



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm on 17th December 2013 in Bembridge Village Hall, Small Hall

PRESENT: Cllr G Kendall (Chairman), Cllr D Grannum, Cllr M Tarrant, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr B Bristow, Cllr M Humphray, Cllr B Dyer, Cllr C Doe, Cllr J Marr, Cllr A Woodford, Cllr P Pugh, Cllr A Lee and Mrs E Goldring – Clerk **PUBLIC:** 5 and Cllr J Bacon IWC.

PUBLIC FORUM Mrs B Clough Coastal Access consultation has been extended to 24th January 2014. Parish Council to support and individual Councillors encouraged to respond. Cllr P Pugh will ask IWALC to agenda for support. Parish Council to reiterate earlier support of inclusion in the order.

1. 173/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Isle of Wight Society for the blind sent a thank you letter for the donation of £150.00. A thank you card has been received from Malcolm and Hilary Lake for the repair to her daughters headstone damaged by a fallen tree in Lane End Cemetery.

Bembridge bathing water meeting held this week with the Environment Agency. Encouraged that Environment Agency seems to be helping us out of this situation. Try sampling at another point but need to evidence that the other point is well used. A webcam will be installed to evidence use. If it is found that use is low a declassification of a bathing water area could be achieved. The last sample taken was satisfactory. Reiterate responsible dog owners. Southern Water outfalls were outside of the monitoring period of peak readings taken.

2. 174/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.
Apologies received from Cllr B Bristow due to work and Cllr B Dyer due to a prior commitment.

3. 175/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

175/13/01 To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda
No interests declared.

175/13/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate
No requests for dispensations received.

4. 176/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th November 2013 and Extraordinary Council meeting on 3rd December 2013

RESOLVED: Approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 19th November 2013 and Extraordinary Council meeting on 3rd December 2013. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

5. 177/13 PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note minutes of the Planning Committees held on 19th November & 3rd December 2013
RESOLVED: Note minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 19th November & 3rd December 2013.

6. 178/13 WORKING GROUPS

178/13/01 To note minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 27th November 2013

RSEOLVED: Note minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 27th November 2013
178/13/02 To note minutes of the Village Partnership Events Groups held on 5th December 2013
RSEOLVED: Note minutes of the Village Partnership Events Groups held on 5th December 2013

7. 179/13 FINANCE

179/13/01 To approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 16th December 2013

RESOLVED: Approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 16th December 2013

179/13/02 To approve schedule of payments to 16th December 2013

RESOLVED: Approve schedule of payments to 16th December 2013

8. 180/13 REPORTS

To receive the following reports:

180/13/01 Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC)

Last meeting held on 21st November approved the protocol to be negotiated with IWC. Finance presentation by Dave Burbage and Steve Stubbings which we will see a version of at January Full Council. A lot of concerns expressed about the future IWC budget and delivery of services.

180/13/02 Village Hall Management Committee

Routine business back hall to be decorated and floors to be sanded over the Christmas period.

180/13/03 Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee (BYCC)

BYCC is to become a limited company. Bar is open Friday evening, Saturday lunch time and Saturday evenings. Mainly discussed the Christmas event on 21st December.

180/13/04 Village Partnership (plus Events Group and Green Town Steering Group)

Events meeting held on 5th December to arrange the Christmas event on 21st December a lot to slot into the right time. Beholden to the weather with ambitious plans and hope to pull it off.

No Green Towns meeting held since the last one.

180/13/05 Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

Routine business and will look again at the pension provision. A lot of money held on deposit with Lloyds that attracts 0.6 or 0.7% interest therefore others to be considered in January that are 100% secure.

180/13/06 Harbour: Cllr D Grannum didn't attend the latest meeting. Mrs B Clough has received a response from Malcolm Thorpe who has asked Bennetts to tidy up the car park area outside the gates to the yard which will be actioned in due course.

180/13/07 Other reports: None.

180/13/08 Clerk's report

The clerks report is as follows:-

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Local Consultation sessions were held on 5th, 7th and 16th November for the public to review the draft Neighbourhood Plan and associated documents. Around 52 residents attended cross the three sessions. A meeting was held for land owners to feedback on 27th November which was attended by Savills representing the Thornycroft family and Barry Trapp.

Large representations have been received from the Isle of Wight Council and Savills along with comment forms from the public. The feedback received will be reviewed by the working group, amendments made to the draft plan as required and a professional design to the final plan will take place. The initial timescale for submission to IWC of mid-December is unlikely to be achieved however January looks more realistic.

The formal process of inspection, referendum and adoption, is the responsibility of the Isle of Wight Council and should lead to the plan being fully adopted and in use by spring 2014.

CHRISTMAS IN BEMBRIDGE

Please join the village partnership for a day of festive celebration on the Saturday before Christmas (21st December), with a full programme starting at 11.00am at Lane End Shops, 11.30am in Bembridge High Street with carol singing, a brass band and Father Christmas on his sleigh, proceeding to the residential homes spreading festive cheer with the church choir and culminating in a grand entrance to Steyne Park at 3.00pm to visit his grotto. The craft fayre starts 2.00-6.00pm and with celebrations continuing into the evening with local rock and roll band 'Gaffer' at 8.00pm. In the true spirit of Christmas let's help raise some money for two good local causes, the IW Hospice and Sophie Rolf's Kiss Puppy Fund. Programmes are available to buy for £1.00 from the Parish Office, Bembridge Youth & Community Centre, Lane End Welcome Store, St Michael's Catholic Church and Bembridge Community Library.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Please note the Parish Office will be closed at 13.00 on Friday 20th December opening after New Year on Thursday 2nd January. Tony will empty the bins at the cemetery on Christmas Eve to ensure it is kept tidy. If there is an emergency during this time please do not hesitate to contact me on 07834413030 as I will still be on the Island.

Thank you to all of the Councillors for your support throughout the year. We have achieved a great deal and look forward to opportunities that may come our way next year. We wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A list of meeting dates for 2014 were tabled for Councillors information.

9. 181/13 BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2014/2015

To approve the budget and precept request for 2014/2015

An extraordinary meeting was held on 3rd December where a review of the budget took place.

RESOLVED: Approved the budget and precept request for 2014/2015; an increase of 2.5% to £123,000.

10. 182/13 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

To appoint to St Helens Patient Forum – 2 Representatives

RESOLVED: Cllr B Bristow and Cllr P Pugh appointed to St Helens patient forum.

11. 183/13 ASSET MANAGEMENT

183/13/01 To agree works required as detailed in the condition survey 5/7 High Street

Not all of the works listed are essential. Cllr J Marr offered to draft a specification and bring back quotations to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: Cllr J Marr to draft specification and obtain quotations for next meeting.

183/13/02 To agree works required to the High Street toilets

Grateful for the work undertaken by the Lenthsmen however unfair to put more work onto them as they have already delivered above and beyond the call of duty. Cllr J Marr to draft a specification for an essential makeover and bring back quotations to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: Cllr J Marr to draft specification and obtain quotations for next meeting.

183/13/03 To consider installation of bollards outside the Point toilets

Cars, camper vans and pick-up trucks are constantly parking outside the Point toilets blocking access. Cllr J Marr has got photographic evidence and a log of the parking which has been monitored. Island Roads have been out to assess the situation and agree installation of bollards would solve the access problem. As Station Road is an unadopted road Island Roads are unable to carry out the works required within the PFI contract. A land registry search has been submitted to try and ascertain the ownership of 1 meter surrounding the toilets. Subject to an unsuccessful search Councillors are happy to install bollards. Cllr J Marr has offered to draft some options and seek quotations for the next meeting which will include a price from Island Roads.

RESOLVED: Cllr J Marr to draft specification and obtain quotations for next meeting.

12. 184/13 COLD CALLING ZONE

To agree distribution of new cold calling zone stickers to every household in Bembridge

RESOLVED: Agreed distribution of new cold calling zone stickers to every household in Bembridge via the Beacon at £90.00 plus VAT.

13. 185/13 REMEMBRANCE ORCHARD

To consider a proposal from Yarmouth Town Council to join a partnership of Parish & Town Councils across the Island in a project to commemorate the centenary of WWI by creating a remembrance orchard planting fruit and nut trees

RESOLVED: Join a partnership of Parish & Town Councils across the Island in a project to commemorate the centenary of WWI by creating a remembrance orchard planting fruit and nut trees. Planting one per year for 5 years at Steyne Park near the cycle hump.

14. 186/13 ARMED FORCES DAY

To consider request for a financial contribution to the Armed Forces Day on 21st June 2014 in Ryde

A proposal for £500 was put forward but not supported. Another proposal was put forward for £250 6 for 0 against 3 abstentions.

RESOLVED: Donate £250 to the Armed Forces Day on 21st June 2014.

15. 187/13 COMMEMORATION

To consider naming the road leading to the Elms as Steane Road in commemoration of Mrs Mary Steane.

Island Roads advised that the cost would be £245.52 plus £48.59 per property for 22 properties in Swains Road (£1314.50) and the name change could only take place if the Parish Council and all 22 properties agreed. It was thought to be a complex and expensive to achieve.

RESOLVED: Cllr D Grannum withdrew her proposal to consider this request.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Full Council meeting 21st January 2014, 7.00pm Village Hall, Small Hall

Meeting Closed 19.45

Signed:.....

Dated:.....