



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 in The Village Hall, Large Hall, Bembridge

**PRESENT:** Cllr M Sullivan (Chairman), Cllr M Donlon, Cllr S Weedall, Cllr M Curtis, Cllr R Weaver, Cllr R Widger, Cllr G Stillman, Cllr A Hopkinson-Woolley, Cllr M Reeder, Cllr A Steane, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Assistant Clerk) **PUBLIC:** 20 members of the Public, IWC Brian Tyndall, PCSO Ashley Moul and David Newble IW County Press

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mrs Levelle – following on from IW Cllr Hutchinson’s letter in the County Press regarding cuts at the Council, the Parish needs to look at how to save money not keep spending. Parish office was a good idea at the time but we are still paying for it, we must ensure not to leave the next generation in debt. Would ask you to consider the personnel as I understand that one part time lengthsmen left and was replaced with a full time one, so we now have 2 full time lengthsmen?

Cllr Sullivan – Cllr Weedall, the Clerk and myself were reminded of the IWC cuts at a meeting on Monday. When the IWC cut services it is the parishes/towns that are expected to pick them up, so the PC is in a difficult position and working incredibly hard. The PC employs three lengthsmen all are part time, working 16, 20 and 30 hours.

Mark Champken – following Open Bembridge copy of a letter to the Auditor, were all the questions answered at the mid-term audit by the Auditor? And if they have been answered, can the continued saga of the finance problems be put to bed?

Cllr Sullivan – the Auditor answered all questions asked by 3 Councillors, the other Councillors were completely in the dark about the communication.

Mark Champken – can you let us know what the Library situation is with the IWC and will the PC be expected to help?

Clerk – the Library group are pursuing a lease for the property from the IWC.

Jeff Green – the consultation day was very good and shows money needs to be spent. A building group should be set up with Councillors and Villagers.

Cllr Sullivan – the Finance and Assets Committee will discuss these issues and is open to the public and their expertise will be met with open arms. The next meeting is next Wednesday at 7pm.

### **1. 214/17 CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR**

To co-opt a Parish Councillor for Bembridge South Ward

Two applications have been received from Nikki Harris and Keith Fagan

Mr Fagan received 6 votes and Mrs Harris received 4 votes

**RESOLVED:** Keith Fagan is co-opted as a Parish Councillor for Bembridge South Ward

### **2. 215/17 CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We need to move forward for the Village. We will not be taking questions or points during the meeting from the public as per our Standing Orders

### **3. 216/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence

Non-attendance of Cllr Millington

### **4. 217/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**217/17/01** To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda

Cllr Curtis declared a pecuniary interest in item 10 but asked if a dispensation could be granted for him to stay in the meeting for this item.

**217/17/02** To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate

Cllr Curtis granted a dispensation to stay in the meeting for item 10

**5. 218/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To receive for approval minutes of the Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**RESOLVED:** Approved minutes of the Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and duly signed by the Chairman

**6. 219/17 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To note minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**RESOLVED:** Noted minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**7. 220/17 WORKING GROUPS**

**220/17/01** To note minutes of the Road Safety & Security Group Meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**RESOLVED:** Noted minutes of the Road Safety & Security Group Meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**220/17/02** To note minutes of the Village Partnership Group Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**RESOLVED:** Noted minutes of the Village Partnership Group Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**220/17/03** To note minutes of the Green Town Steering Group Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**RESOLVED:** Noted minutes of the Green Town Steering Group Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**220/17/04** To note minutes of the Bembridge Friendship Circle Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**RESOLVED:** Noted minutes of the Bembridge Friendship Circle Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**8. 221/17 FINANCE**

**221/17/01** To approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**RESOLVED:** Approved bank reconciliation and cash balances to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Appendix A**

**221/17/02** To approve schedule of payments to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**RESOLVED:** Approved schedule of payments to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**221/17/03** To receive mid-year Internal Audit Report

**RESOLVED:** Received mid-year Internal Audit Report

**Appendix B**

**221/17/04** To approve increase for office broadband to BT unlimited infinity for £35.00 per month (previously capped at 50GB £25.00 per month) (*Budget £850 spend to date £405.52*)

**RESOLVED:** Approved increase for office broadband to BT unlimited infinity for £35.00 per month

**221/17/05** To approve purchase of cement mixer £150.00 (*Budget £1500 spend to date £680.65*)

**RESOLVED:** Approved purchase of cement mixer £150.00

**9. 222/17 REPORTS**

To receive the following reports:

**222/17/01** Hampshire Association of Local Councils

Clerk - No meeting

**222/17/02** Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Weaver - Meeting next month

**222/17/03** Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee

Cllr Weaver - Fireworks event was well attended by approx. 2,000 and received £1,100 in the buckets. The cricket nets are drawing more people to the park and so to the centre. The finances and the hire of the hall are doing well. The football teams are very pleased with the new container.

**222/17/04** Village Partnership (plus Green Town Steering Group)

Cllr Weedall –Village Partnership have agreed the annual report for the Neighbourhood Plan. The Star Competition is up and running, hoping everyone will join in. Still working on the Village Map. Will be purchasing a teardrop banner to advertise the PC, Village Partnership and GTS. Are talking about 2 other projects being a sculpture and all weather walking track. Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Cllr Weedall – the GTS group are keen to get the Men in Sheds project up and running in the village, and have signed up for the newsletter. The Autumn Litter Pick is this weekend, 10am commencing in Steyne

Park. Still awaiting a grant offer from War Memorials Trust of 50% for the War Memorial Project but have been looking at other local landscaping companies to see if we can do the work cheaper. Have been discussing the replacing of trees in the village. The Coastal Path consultation was poorly attended in the village, but John Taylor will speak to the GTS at their next meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> January. Concerned that the IWC Rights of Way will have a zero budget next year.

**222/17/05 Road Safety & Security Group**

Cllr Widger – last meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October nothing to report.

**222/17/06 Harbour**

**Appendix C**

**222/17/07 Police report**

PCSO Moul – the last 30 days have been quiet. Fireworks damage at the park has been dealt with. Some push bikes have gone missing in the area, so keep them secure at all times. Be careful where you leave wrapped presents, much sure they cannot be seen through windows from the road. Any problems with cold calling should be reported to either Trading Standards or the police on 101. This includes door knocking.

**222/17/08 Amey Waste Forum report**

**Appendix D**

**222/17/09 IW Bus & Rail Users Group**

Cllr Hopkinson-Woolley – was difficult to hear speakers at the meeting and there were no minutes taken. Revenue received smaller than the costs to deliver services and the rolling stock is out of date. The 11.06 no 8 from the Church is always late so this will be looked into.

**222/17/10 Age Friendly/MLAFL**

Cllr Reeder – was not at the last meeting and the next is on 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**222/17/11 Isle of Wight Councillors reports**

The Harbour planning application will be on the IW Planning Committee meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Appendix E**

**222/17/12 Clerk's report**

**Appendix F**

**10. 223/17 PARISH PROPERTIES**

**223/17/01** To agree to remove the covenant from the public toilets at 5/7 High Street

Business plan is needed. Should retain the toilets were they are and refurbish. Toilets need to be central in the village so should stay where they are. The High Street is very vulnerable at the moment having lost the bank and garage, and the toilets are very important to visitors and residents. This is the starting point of the project and was discussed at the Finance and Assets Committee meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to remove the covenant from the public toilets at 5/7 High Street  
6 in favour 3 against 1 abstention

**223/17/02** To agree Insurance Valuation quote required every 3 years due January 2018 (*Budget £1000 spend to date £0*)

Quotes received for £1,600 and £405.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed £405 quote from Christopher Scott for Insurance Valuations

**223/17/03** To agree Asbestos Register quote (*Budget £1000 spend to date £0*)

Quotes received for £900 and £2,800.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed £900 quote from Linsch Consultations for Asbestos Register works

**223/17/04** To agree replacement of bollards on Coastguard Green with wooden stakes painted white cost no more than £100 (*Budget £2000 spend to date £437.54*)

**RESOLVED:** Agreed replacement of bollards on Coastguard Green with wooden stakes painted white cost no more than £100

**11. 224/17 TREES**

**224/17/01** To approve the planting of a new mature tree to replace the dead cherry tree in the War Memorial Gardens by the Horticulture Society for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**RESOLVED:** Approved the planting of a new mature tree to replace the dead cherry tree in the War Memorial Gardens by the Horticulture Society for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**224/17/02** To agree Tree Survey quotes due 19 Dec 2017 required every 3 years (*Budget £1000 spend to date £0*)

Quotes received for ££448.25, £1,600 and £2,285.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed £448.25 quote from Gristwood Toms Ltd for Tree Survey works

**12. 225/17 ROAD SAFETY & SECURITY**

**225/17/01** To discuss 20mph limit for the Village

At present 56% of responses in favour of 20mph limit for the village, but this is on-going. 20mph in certain places OK but blanket 20mph might be over the top and how is it to be enforced? There could be confusion if 20mph in some places only but speedwatch information will be able to help inform any decision. Enforcement of speed limits could help solve the problem.

**225/17/02** To note Security Information Day on 6<sup>th</sup> December 13.00-17.00 in the Village Hall

**RESOLVED:** Noted Security Information Day on 6<sup>th</sup> December 13.00-17.00 in the Village Hall

**225/17/03** To appoint Road Safety Group Representative

**RESOLVED:** Appointed Cllr Keith Fagan to the Road Safety Group

**13. 226/17 CONSULTATIONS**

**226/17/01** To agree Boundary Commission for England Isle of Wight constituency boundary review consultation deadline 11<sup>th</sup> December

Would like to thank the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for all their hard work putting together the Consultation Day, shame not many attended.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed response from the Clerk for the Boundary Commission for England Isle of Wight constituency boundary review consultation deadline 11<sup>th</sup> December

**Appendix G**

**226/17/02** To agree Natural England Coast Path (ECP) Improvements to public access along the Isle of Wight Coast consultation

GTS will be sending a more detailed response to this consultation

**RESOLVED:** Agreed response from the Clerk for Natural England Coast Path (ECP) Improvements to public access along the Isle of Wight Coast consultation

**Appendix H**

**14. 227/17 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

To agree quotes for housing needs survey due May 2018 (*Budget £3000 spent to date £0*)

Quotes received for £1,400, £1,650 and £3,000

**RESOLVED:** Agreed £1,400 quote from Home Consultancy Ltd for the Housing Needs Survey works

**15. 228/17 TRAINING**

To agree Planning Training for Alexander Hopkinson-Woolley IWALC 29<sup>th</sup> November £50 (*Budget £1211.90 committed expenditure £1211.90*)

Have been advised by the Auditor that not all Councillors need to have planning training. Need consistency with training and an amendment to the training policy to reflect this approach.

**RESOLVED:** Rejected Planning Training for Alexander Hopkinson-Woolley IWALC 29<sup>th</sup> November £50

**16. 229/17 STEYNE PARK**

**229/17/01** To agree the BYCC Music Festival on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**RESOLVED:** Agreed the BYCC Music Festival on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019 on the same terms as agreed for 2018

**229/17/02** To agree CCTV camera cost £200 infrared light and £793.35 additional camera not £500 as previously agreed (*Budget £700 spent to date £0*)

Currently 7 cameras. Additional camera is to be located in the car park to cover those entering and exiting the park as there are some black spots within the park. It is more expensive than the others as it requires a wifi booster to link into the system. The light will enhance the night time vision.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed CCTV camera cost £200 infrared light and £793.35 additional camera not £500 as previously agreed

**17. 230/17 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

**18. 231/17 EMPLOYEES SALARIES**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Full Council 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Meeting Closed: 8.40pm

Signed: .....

Dated:.....