



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of **BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL** Extraordinary Council meeting held at **5.00pm** on the **7th March 2017** in the Large Hall, Village Hall, Bembridge

Present: Cllr M Tarrant (Chairman), Cllr D Grannum, Cllr S Weedall, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr M Humphray, Cllr A Woodford, Cllr T Freeman, Cllr G Kendall, Cllr B Bristow, Cllr M Champken, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Assistant Clerk) **Public:** 26 members

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mr Steane asked what parts of the planning permission would be carried out?
Chairman stated that the item would be discussed during the meeting.

1. 40/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Watts and non-attendance Cllr Weaver

2. 41/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

41/17/01 To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda

None declared

Mr Steane asked why our IW Councillor who sits on the IW Planning Committee was not declaring an interest item 42/17/03?

Cllr Kendall stated that if the application was taken to the IW Planning Committee then he would declare an interest at that meeting not this one.

41/17/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate

None requested

3. 42/17 COMMUNITY ASSETS

42/17/01 To rescind the previous decision 166/16/01 made on 18th October 2016 to dispose of 5/7 High Street premises

At this present time the correct decision is to rescind the decision from October.

The Community Hub project was started with the intention of saving the library and heritage, plus reducing maintenance costs by all parties going into the Village Hall.

Having visited other community hubs on the Island and the New Forest that included libraries and public sector groups, this seemed a good solution to a number of issues. The library/heritage are now securing the lease on the building, so concerns for closure are no more so the main reason for the hub is no longer required. There was justification for losing one office at 5/7 High Street as three new offices were planned in the hub. Still have concerns over future finances if 5/7 High Street is not sold and the PC's ability to maintain its other assets.

RESOLVED: Agreed to rescind the previous decision 166/16/01 made on 18th October 2016 to dispose of 5/7 High Street premises

9 in favour 1 against

42/17/02 To receive feedback from the Village Hall Management Committee and users regarding the relocation of an accessible public toilet with external access
Email received from Mrs Kendall, Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee:

This is to confirm that following circulation of our proposed kitchen layout plan to the hall user groups who regularly use the hall and kitchen we have received no outright objections to the proposal. Several groups did respond to confirm they had no objections about the revised layout but were concerned about hall closure in order to undertake the works. This latter point was of particular concern to the Thursday Bazaar group (Thursday mornings) who requested that the works should be programmed to avoid their busiest months (ie the summer and leading up to Christmas) in order to minimise loss of income.

I checked with the Council's Environment Health Dept who confirmed there was no requirement for the kitchen to be of the present stainless steel catering style. The main requirement is for "easy clean".

42/17/03 To note that the planning application for 5/7 High Street will continue as elements of it may be implemented to maximise the income to fund maintenance works required (if it was withdrawn the planning application fee would not be refunded)

Good idea to convert the public toilets to offices and relocate the Lengthsmen. Garages/workshops and parking spaces can be developed in the rear yard to maximise the income stream to help fund the maintenance costs of both the Village Hall and 5/7 High Street buildings. Planning of works will not take place until after the elections in May.

4. 43/17 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: 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

5. 44/17 5 HIGH STREET LEASE

To offer renewal of the 10 year lease for Captain Stans Fish Shop 5 High Street at the end of the existing lease January 2019. Terms to be negotiated between the landlord and tenants.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To confirm date of the meeting of the Council – 21st March 2017

Meeting closed: 5.30pm

Signed:

Dated:.....