



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of **BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held at **7.00 pm** on the **18th June 2013** in the **BEMBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr D Grannum (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Tarrant, Cllr C Doe, Cllr S Pigot, Cllr A Lee, Cllr J Marr, Cllr M Humphray, Cllr A Woodford, Cllr P Pugh and Mrs J McDade – Asst Clerk

Public: 5

Public Forum: Cllr Humphray raised resident's concerns over The Windmill Hotel and how long it has been empty for. Would the council help residents organise a local meeting to discuss the empty property and if there would be any interest in a community buy scheme. Councillors agreed it was a concern and would be willing to listen to any group that came forward with a plan.

1. **86/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

2. **87/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr G Kendall - Holiday

3. **88/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- **88/13/01** To receive declarations of any pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda
None received
- **88/13/02** To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate
None to consider

4. **89/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To receive for approval minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 14th May 2013

RESOLVED: Approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14th May 2013. The minutes were duly signed by the Vice Chairman.

5. **90/13 WORKING GROUPS**

- **90/13/01** To note minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Groups held on 10th May and 6th June 2013
- **RESOLVED:** Noted minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Groups held on 10th May and 6th June 2013
- **90/13/02** To note minutes of the Village Partnership meeting held on 22nd May 2013
RESOLVED: Noted minutes of the Village Partnership meeting held on 22nd May 2013

6. **91/13 FINANCE**

- **91/13/01** To receive bank reconciliation and cash balances to 14th June 2013
RESOLVED: Received bank reconciliation and cash balances to 14th June 2013
- **91/13/02** To approve schedule of payments to 14th June 2013
RESOLVED: Approved schedule of payments to 14th June 2013

7. **92/13 REPORTS**

To receive the following reports:

- Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils
None received.
- Village Hall Management Committee
None received as Cllr Kendall on holiday.
- Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee
Committee is settling down and getting organised. It is hoped to have a youth worker in place shortly. Progress is being made with the Awards for All Computer project, information on classes should be available shortly. It is hoped that local people/groups will use the petanque this summer.
- Village Partnership
Now split into 2 groups Green Town Steering and Events Group, with Village Partnership meeting quarterly. The Events Group have started the fireworks and Christmas events organising.
- Harbour
Regatta celebration organising going well
- Other reports
None received
- Clerk's report

ISLAND ROADS

A joint meeting took place between Bembridge, Brading and St Helens Parish Councils with Island Roads to consider the current service provision and issues that have arisen since their introduction on 1st April. Extensive promises were given that the backlog of issues will be tackled and future improvements to service such as grass cutting and litter/dog bin emptying will take place.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Bembridge is furthest ahead with developing a neighbourhood plan on the Island so are testing the waters with much of it. It is proving to be a very complex process but the protection of the village makes it worthwhile. The Housing Needs Survey has been logged with the IWC showing a need of 12 affordable homes per annum. A draft plan is expected for public consultation in July/August. Once the whole plan is approved by the IWC it will go out to public referendum where it needs to achieve 50% approval from those that vote.

TENNIS

A six week coaching programme is available for children and adults to be delivered on Wednesday afternoon/evenings. Volunteers have offered to take bookings and be key holders for community use at weekends and school holidays. The provision will commence as soon as the tennis posts have been delivered and installed. A start date and contact details will be advertised.

BB10 COASTAL PATH

The Parish Council were officially consulted on the reinstatement of BB10 back in March. Since the departure of Peter Hayward from IWC, staff from Rights of Way have been reorganised and now report to Matthew Chatfield in Parks & Gardens with Lee Matthews their manager. It has come to light that there is no capital funding for the reinstatement of BB10 of which Peter Hayward advised there was £80,000. Property agents had been appointed to negotiate with land owners. Concerns about this situation have been raised with Stuart Love and Lee Matthews who have assured us that funding will be made available for the reinstatement. We await specific details on progress with the land negotiations.

BB22/36 HILLWAY/STEYNE WOOD FOOTPATH PROJECT

Bembridge Village Partnership has secured the Biffa grant funding of £3488.36 for the Hillway/Steyne Wood footpath project. The landowner for the section of Steyne Wood has raised concerns as he believes that the neighbours have moved the fence across and therefore the proposed works are not on the official footpath. This query has been passed to IWC Rights of Way for clarification. If a resolution cannot be met for Steyne Wood the other two sections of work will go ahead.

HARBOUR CELEBRATORY WEEKEND 26th – 28th JULY 2013

Volunteers are needed to assist with the street market, beach games and children's fancy dress as part of the harbour celebratory weekend to take place on 26th - 28th July. Contact Cllr Denise Grannum if you are available to assist.

8. 93/13 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

To co-opt 1 parish councillor from the applications received to fill the casual vacancy for Bembridge South Ward

A written vote took place and the votes were counted by Mrs McDade and verified by Cllr Humphray and Cllr Lee.

7 votes for Mr B Bristow

1 vote for Ms M Sullivan

1 vote for Mr R Widger

Ms Sullivan and Mr Widger requested their applications be put forward for the 2nd vacancy to be decided at next month's meeting.

RESOLVED: Mr B Bristow is co-opted to the vacancy on Bembridge South Ward of Bembridge Parish Council.

9. 94/13 TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO WORKING GROUP

To appoint 1 Councillor to the Finance & Staffing Advisory Group

Would be better if decided at the next meeting, with new councillor joining.

RESOLVED: Defer to the next full council meeting

10. 95/13 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

To ratify the decision to apply for Locality funding of £6794.12

RESOLVED: Ratify the decision to apply for Locality funding of £6794.12

11. 96/13 ASSETS

- **96/13/01** To agree lease fees for Bowling Club and Scout Field £400.00 each plus VAT and charge bowling club for their fee and ask for donation from Scouts

RESOLVED: Agreed fees for Bowling Club and Scout Field £400.00 each plus VAT and charge bowling club for their fee and ask for donation from Scouts

- **96/13/02** To agree bowling club to be charged £100.00 for parking to cover grass cutting of scout field by lengthsman

RESOLVED: Agreed bowling club to be charged £100.00 for parking to cover grass cutting of scout field by lengthsman

- **96/13/03** To ratify the decision to decline the Heritage society proposal for rear of 5 High Street Bembridge

RESOLVED: Ratify the decision to decline the Heritage society proposal for rear of 5 High Street Bembridge

- **96/13/04** To ratify the decision to agree George Bristows Palmer memorial proposal to fundraise towards restoration works and maintain plants on an on-going basis

RESOLVED: Ratify the decision to agree George Bristows Palmer memorial proposal to fundraise towards restoration works and maintain plants on an on-going basis

- **96/13/05** To adopt the memorial benches policy

RESOLVED: Adopt the memorial benches policy

- **96/13/06** To agree purchase of the new bench for the war memorial gardens and dedicate it to Barbara Blackburn

RESOLVED: Agreed purchase of the new bench for the war memorial gardens and dedicate it to Barbara Blackburn

- **96/13/07** To approve Parish Asset Grant of £1000.00 to the Village Hall for resealing the floors

RESOLVED: Approve Parish Asset Grant of £1000.00 to the Village Hall for resealing the floors

12. 97/13 COMMUNICATIONS

To agree introduction of an e-newsletter bimonthly with a one off cost of £100.00 for Intouch with Communities to draft a custom designed template

RESOLVED: Agreed introduction of an e-newsletter bimonthly with a one off cost of £100.00 for Intouch with Communities to draft a custom designed template.

13. 98/13 YOUTH PROPOSAL

To agree to conduct a youth consultation on the provision of a revised youth service

RESOLVED: Agreed to conduct a youth consultation on the provision of a revised youth service.

14. 99/13 COMMUNITY AWARDS

To agree to host to community awards biannually with the next event in October 2014

RESOLVED: Agreed to host to community awards biannually with the next event in October 2014.

15. 100/13 TWINNING

To agree donation of £100.00 to the Twinning Association for the Youth visit at the end of June

RESOLVED: Agreed donation of £100.00 to the Twinning Association for the Youth visit at the end of June.

16. 101/13 TENNIS

To agree purchase of 2 x sets of tennis posts costing £479.90 plus VAT

RESOLVED: Agreed purchase of 2 x sets of tennis posts costing £479.90 plus VAT.

17. 102/13 SMALL GRANT SCHEME

To consider and approve a small grants scheme application from Victim Support for £150.00

Bembridge residents have been supported in the past and may need support in the future.

RESOLVED: Approve a small grants scheme application from Victim Support for £150.00

18. 103/13 TOILET REFURBISHMENT

To consider the tenders received for builder of the Point and High Street toilet refurbishments

Only one quotation received for refurbishments.

RESOLVED: Defer consideration until the next full council meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed 16th July 2013, 7pm Village Hall, small hall

Meeting closed at 7.20pm

SIGNED:

DATED: