



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of **BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held at **7.00 pm** on the **15th January 2013** in the **BEMBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr G Kendall (Chairman), Cllr J Leaver, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr C Doe, Cllr M Tarrant, Cllr A Woodford, Cllr A Lee, Cllr R Marr, Cllr J Marr, Cllr M Humphray and Mrs E Goldring – Clerk

PUBLIC: 4 PUBLIC FORUM Mr & Mrs Cotton of Manna Road Bembridge made representations and an enquiry into who is responsible for maintenance of Manna Road as the condition is getting worse and there is grave concern about safety. Efforts have previously been made to try and flatten the surface and fill in the holes. Also a UPS van is constantly parked on the corner which is adding to the problems. The Parish Council does not have the power to maintain the Highway. It depends on the status of the road and who owns it as to who has the responsibility to maintain it. The Isle of Wight Council does have powers to carry out works and seek reimbursement from the owners. A response will be sought from the Isle of Wight Council and passed onto Mr & Mrs Cotton.

1/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Cllr Alice Lee to the Parish Council and her first meeting.

The Clerk and Chairman attended a meeting of IWALC where Dave Burbage IWC Director of Finance gave an update regarding Council Tax and the implications for Parish and Town Councils. The grant given to the Isle of Wight Council from central Government for the Parish and Town Council has been agreed to be passed on 2013/14 and therefore there will be a minor shortfall for all Parishes to contribute. There is no legal requirement for the grant to be passed on and therefore concern has been expressed for 2014/15 and representations are being made at a National level.

2/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Grannum, holiday and Cllr Burden, work and Cllr J Bacon IWC.

3/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of any pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr C Doe declared a personal interest as she is a trustee of BYCC.

Cllr G Kendall declared a personal interest as he is a trustee of the Village Hall.

4/13 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

4/13/1 To receive written requests for dispensations from individual Councillors who would otherwise be restricted from participating in the discussion and/or voting on an item on the agenda.

Written requests for dispensations for item 10/13 Budget and Precept 2013/14 were received from Cllr G Kendall, Cllr J Leaver, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr C Doe, Cllr M Tarrant, Cllr A Woodford, Cllr A Lee, Cllr J Marr, Cllr M Humphray

4/13/2 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate.

RESOLVED: Requests for dispensations granted.

5/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 4th December 2012 and Full Council meeting held on 18th December 2012

RESOLVED: Approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 4th December 2012 and Full Council meeting held on 18th December 2012. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

6/13 PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 18th December 2012.

RESOLVED: Note the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 18th December 2012.

7/13 FINANCE

7/13/1 To receive bank reconciliation and cash balances to 11th January 2013.

RESOLVED: Note the bank reconciliation and cash balances to 11th January 2013.

7/13/12 To approve schedule of payments to 11th January 2013.

RESOLVED: Approve the schedule of payments to 11th January 2013.

8/13 REPORTS:

To receive the following reports:

- 8/13/1 Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils

Update regarding the Council Tax levy. NALC are lobbying for a share of the Neighbourhood Plan funding as the current process is passing the funding onto the Local Authorities but the majority of the work is being carried out by the Parish and Town Councils.

- 8/13/2 Village Hall Management Committee

No meeting has taken place.

- 8/13/3 Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee

Concerned about the IWC youth club which has not run for many weeks due to staffing and low turnout. A discussion took place if BYCC should run a youth club but the Methodist Church already run rock solid youth club. Therefore BYCC will provide Friday family nights. Employment of a bar manager to continue as it seems to be successful. Plan to seek funding.

- 8/13/4 Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

Met last week, everything seems fine, nothing further to report from the minutes.

- 8/13/5 Toilet Refurbishment Working Group

Out to tender for a builder at present; work in progress.

- 8/13/6 Emergency Plan Working Group

Meeting to be arranged January/early February.

- 8/13/7 Village Partnership

Christmas events went well feedback for improvements to be considered at January meeting.

A response has been received from Alex Russell Rights of Way IWC regarding the proposal for improvements to BB10 coastal path, BB19 Lynchens/Station Road and BB22 Hillway/Steyne Wood. BB19 has been included in the capital programme for next year. IWC are happy for the Parish Council to run a

project to improve BB22 as it's not a priority for them. IWC intention for BB10 is to achieve reinstatement by diversion if this is at all possible. A report is expected within the next week or so with proposed works and estimate of costs. IWC have offered a site meeting early February if still needed. BB40 proposed diversion is going through the consultation process.

- 8/13/8 Harbour
More dredging is expected in the spring.

- 8/13/9 Clerk's report

To receive the clerks report as follows:-

LOCALISATION OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT & IWC BUDGET

The Isle of Wight Council get a transitional grant for 2013/14 for the localisation of Council tax support scheme which means that across all Parish & Town Councils the gap is .05% approx. £8,000 meaning the impact on us should only be minimal (a few hundred). Gordon and I raised questions about what is going to happen in 2014/15 as this is when the possible impact could hit. Dave Burbage stated that he would recommend the grant given to IWC for the Parishes is passed onto us so again the impact should be minimal. If IWC do not pass on the grant the change from the council tax base now to next year is 18.3%. IWC are going to be under pressure to reduce their budgets by £6.2 million for 2013/14 and £9.9 million for 2014/15 on top of what has already occurred.

TOILETS

The designs have been agreed and the tender process for the builder is underway with a deadline of 1st February. A Wallgate sales visit is scheduled for Monday 21st January at 11.00 where the anti-vandal sanitary ware and hand washer/dryer unit will be demonstrated. Councillors are welcome to attend this sales visit. A plan for Steyne Park lower level refurbishment is to be recommended to a future Full Council meeting.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Working Group is conducting a Housing Needs Survey, which will be delivered by 10 volunteers, to every household in the Parish for completion in January. We must obtain a response rate of over 35% for the survey to be recognised as representative of the community and to stand up to scrutiny. Therefore please return the survey to the Parish Office or one of the collection boxes located at the Library, Welcome Store Lane End, the Village Hall and the Co-op by 18th January. Alternatively you can call us on 874160 and we will organise for one of our volunteers to collect it.

DRAGONS DEN DAY

Bembridge Village Partnership is hosting a 'Dragons Den' day on Saturday 16th February where a grant funding pot of up to £2,000 will be available to local organisations working for the benefit of Bembridge. An informative presentation will be expected to be made to a judging panel of 5 to consider the merits of the applications. The judges/dragons will each have £400 to allocate with the highest bids being awarded to the community groups. The deadline for applications is 8th February and a shortlisting exercise will take place the week before the day.

9/13 BEMBRIDGE VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP

- 9/13/1 To appoint 1 member to Bembridge Village Partnership following the resignation of Cllr R Marr from this Group.

RESOLVED: Cllr A Lee appointed to Bembridge Village Partnership.

- 9/13/2 To approve the dragons den day event to be co-ordinated by the Village Partnership

RESOLVED: Approve the dragons den day to be co-ordinated by the Village Partnership.

10/13 BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2013/2014

To consider and approve the proposed budget and precept request for 2013/2014.

The Parish Councillors considered the budget and precept for 2013/14 at the extraordinary meeting held on 4th December and decided to await the outcome of the IWC budget, council tax and decisions. The implications for the Parish Council 2013/14 are minimal therefore propose an increase of 2.56%; £1.44 per band D property per year due to the increase in toilet costs, High Street building repairs, Neighbourhood Plan and many other services, projects and events that the Parish Council provide. Most has been contained within the existing budget.

RESOLVED: Approve the budget and set precept request at £120,000 for 2013/14.

11/13 WATER METER

To agree the installation of a separate water meter at Bembridge Youth & Community Centre.

Southern Water will charge £76.50 for a pre-installation survey before being able to advise on the cost of the water meter.

RESOLVED: Approve Southern Water pre-installation survey at £76.50 and report back on the outcome.

12/13 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.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The confirmed date of the next meeting of the Council -19th February 2013 7.00pm Village Hall

Meeting Closed 19.45

Signed..... Dated.....