



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllr G Kendall (Chairman), Cllr S Pigot, Cllr C Doe, Cllr B Bristow, Cllr A Woodford, Cllr A Lee, Cllr J Marr, Cllr B Dyer, Cllr P Pugh and Mrs E Goldring – Clerk

PUBLIC: 68 and IW County Press reporter

1. 118/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies for the length of the agenda tonight. Item 17 will be brought forward to item 5 and then members of the public are welcome to stay or leave after that agenda item. Items 13 and 10 were also brought forward on the agenda.

2. 119/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr D Grannum on holiday, Cllr M Tarrant on holiday and Cllr M Humphray emergency to attend to. Cllr J Bacon IWC Member is unable to attend due to a Cabinet meeting.

3. 120/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

120/13/01 To receive declarations of 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 J Marr declared a personal interest as he has a lot of involvement with contractors for item 11.

120/13/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate

No requests for dispensations received.

4. 121/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th July 2013

RESOLVED: Approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16th July 2013. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC FORUM: Below as some comments made regarding item 17 on the agenda.

Measuring spots are the worst places and should be moved.

There are still septic tanks that are running onto the beach via groundwater.

Increase dog bins and replace the one that was removed from Foreland beach.

Enforce penalty notices to those that are irresponsible to reinforce the message.

Seaweed has many ecological implications for the wildlife particularly along Bembridge ledge which is a Ramsar.

Too much emphasis is put on the dogs and the Environment Agency should consider the other contributing factors.

If you look down from Whitecliff you can see the seaweed build up and foreign bodies floating in the water.

Some houseboats do not have sewage treatment and this should be enforced.

Visitors to the harbour should also be informed that they should not discharge.

River Yar could be a contributing factor as there were problems for many years in Wroxall with a leaking sewage pipe.

A dog control order would be unenforceable as all of the beaches are privately owned.

17. 122/13 BATHING WATER QUALITY

122/13/01 To receive an update regarding bathing water quality in Bembridge.

EU directive has changed the bathing water quality regulations which would mean that from 2015 Bembridge beaches water quality would be classed as poor and would be the only one on the Island to become poor. Therefore the Environment Agency has asked the Parish Council to consider a dog control exclusion order and seaweed removal programme to assist in reducing pollution and help to improve the rating before 2015. There is one measuring point adjacent to the lifeboat station and it has been suggested that this is increased as it could not be producing an accurate reading. If the rating is not changed signs will be erected along Bembridge beaches advising people not to bath in the water due to poor water quality.

Information provided by the Environment Agency is inaccurate regarding a dog exclusion order on Whitecliff beach. There is a signpost that states there is a dog ban on Whitecliff beach but this is unenforceable. Refer back to the Environment Agency to produce a better sampling programme.

Have Environment Agency analysed the samples to see what type of pollution is causing the poor rating. There are other contributing factors to the pollution which is incorrect drainage connections, highway surface water runoff and boats discharging.

If dog walkers do see people being irresponsible perhaps everybody could take on an element of responsibility and self-police this issue asking people to clean up after their dogs.

Pumping station has been broken since 2004 but recently fixed so this could be a contributing factor.

Not enough information has been provided regarding the removal of seaweed which could be expensive and an increase in precept may be required.

122/13/02 To consider a dog control exclusion order from Bembridge beaches during the summer months.

RESOLVED: Unanimously opposed dog control exclusion order from Bembridge beaches during the summer months.

122/13/03 To consider a seaweed removal programme from Bembridge beaches

RESOLVED: Unanimously opposed seaweed remove programme from Bembridge beaches due to cost implications.

13. 123/13 FOOTBALL

123/13/01 To consider proposal from Bembridge Football Club to install showers in room 4 of the changing rooms.

Concern was expressed about the quality of the fixtures in the original proposal from Bembridge Football Club to install showers into room 4. Bembridge Football Club has offered labour free of charge as they have plumbers and electricians within the team who are willing to do the work. Materials would need to be purchased. Cllr J Marr offered to co-ordinate the works for a couple of days in October to ensure compliance with building regulations as a new wall is proposed. Provided the revised proposal is within budget the project can be put in motion. Football matches are taking place every weekend so works must not interfere with the matches.

RESOLVED: Allocate £800.00 budget and ask Alan Morris to draft a proposal and idea of costs for a better quality shower room within room 4.

123/13/02 To consider reinstatement of the two floodlights facing the football pitches.

1st for electrical have provided a quotation of £360.00 to reinstate the two floodlights.

RESOLVED: Approve reinstatement of the two floodlights facing the football pitches.

10. 124/13 CONSULTATIONS

124/13/01 To consider the Bembridge Youth & Community Centre setting up a limited company to run the bar and kitchen areas, to be known as the 'Bembridge Social Club'.

The agenda item is worded incorrectly as the company would cover the bar only and not the kitchen and a name has not been considered as yet so Bembridge Social Club is incorrect.

The bar has been open for the past 6 months or so and has proven to be popular. Situation is not as before which had a private club therefore it is prudent to make it a limited company. Charity Commission guidance recommends a limited company as they have concerns with a charity and the sale of alcohol. Parish Council lease BYCC to the management committee who felt it prudent to gain their views. Need to obtain approval from the Big Lottery as they were not happy with a private club as before. It would become a public limited company and all funds would be reinvested into the BYCC charity. The management committee are doing this in order to comply with the trading requirements and to control the trading risk.

RESOLVED: Note the consultation and wish BYCC fair wind in the transition.

124/13/02 To respond to NALC consultation a new future delivering the strategy

RESOLVED: No comments therefore do not respond to the NALC consultation

5. **125/13 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To note minutes of the Planning Committees held on 16th July and 13th August 2013

RESOLVED: Note minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16th July and 13th August 2013

6. **126/13 WORKING GROUPS**

126/13/01 To note minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 1st August 2013

RESOLVED: Note minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Groups held on 1st August 2013

126/13/02 To note minutes of the Village Partnership Events Groups held on 10th July, 7th August, 28th August and 4th September 2013

RESOLVED: Note minutes of the Village Partnership Events Group meeting held on 10th July and 7th August, 28th August and 4th September 2013

126/13/03 To note minutes of the Village Partnership Green Towns Steering Group held on 22nd August 2013

RESOLVED: Note minutes of the Village Partnership Green Towns Steering Group held on 22nd August 2013

126/13/04 To note minutes of the Village Partnership Meeting held on 9th September 2013

RESOLVED: Note minutes of the Village Partnership Meeting held on 9th September 2013

7. **127/13 FINANCE**

127/13/01 To approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 23rd August

RESOLVED: Approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 23rd August 2013

127/13/02 To approve schedule of payments to 23rd August and 13th September 2013

RESOLVED: Approve schedule of payments to 23rd August and 13th September 2013

127/13/03 To receive mid-year report of the budget; actual income/expenditure against budget

RESOLVED: Noted mid-year report of budget position

127/13/04 To approve Insurance renewal with Aviva for the long term agreement to 3rd October 2014 at £2834.03

RESOLVED: Approve Insurance renewal with Aviva for the long term agreement to 3rd October 2014 at £2834.03

127/13/05 To approve van insurance renewal with Rural 4th October 2013 to 3rd October 2014 at £364.73.

RESOLVED: Approve van insurance renewal with Rural 4th October 2013 to 3rd October 2014 at £364.73.

8. **128/13 REPORTS**

To receive the following reports:

128/13/01 Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils
Meeting this Thursday.

128/13/02 Village Hall Management Committee
No meeting.

128/13/03 Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee

Offering 2 computer courses for over 50's to commence 6th November for 6 weeks. Free of charge and 10 spaces if you are interested. Petanque team formed and in operation.

128/13/04 Village Partnership (plus Events Group and Green Town Steering Group) - No update.

128/13/05 Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

Looking into auto enrolment and pensions for employees which are not going to be simple. Budget is looking good.

128/13/06 Harbour -No update.

128/13/07 Other reports - Cllr Pigot attended Island Waste meeting. Main problem during the summer months is that all food buckets contained maggots and so did some recycling as cans are not being washed out. Life of the landfill site may be to 2019. Composting of garden waste is selling well and can be mixed with top soil.

128/13/08 Clerk's report as follows:-

BEMBRIDGE IN BLOOM AWARDS

Bembridge in Bloom 2013 Awards were held on Thursday 29th August at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Following the sad loss of Mrs Barbara Blackburn in the spring Bembridge Village Partnership offered to support the continuation of Bembridge in Bloom. Co-ordinated by Mrs Barbara Clough proceedings got underway. Kindly sponsored by Hose Rhodes & Dickson for many years, the new manager Mr Chris Lee presented the awards. This year the Partnership decided to gift gardening tokens to the winners as a small appreciation for their efforts in contributing to the overall 'blooming good' appearance of Bembridge Village. The list of winners is as follows:-

Best Large Front Garden

1st Mrs D Turner, Rosewalk, The Grove, 2nd Mrs H Wellsted, 21 Brook Furlong, 3rd Mr M Woodward, Mariners, Beach House Lane

Best Small Front Garden

1st Mr N Harry, 40 Crossway, 2nd Mrs & Mrs L Benford, 19 Downsview Road

Best Sustainable Front Garden

1st Mrs D Thomas, Quaver Rest, 7 Frampton Way, 2nd Mrs J Barnes, Woodclose Bungalow, Hillway, 3rd Mrs H Ransome, 31 Lincoln Way, Highly Commended - Mrs & Mrs Harris, 19 Trelawny Way

Best Large Commercial Premises

1st Pei Pei Zhou, Lu Shan Restaurant, Sherbourne St.

Best Small Commercial Premises

1st Mr Graham Hawkins, Woodfoods Butchers, High Street

Best Containerised Frontage

1st Mrs B Bumstead, 2 Malvern Cottages, Kings Road, 2nd Mr & Mrs B Attrill, 39 Howgate Road, 3rd Mrs J McGlashon, 1B Crossway, Highly Commended: Mr A Attrill, Warrendale, Lane End Road, Mr J Brooker 1 Rosemead Place, Crossway, Mrs H Norris 1 Malvern Cottages, Kings Road

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The group working on the generation of the Bembridge Neighbourhood Plan have very nearly completed the work needed to produce the plan and the various supporting documents needed to satisfy the legal requirements.

The overall task has been more complicated than originally thought and consequently has taken longer than envisaged. However Bembridge will be the first group on the Island to complete a Neighbourhood Plan, and will almost certainly be in the first dozen or so in the Country. At the time of writing only 4 Neighbourhood plans have been finished within the UK.

Based upon the information gathered from our community - from surveys and public consultations, the draft plan will be ready for the community of Bembridge to review in November 2013. (Note that the information recently published in the Beacon for public meetings in September and October is not correct). All the documents that we have produced will be available at public places (library, Parish office) for a period of 4 weeks and two consultation sessions will be held in the Village Hall. This will be the last opportunity for local people to comment on the documents prior to the formal process to arrange the adoption of our Plan by the Isle of Wight Council. 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.

A significant document that has been generated in the process is the Housing Needs Survey, which was produced based upon the survey that was carried out earlier this year. This document has been finalised and has been accepted by the Isle of Wight Council and is now in use whenever planning applications are considered. The outcome is 12 units per annum over the next 5 years of which two thirds to be affordable. This document can be seen either on line (IWC website or Bembridge Parish website) or at the Parish office in Foreland Road.

HIGH STREET BEAM WORKS

GJ Banks are commencing the works to the concrete beam at 5/7 High Street on 16th September for a period of 2 weeks. The shop awning and telephone signage top will be removed and scaffolding erected. There will remain public access to the shop, telephone box and public toilets during the two weeks work period.

TOILET REFURBISHMENTS

It is envisaged that the toilet refurbishments at The Point and Steyne Park will commence 1st October for a period of 4 weeks. The facilities will be closed to the public during this time to enable an efficient turnaround by the tradesman and Lengthsmen.

POINT TIDY UP PROJECT

The information board is complete and has been installed at The Point indicating the River Yar trail, Bembridge Trail and points of historical interest. Autumn planting will take place early October. A new water butt will be installed at the Point toilets towards the end of October. It is envisaged that there will be a grand opening and re-launch of Bembridge Trail event late October to coincide with the autumn walking festival.

FOOTPATHS

Biffa grant obtained for the works at BB22/36 Hillway and Steyne Wood. Works commence BB36 on 11-13th September and BB22 on 25th – 26th September 2013.

To receive an update on BB40.

The Council's original proposal to divert this path is now on hold following receipt of an application for a Modification Order. In basic terms the application is to add to the Definitive Map a public footpath across the concrete plinth upon which public conveniences were formerly situated. The application is supported with user evidence, maps and photographs. As part of the process the Parish Council will be formally consulted on the application in due course. However, other than this formal consultation no further updates will be provided on this matter until the matter has been fully investigated and determined by the Council. This is likely to take many months. Cllr Jonathan Bacon undertook a good piece of work negotiating a resolution and Isle of Wight Council were going to install new steps. This has now been superseded as the modification order process will be lengthy and the budget will be put towards the administration and legal costs.

To receive an update on BB10.

BB10 (School Section).

The Parish Council have previously been provided with notification of the making of a Diversion Order in respect of the section of BB10 from High Ridge to Whitecliff Bay (i.e. behind Bembridge School/Kingswood Centre). No comments or objections were received by the Isle of Wight Council within the four week notice period. Accordingly, the necessary works on the ground are planned for September 2013, subject to weather conditions and access being possible around the activities of the Kingswood Centre.

BB10 (Forelands Section).

Final negotiations with three of the four landowners are underway. The Personal Representative of the fourth deceased landowner continues to decline to enter into negotiations. Once final negotiations with the three landowners has been completed a decision will need to be made by the Council as to whether to proceed to make a Diversion Order without any negotiations having occurred with the fourth landowner.

BB19 Lynches, off Station Road and High Street.

Capital project undertaken by the Isle of Wight Council to replace the boardwalk is complete and the fence belonging to Mr Devas has been moved back. The width of the footpath has been regained to be more light and airy and rubbish has been removed.

Wendy Perera is currently in charge of the Local Sustainable Transport projects which includes the off road route Brading – St Helens. The Isle of Wight Council are in the process of appointing a new Officer to lead this project.

The Green Towns Steering Group is holding a meeting on 26th September 2.00pm in the Parish Office with representatives of IW Ramblers and Bembridge Wheelers to review all of the rights of way in Bembridge and identify possible future projects. If you are specifically interested in rights of way and would like to contribute please feel free to attend.

AUTUMN CONFERENCE

Representatives from the Isle of Wight Association of Local Council (IWALC) and the Isle of Wight Society of Local Council Clerks (IW SLCC) have reinvigorated the County Training Partnership who will be hosting an Autumn Conference – Facing the Future. The conference will attract high profile guest speakers from Communities and Local Government (CLG), the Chairman of NALC Ken Browse and Chief Executive of the SLCC Howard Middleton plus many more. Breakout sessions will focus on the Quality Parish Scheme, Neighbourhood Plans, Working Together and VAT & Local Council Finance. There will also be a range of exhibitors on the day. The conference will be held in November at Cowes Yacht Haven and delegate's rates are £25.00 each or 5 for the price of 4 which includes all refreshments throughout the day and buffet lunch. Date to be announced shortly.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Green Towns Steering Group footpath review – Thursday 26th September 2.00pm Parish Office

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 27th September 10.00-12.00 in the community Library Church Rd

Autumn Litter Pick - Sunday 27th October 10.00am starting at Steyne Park

Grand opening and re-launch of Bembridge Trail – TBA starting at The Point

Bonfire and Fireworks Event - Saturday 9th November starts 18.00 firing 19.30 Steyne Park Steyne Rd

Christmas Event - Saturday 21st December 11.30 at High Street 15.00 grand entrance to Steyne Park

9. 129/13 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

129/13/01 Planning Committee – 1 Councillor

RESOLVED: Cllr B Dyer appointed to the Planning Committee

129/13/02 Finance & Staffing Advisory Group – 1 Councillor

RESOLVED: Cllr B Bristow appointed to the Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

129/13/03 Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils – 1 Councillor and 1 Deputy

RESOLVED: Cllr P Pugh appointed to IWALC as executive member and Cllr G Kendall to be deputy

129/13/04 Bembridge Youth and Community Centre Management Committee – 1 Councillor

RESOLVED: Cllr S Pigot appointed to BYCC

11. 130/13 TOILET REFURBISHMENTS

130/13/01 To consider and agree the specification of works for The Point and Steyne Park toilets to commence 1st October 2013 for a period of 4 weeks

Thank you to Cllr J Marr for all of his work in co-ordinating the paperwork

RESOLVED: Agree the specification of works for The Point and Steyne Park toilets to commence 1st October 2013 for a period of 4 weeks

130/13/02 To agree purchase of materials for The Point and Steyne Park

RESOLVED: Agree purchase of materials for The Point and Steyne Park as listed on the material schedule and the heavy duty Bushboard systems

130/13/03 To appoint electrician for works at The Point

RESOLVED: Appoint 1st for electrical for the works at The Point

130/13/04 To appoint plumber for works at The Point

RESOLVED: Appoint Allendale plumbing for the works at The Point

130/13/05 To appoint carpenter for works at The Point

RESOLVED: Appoint Al Carpentry for works at The Point

130/13/06 To appoint decorator for works at The Point

RESOLVED: Appoint Paul Fincham for decorating works at The Point

130/13/07 To appoint builder for works at The Point

RESOLVED: Appoint 360 Property as builder for works at The Point

130/13/08 To appoint gardener for works at The Point

RESOLVED: Appoint Care in the Community as gardener for works at The Point

130/13/09 To ratify tree works application to the Isle of Wight Council at The Point

Chasing Southern Water to remove the tree that abuts the building

RESOLVED: Ratify tree works application to the Isle of Wight Council at The Point for 60% crown clearance on the tree that has a TPO in line with recommendations from Jerry Willis IWC Tree Officer

130/13/10 To appoint builder for Steyne Park

RESOLVED: Appoint Al Carpentry for works at Steyne Park

130/13/11 To appoint electrician for works at Steyne Park

RESOLVED: Appoint 1st for electrical for works at Steyne Park

130/13/12 To appoint roofer for works at Steyne Park

RESOLVED: Appoint Steve Taylor for roof works at Steyne Park

12. 131/13 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

To adopt the Bembridge Housing Needs Survey; outcome 12 units per annum over the next 5 years of which two thirds to be affordable

RESOLVED: Adopt the Bembridge Housing Needs Survey; outcome 12 units per annum over the next 5 years of which two thirds to be affordable

14. 132/13 ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

To note the armed forces community covenant that IWALC has agreed to join

RESOLVED: Note the armed forces community covenant that IWALC has agreed to join

15. 133/13 OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS & TREE

133/13/01 To approve the closure of the Parish Office from 13.00 on Friday 20th December 2013 to Wednesday 1st January 2014 opening again on Thursday 2nd January 2014

RESOLVED: Approve the closure of the Parish Office from 13.00 on Friday 20th December 2013 to Wednesday 1st January 2014 opening again on Thursday 2nd January 2014

133/13/02 To consider sponsoring a Christmas tree to be positioned inside the circular bench outside 5/7 High Street Bembridge

RESOLVED: Sponsor a Christmas tree to be positioned inside the circular bench outside 5/7 High Street Bembridge with battery operated lights

16. 134/13 SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

134/13/01 To consider and approve a small grants scheme application from Isle of Wight Society for the Blind of £150.00

RESOLVED: Ask Estelle Thomas to confirm what the funds will be spent on and bring back to the next meeting

134/13/02 To consider and approve a small grant scheme application from Brading Town Colts Football Club of £150.00

RESOLVED: Ask if Brading Colts receive a donation from Brading Town Council and bring back to the next meeting

134/13/03 To consider and approve a small grant scheme application from Isle of Wight Music, Dance and Drama Festival of £150.00

RESOLVED: To refuse a grant to Isle of Wight Music, Dance and Drama Festival as they do not meet the small grants scheme criteria

18. 135/13 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To resolve 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 – Confirmed 15th October 2013, 7.00pm Village Hall, Small Hall

Meeting Closed 20.35

Signed.....

Dated.....