



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of **ROAD SAFETY & SECURITY GROUP** meeting held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 at 2.00pm Small Hall, Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllr G Stillman, Cllr R Widger, Mrs S Sheath, Mr K Cook, Mrs V Sparrow, Cllr C Behan, Cllr M Sullivan, Cllr M Donlon, Cllr S Weedall, Mr & Mrs Grant, 1 other and Mrs E Goldring (Clerk)

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Mrs Grant from Kings Close of 12 years and family 30 years. Kings Road is dangerous with another accident involving a learner motorbike last week. There is a lack of signage coming down from McCarthy & Stone regarding speed. The only sign is an advisory 25mph on the wall of Kings House which is too late. A lorry often parks in the layby and obscures the sign.

Need to introduce a speed camera and non-slip surface on the bend. If a 20mph limit were to be introduced, a traffic calming measure must also be installed to ensure enforcement.

Exiting Station Road is a grave concern to many. Island Roads have designed two safety improvement options for IWC to consider. Unfortunately it has become stuck within the process and needs continual lobby to establish the costs. If IWC will not fund it the Parish Council could consider it.

A resident in Egerton Road has written to the Parish Council regarding poor lighting for pedestrians in the evening. Island Roads have completed the renewal of street lights which were changed from the yellow up lighting glow to the led blue downlight. Any additions to the contract would need to be funded. Parish Councillors to review the lighting and feedback findings. Many hedges are overhanging the footpaths that require enforcement action to be cut back. Identify upon the ward walk with Island Roads on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.

### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies – Apologies from Mrs L Mitchell. 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. **POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER (PCSO)**

To explain Community Speed watch and Neighbourhood Watch

Ashley Moul PCSO and Steve Hull Speed watch Liaison Officer explained that speed watch is a team of people within the community who monitor the speed of vehicles at approved locations. Kit is supplied and locations verified by Steve. The machine has a happy face and a sad face that demonstrates the speed to passing vehicles. 3 volunteers are required to take the colour and make, registration and time and date of the survey. The information is fed back and logged onto the Police system. The volunteer role is not to take photos or antagonise the public. A letter will go out to those who have broken the speed limit and if it happens for a third time a home visit takes place by the Police. Community Speed watch works well within other areas on the Island.

**RESOLVED:** Introduce Community Speed watch within Bembridge. VS, RW and CB offered to volunteer.

Parking at the school is a continual problem. Police are unable to issue tickets unless there is an obstruction. Council Enforcement Officers (traffic wardens) are able to issue tickets if they have been given reasonable time to move. School could name and shame poor parking of the parents within the newsletters. If a car is parked on a T-bar it is an obstruction. If a car is parked over a drive with a car on its driveway it is an obstruction. If the car is not on the driveway it is not an obstruction. A disabled parking bay is only enforceable if it had a time plate notice within the area of the space. If there is no time plate notice it is a courtesy bay only. Dash cams are legal.

**RESOLVED:** The Headteacher is to be invited to the next meeting to consider solutions and a walking bus. Invite the Council Enforcement Officers to the area on a regular basis to issue tickets. PCSO to email a list of rules and contraventions to the Clerk for onward transmission.

Cold callers have been within the village recently namely Red Cross who have been reported and no response received as yet. Scammers via phone have been a problem. One lady has recently been scammed out of thousands via email. Cold callers should always have ID and have no problem with their ID being checked. Banks will never ring for confirmation. They will usually post a letter. If there is unusual activity on your account they will ring and ask you to ring back to run through the security checks required. Trading Standards deal with cold calling and scammers. They would be happy to attend and inform as required. A security open day could be held within the village hall and stands with the relevant organisations present. Blue Lamp Trust would be happy to have a stand. They fund for free reviews of fire alarms, door, window, shed locks and can install carbon dioxide monitors all for free. Age UK have Care Navigators based at the medical centres who can assist vulnerable people. Lack of crime leads to complacency.

Katy Berry is the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator who would be happy to come to a future meeting. Neighbourhood Watch is a voluntary run scheme and there are 6 areas within Bembridge. If you are a member of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme it can reduce insurance premiums. Tried to establish a Neighbourhood Watch when we had a spate of trouble at Steyne Park however the training required was only held once per year. Need to understand the process. Bembridge could run a recruitment drive for new Neighbourhood Watch Areas. **RESOLVED:** Invite Katy Ann Berry to a future meeting.

#### 4. ROAD SAFETY

To discuss speeding, parking, traffic congestion, 20mph limit

Speeding and parking covered above. A survey has been created for Bembridge that mirrors Newport and will run until end September. Hard copies will be made available. Need to gain feedback from the community upon introduction of a 20mph limit for Bembridge. Traffic calming measure would need to be introduced to ensure enforcement. What would be a representative response 10%?

**RESOLVED:** Promote the completion of the 20mph limit survey and invite Cllr Julie Jones-Evans from Newport to share their experiences at a future meeting.

#### 5. SECURITY

To discuss CCTV, cold calling and scammers

Cold Calling and Scammers covered above. CCTV quote received for installation of infrared lights to ensure the night vision at Steyne Park is better. To be considered by the next Full Council meeting. Additional quote required for another camera within the car park at Steyne Park. Pan, tilt and zooming in would not be achievable. If it cannot be wired up to the existing system an additional system may be required.

**RESOLVED:** Seek quote for additional camera.

#### 6. ISLAND ROADS

To receive an update from the Island Roads asset management workshop and upcoming ward walk

Island Roads update via dvd was good; circulate link for members. Signage will be rationalised in 2020. Street furniture issues much ensure 1.5m space. Outside the bakery a double yellow line is to be installed to ensure compliance. Enforcement action is underway with The Shed as they do not have a street furniture permit. Top of the High Street dangerous because of lots of work vans parking. Meadow Drive a problem; double yellow lines to be installed both sides. GS and MD will be attending the ward walk with Island Roads on 6<sup>th</sup> September to highlight list of problems that need addressing within the village.

Pot holes can be reported via an app called Fill that Hole and are addressed very quickly.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 2.00pm. Invite the Headteacher to discuss parking and walking bus. Invite Cllr Julie Jones-Evans to discuss the 20s plenty campaign. Invite Katy Berry to discuss Neighbourhood Watch. 10 minutes each.

Meeting closed 15.30

Signed: .....

Dated:.....