



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of **BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held at **7.00 pm** on the **19th February 2013** in the **BEMBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**

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

PUBLIC: 1 **PUBLIC FORUM** No question were asked.
Cllr J Bacon, Cllr P Joyce, Cllr A Freeman and IW County Press reporter in attendance.

14/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A successful dragons den day was held on Saturday 16th February with over 40 in attendance. The event will be repeated next year where possible.

Green Towns workshop to be held on Saturday 2nd March 10.00-12.30 in Northwood, free event opens to all Councillors. The Clerk to confirm exact location.

Brading Marshes raising of water levels. Concerns raised regarding potential flood risks of Station Road and Harbour Strand. Clerk to obtain information and circulate to Councillors.

The hearing for the appeal of Staddlestones planning application went well and the Parish Council was represented by Cllr G Kendall and Cllr D Grannum. A decision is expected to take up to 7 weeks.

15/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Burden, holiday and Cllr Woodford, away.

16/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

No interests declared.

17/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15th January 2013.

RESOLVED: Approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15th January 2013. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

18/13 PLANNING COMMITTEE

To note minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 15th January and 5th February 2013.

RESOLVED: No meeting held on 15th January due to lack of business. Note the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 5th February 2013.

19/13 WORKING GROUPS

19/13/01 To note minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 25th January 2013.

RESOLVED: Note the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 25th January 2013.

19/13/02 To note minutes of the Village Partnership meeting held on 23rd January 2013.

RESOLVED: Note the minutes of the Village Partnership meeting held on 23rd January 2013.

19/13/03 To note minutes of Emergency Planning Working Group held on 29th January 2013.

RESOLVED: Note minutes of Emergency Planning Working Group meeting held on 29th January 2013.

19/13/04 To note minutes of Toilet Refurbishment Working Group held on 4th February 2013.

RESOLVED: Note minutes of the Toilet Refurbishment Working Group held on 4th February 2013.

20/13 FINANCE

20/13/1 To receive bank reconciliation and cash balances to 15th February 2013.

RESOLVED: Note the bank reconciliation and cash balances to 15th February 2013.

20/13/12 To approve schedule of payments to 15th February 2013.

RESOLVED: Approve the schedule of payments to 15th February 2013.

21/13 REPORTS:

To receive the following reports:

- 21/13/1 Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils
Routine business. Request to pursue NALC to lobby for Neighbourhood Plan funding agreed.

- 21/13/2 Village Hall Management Committee
Meeting last week considered routine business.

- 21/13/3 Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee
Table tennis group successful with Dragons Den funding. Awards for All grant has been submitted. Running the bar seems to be successful. Series of events planned with more people using the centre. Make people aware BYCC exists. No sign of the Youth Club on Wednesday evenings. Slot is being kept open for IWC to utilise.

- 21/13/4 Finance & Staffing Advisory Group
All items to be considered are included on the agenda.

- 21/13/5 Toilet Refurbishment Working Group
All items to be considered are included on the agenda.

- 21/13/6 Emergency Plan Working Group
All items to be considered are included on the agenda.

- 21/13/7 Village Partnership
Dragons Den event attracted 11 applications of which 9 were successful. Impressed with the quality of the presentations. A better way of giving out grant funding. Repeat next year if possible.

- 21/13/8 Harbour
Meeting held on Monday. Dues are to remain the same and mooring fees are to increase by 2%. Dredging to commence after Easter but Fisherman's Walk will not be dredged as the money needs to be invested in sewage drainage at St Helens Duver at this time. Village Green application is still alive. Meeting arranged to consider the application on 30th January was cancelled. 26-28th July 2013 dates for regatta. Sailing, rowing, dance on the Duver and fireworks will take place included a tug of war across the harbour. Craft stalls, market and shops will be located at the Point along with a real ale tent and a hog roast. Fantastic event for the village. Harbour public meeting on 8th March 6pm in the Village Hall.

- 21/13/9 Clerk's report

To receive the clerks report as follows:-

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

A big thank you to all those residents who returned the housing needs survey. We have received 461 forms out of 2139 circulated. Bembridge has 297 second homes and taking this out of the equation the rate of return is 25%. A consultant/specialist will be commissioned to analyse the results and produce a report which forms the bedrock of evidence to demonstrate the local need over the next 5 years.

BEMBRIDGE RIGHTS OF WAY

BB10 - IWC have proposed a package of measures for BB10 coastal footpath but they are confidential at this point in time because IWC are instructing property agents to negotiate with land owners. Depending on the outcome of these negotiations are timetables for implementation of works. The Parish Council and Ramblers as a special interest group will be officially consulted mid-March on the plans.

Apologies were given regarding the timescale it has taken for this issue to be tackled. Rights of Way have a small team and a small budget and they were trying to put forward proposals within their remit. When Peter Hayward picked this up in the autumn he was unaware of the scale of the works needed. Therefore the plans have become a Highways design job and not a Rights of Way job. There is not much more I can add at this time apart from the reassurance that plans are afoot to reinstate the coastal path but there are dependencies on the timescale to do so.

BB19 -Improvements to BB19 Lynchens and Station Road are included as a capital project by IWC 2013/14.

BB22 and Junction BB36 - Bembridge Village Partnership are running a project to improve the three sections of Hillway/Steyne Wood as follows:-

BB22 Hillway Road entrance requires works for 150 meters by 1 meter wide. The banks need to be levelled and hedges cut back. Stabilised gravel to be deposited 4 inches deep and compacted in place. Approach owner of neighbouring field to try and gain access to help ease leg work required. Rusty drain cover needs replacing.

BB22 Sandown Road entrance requires works for 25 meters by 1 meter wide 4 inches deep. Diversion of current water into the copse is required for longevity of the works.

Junction BB36 extremely wet spot runs 10-15 meters at the junction. Use 20 tonne of chalk to build up existing pathway that would enable water to sit each side and not across the whole junction. Possibly dig trench and install 6 meter twin wall pipe to ease the problem.

SPRING LITTER PICK

Bembridge spring litter pick will take place on Sunday 7th April 10.00am from Steyne Park. Are you free to help litter pick local footpaths? If yes please register your interest. Equipment and bags will be provided along with disposal of the litter collected.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th April 7pm in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be available and the Parish Councillors will be in attendance to chat through anything you wish to discuss.

ELECTIONS

The elections this year will take place on Thursday 2nd May 2013. Registered electors will be voting for their Parish Councillors and Isle of Wight ward Councillors on the same day.

Bembridge Parish Council has twelve seats, six in each ward. Anyone wishing to stand as a Parish Councillor will need to be nominated by two electors from the ward in which they intend to stand.

To be a candidate at these elections the nomination paper and consent to nomination must be delivered to the Returning Officer, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1UD by noon on Friday, 5 April 2013. Please ensure that all sections of submitted forms are fully completed, including the name of the Electoral Division for which you are nominated, and the Electoral Numbers of your Proposer, Seconder and Assentors. Please note that the Consent to Nomination cannot be dated any earlier than 5th March 2013. Nomination packs are available from the Parish Office or County Hall. You can also check the electoral register for numbers at the Parish Office.

22/13 TOILETS

A lengthy discussion took place and concern was expressed that an accessible toilet and baby changing unit would not be provided at the High Street location. The refurbishments must last longer term for the next 10-15 years as capital would not be available in the short term to revisit.

22/13/01 To agree current specification and tenders unachievable.

RESOLVED: Agree current specification and tenders unachievable due to budget available vs costs.

22/13/02 To agree revised refurbishment on current layout for the High Street and Point without accessible toilets and use of Wallgate sanitary ware.

RESOLVED: Agree revised refurbishment on current layout for the Point without accessible toilets and use of Wallgate sanitary ware. Arrange special meeting for all Councillors to agree upon High Street.

22/13/03 To agree proposal for Steyne Park provided by the Parish Lengthsmen.

RESOLVED: Agree proposal for Steyne Park to be provided in house by the Parish Lengthsmen.

22/13/04 To agree extending toilet cleaning contract with Eazi Cleaners for another year, 1st April 2013 – 31st March 2014.

RESOLVED: Agree extending toilet cleaning contract with Eazi Cleaners for another year, 1st April 2013 – 31st March 2014.

22/13/05 To agree Wallgate service contract for units in the High Street toilets at a cost of £412.00pa.

RESOLVED: Agree Wallgate service contract for units in the High Street toilets at a cost of £412.00pa.

23/13 PFI

To agree the Highways PFI memorandum of understanding.

A memorandum of understanding needs to be signed between the Parish Council and Isle of Wight Council as Island Roads will provide the contract for Isle of Wight Council. Will save money on dog bins and bench maintenance. Appendix A is maps detailing all assets to be taken on.

RESOLVED: Agree signing Highways PFI memorandum of understanding.

24/13 SCHOOL FIELD

To ratify decision against a land swap Steyne Park with the School Field.

RESOLVED: Ratify decision against a land swap Steyne Park with the School Field.

25/13 ACCOUNTS PACKAGE

To renew the annual licences to Scribe 2010 from 1st March 2013 at a cost of £367.50.

RESOLVED: Approve renewal of the annual licenses to Scribe from 1st March 2013 at a cost of £367.50.

26/13 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

26/13/01 To adopt the new Emergency Plan

RESOLVED: Adopt new Emergency Plan. Thank working group and Cllr J Marr for previous work. Test of plan to be carried out soon.

26/13/02 To grant permission to use War Memorial garden for the Street Fayre on Monday 27th May 2013.

RESOLVED: Grant permission to use War Memorial garden for the Street Fayre on Monday 27th May 2013.

27/13 TWINNING ASSOCIATION

To consider and support the request from the Twinning Association to dedicate Birdham Corner to Pledran and maintain for 3 years.

Dragons Den application was not successful in shortlisting as it stated Parish Lengthsmen to construct and maintain.

RESOLVED: Not to support the request from the Twinning Association to dedicate Birdham Corner to Pledran as expectation that Parish Lengthsmen will construct and maintain.

28/13 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

28/13/01 To ratify the decision to apply for £4,000 grant from IWC for Neighbourhood Planning.

RESOLVED: Ratify the decision to apply for £4,000 grant from IWC for Neighbourhood Planning.

28/13/02 To ratify the decision to apply for Awards for All funding for the Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED: Ratify the decision to apply for Awards for All funding for the Neighbourhood Plan.

29/13 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 March 2013 7.00pm Village Hall

Meeting Closed 20.20

Signed.....

Dated.....