



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Village Partnership Green Town Steering Group meeting held 8th November 2017 at 4.00pm Parish Office, 5 Foreland Road, Bembridge

PRESENT: Mr J Leaver (Chairman), Cllr S Weedall, Mr I Graham, Mr T Freeman, Mr J Doolan and Mrs E Goldring (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence Mrs B Clough. Non-attendance Cllr T Millington and Cllr M Sullivan.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 6th September 2017

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 6th September 2017

3. FORWARD PLAN

To discuss forward plan

Project	Latest Actions	Actions Required
The Point Clear Up Project inc Bembridge Trail Sign/Leaflet	Report the trees at the Point to Island Roads for removal of large fallen branch and assessment for ongoing safety	OK
Palmer Memorial Restoration inc Sign/Leaflet	Wightstonemasons to drill two holes within the Palmer Memorial to drain the water from the troughs	OK
WW1 Remembrance Orchard, Lane End Cemetery	Bembridge Beauty needs to be placed as it is dead	Plaques squashed into the ground need to improve
Lincoln Way Pond Clearance	No pond liner to be installed.	Annual clearance
Big Tree Plant Old School Field	Top 8 trees need new guards to be replaced	1 dead to be replaced
Lane End Clear up	More weeds to be removed	OK
Culver Trail Project Signs and leaflet	Ok	Ok
Mound, Lane End Cemetery	Ok	Ok
Compost bin area, Lane End Cemetery	Ok	Ok
War Memorial Gardens fence	Ok	OK
Birdham Corner flower beds	Feedback is that it looks a lot cleaner and should not be planted. Consider reusing the plants at planters opposite Kings Oak	OK
Concrete Planters	To be cleared and replanted opposite Kings Oak	TBA
Regular Events	Latest Actions	Actions Required
Beach Cleans	Ok	Ok
Litter Picks	Ok	Ok
Bembridge in Bloom Awards	Successful event	Ok
Best Kept Village	Successful	OK
Wight in Bloom	Chase for sponsorship	None available

Footpaths	Latest Actions	Actions Required
BB22 – Hillway Road to Sandown Road		
BB4 – Beach Road dead end		
BB14 –Howgate Road to Coastal Path		
BB21 – Bembridge Windmill to Brading		
BB10 – Sandhills		
Brooks Close/Foreland Farm Lane	Gate springs broken	Report to ROW
BB2		
Poplar/Beachfield/Merlin Close		
BB42	Overgrown already reported to ROW	Chase ROW

4. MEN IN SHEDS

Men in Sheds project to be considered to feed into the Age Friendly work Successful groups on the Island such as Cowes and Ventnor. Fits in well with the age friendly work of social participation, respect and social isolation. www.meninsheds.org.uk Grants available to purchase sheds and tools. Information on how to attract men to participate. **RESOLVED:** SW to invite another Island Group of men in sheds to share their experience.

5. AUTUMN LITTER PICK

To agree rescheduled Autumn Litter Pick on 25th November 10.00am commencing Steyne Park
RESOLVED: Rearrange for Saturday 25th November 10.00am Steyne Park. SW Invite Kingswood. Next time ensure the autumn litter pick is arranged after half term.

6. WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION PROJECT

To receive an update on the War Memorial Trust grant funding application. War Memorials Trust awaiting decision letter for grant offer which is due early next week. 50% could be on offer in the December round if they have funding left over. This mean the Parish Council would have to fund over £5,000. Await decision letter.

Further advice sought from Lee Byrne. Seek quotes from local landscapers such as R&J and Roger Dixcey. Ensure specification for quotes complies with the Listed Building Consent granted. Office hasn't obtained quotes as yet due to workload. Centenary of the end of WW1 is November 2018. Consider ideas to commemorate and push for project to be complete beforehand. War Graves Commission has put a sign on gates at St Lukes informing that war graves are inside.

RESOLVED: IG and JD to seek landscapers quotes. EG to circulate WMT letter once received and LBC information.

7. VILLAGE TREES

To discuss the replacement Trees programme
Howgate Wonder request via Richard too big. Chase Mark Roberts for an update of the spreadsheet with extra column. Do not understand the thinking behind Island Road relocating trees to other villages on the Island. Invite Garry Stretch IWC to explain. Woodland Grove would like additional trees. Start here as a pilot to see how it will work, how much it will cost and who will plant the trees. Island Roads can source larger trees. A flyer needs to be drafted that will help consult street if they would like to see new trees and what species.

RESOLVED: EG to chase MR and invite GS to meeting. IG and JD to approach Woodland Grove.

8. FOOTPATHS

To discuss the Coastal footpath consultation
Public Consultation session held in the Village Hall on 3rd Nov only attended by a dozen people. John Taylor has been invited to the next meeting to talk about the consultation.

Response drafted on behalf of the Parish Council mentions narrowing section towards BB14. Jeff Doolan is part of IW Ramblers and has provided a hard copy form of their response that can be shared as a hard copy only. Concerns over delivery vs expectations when IW ROW capital budget is proposed to reduce to £0. No deadline on the consultation for responses.

9. ST LUKES

To discuss cleaning headstones at St Luke's

Not something that Green Towns should be doing. Personal to families and insurance liabilities of headstones with the families so liability risks. Ecology Officer would need to check lichens of old headstones as they are protected. **RESOLVED:** Not for this group.

10. PUBLIC REALM

- To discuss concrete planters opposite Kings Oak 19m

Island Roads had written to the homeowners to cut back but they informed not their responsibility. Island Roads has cut it back to the pavement and it looks awful. Concrete stepped planters have been there for years before the houses were even built. Working group and Lengthsmen to clear the planters and plant new in the spring. **RESOLVED:** Tidy up project for spring.

- To discuss High Street

Brochures given to IG including price lists. Agenda item for next meeting.

Entry signs into the village. Embankment Road missing. PC has considered it twice before and concluded it cost too much. Island Roads will change the signs to a simple road name plate design. Do not need twinned to be included.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Wednesday 8th January at 3.00pm in the Parish Office (please note earlier time as John Taylor Natural England is attending to give a talk regarding the Coastal Path Consultation)

Meeting closed 17.00

Signed:.....Dated:.....