Watch to commence. 4 volunteers have offered to help to collate information of car registration, colour, make, model, date and time. The information is logged on a police database and a letter sent to the registered keeper if the limit is broken. If this happens for the third time a home visit by the Police will take place.

RESOLVED: Ask Cllr Ward and Cllr Murwill for their opinions of the 20mph speed limit as they are members of the cabinet who could push forward the proposal.

5. SECURITY

To discuss a security information day

Could invite different organisations to promote security such as alarm systems, IT support, doors and gate locks, CCTV, cold callings, scammers, call blocking etc. Need to create awareness and look out for the elderly and vulnerable.

Red cross recently came into the area cold calling. They use an external communications company who phoned IWC call centre to ask for permission and didn't explain that Bembridge was a no cold calling area, therefore a breakdown in communications. Assured that it wouldn't happen again.

Half day event would be sufficient with information stands and a drop in style event. Thought to be a good idea. **RESOLVED:** Organise a security information half day.

6. ISLAND ROADS

To receive an update from the Island Roads ward walk and consider the following:-

Church Road and Sherbourne Street should a 2 hour limit be introduced? This has been listed with Island Roads for years following the Village Parking Provision group who tried to establish a shop keeper's car park leasing land at Bennett's yard. Some shop keepers were not supportive and were happy to park outside their shops and not free up the space for visiting trade. A resident's permit would not be introduced as it would need to cover an area of up to 12 roads and therefore undermines the proposal and idea.

RESOLVED: Do not pursue the proposal for a 2 hour limit in Church Road and Sherbourne Street.

Upper High Street should a speed reactive sign be installed at a price over £8,000 to be funded by the Parish Council? **RESOLVED:** No; community speed watch will cover this area.

Foreland Road pedestrian crossing. Should it be removed to create additional parking? **RESOLVED:** No should remain for the public's safety and does slow the traffic down.

Foreland Road branch surgery exit has poor visibility. Should the traffic flow in and out be reversed to create better visibility? **RESOLVED:** Yes a letter should be sent to suggest the solution however some may be confused if reversed.

Kings Road. How much would a speed camera cost going down the hill? The speed warning sign needs to be moved up the road and slow painted. Kevin Burton said that the risk was the Station Road junction and not the bend. Proposals for Station Road have been drafted by Island Roads to move the pavement over and access to come out of station road further. Awaiting a price for implementation from IWC. **RESOLVED:** Seek written confirmation from Kevin Burton regarding Kings Road and Station Road risks.

Additions to the list are

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| 136/2017 | Steyne Rd | DYL's to replace Zig Zag where school entrance used to be |
| 420/2014 | High St | Extend DYL's by railings at Sherbourne St junction |

7/2015 Meadow Close Junction cover DYL's at Meadow Cl / Meadow Drive
232/2017 High St 30min limited waiting outside Butchers.

The majority of items on the list following the ward walk require a traffic regulation order review by IWC which is expected in due course.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18th October 2.00pm Small Hall Village Hall - invite PCSO Katy Berry to discuss Neighbourhood Watch

Meeting closed 15.45

Signed:

Dated:.....