



## BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in The Village Hall, Large Hall, Bembridge

**PRESENT:** Cllr M Sullivan (Chairman), Cllr M Donlon, Cllr S Weedall, Cllr R Weaver, Cllr A Hopkinson-Woolley, Cllr K Fagan, Cllr R Widger, Cllr A Steane and Mrs E Goldring (Clerk)

**PUBLIC:** 16 members of the public and IW Cllr M Murwill

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mrs M Wills – Read a letter to the meeting. **APPENDIX A**

Mrs S Sheath – Invite Darrel Clarke to a meeting to explain what is going on. Concerned about the huge diggings going on at Whitecliff Bay. Incredible amount of soil moved and additional chalets installed.

Cllr M Sullivan – Clerk will chase Darrel Clarke for a response.

Mr G Green – The Open Bembridge Facebook page an email from a councillor was published; issues of bullying down to the Chair to resolve. Inappropriate to put on social media. The Hub keeps getting referred to on Facebook however 5/7 is redevelopment and not the hub. Comment underhand and not minuted as public record. Urge the Council to work together. Loan for works on 5/7 and Village Hall will be required and the finances need to be rigorously checked to ensure benefits to Bembridge. Could bring more business into the area. Property Manager and Planning Consultant could be a capital cost but Emma confirmed it must be included within revenue due to Parish Finance rules. These posts are only temporary measures to deliver the project and comments made that 64% payroll of total budget is not quite right as this is an important project for the village. Urge the Council, assuming covenant is released, to utilise village skills. Don't buy into the comments that it is going ahead as the project has to start somewhere and has to be financially evaluated. Disappointed to see a Councillor hasn't attended for 6 months and hope the residents don't have to pay for an election as it is a very irresponsible.

Cllr M Sullivan – It is wonderful that the public are getting stuck in and offering assistance. Appreciate the points you have raised.

Mr J Gully – Chairman of Bembridge Harbour Trust and the Houseboats Association on Malcolm Thorpe's planning application ask the Parish Council to stay engaged with the process and ensure the section 106 is effective and has teeth. The level of profit is 20% represented by the "retained investments and £300,000" represented by 20% investment and £300,000. The LDC to be discussed at a future meeting.

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Cllr M Sullivan – Please be assured we have our eyes on the game.

#### **1. 01/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hoping for a brighter year and have an extraordinary community demonstrated by lovely events over Christmas including the star competition. Do come to the meetings and bring your friends. The more people sharing information the better chances of pleasing everyone.

#### **2. 02/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr Stillman, Cllr Curtis and Cllr Reeder all unwell. Non-attendance Cllr Millington.

Daryl Hunt Lengthsmen was absent on 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and Jacqui McDade was/is absent 15-16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 due to illness.

**3. 03/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**03/18/01** To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on the agenda

None

**03/18/02** To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate

None received

**4. 04/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To receive for approval minutes of the Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**RESOLVED:** Approved minutes of the Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Mrs Lavelle received a response to the public question which was copied to all councillors. The responses are on the website next to the minutes as an addendum.

**5. 05/18 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To note minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**RESOLVED:** Noted minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**6. 06/18 FINANCE**

**06/18/01** To approve bank reconciliation and cash balances to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**RESOLVED:** Approved bank reconciliation and cash balances to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Cllr Steane why does it show £54,000 in earmarked reserves when last month it was £69,000. The earmarked reserves are £69,000 they are not held within a separate bank account. You are looking at the Instant access account balance of £54,027.74. Why is there a £12,000 difference between this month and last month? £12,888.93 is the list of payments for this month. Are the December salaries included within the budget report? No the budget report is dated 03/01/18 and the salaries included within the bank reconciliation after on 12/01/18.

Point of order raised that this item is to approve bank reconciliation and cash balances. These questions can be asked of the clerk prior to the meeting. Everybody apart from you understands the budget.

**APPENDIX B**

**06/18/02** To approve schedule of payments to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**RESOLVED:** Approved schedule of payments to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**06/18/03** To agree for Community Hub budget (creditor) £5,766.45 to become general reserves

**RESOLVED:** Agreed Community Hub budget (creditor) £5,766.45 to become general reserves

6 in favour 0 against 2 abstentions

**06/18/04** To monitor the Budget

**APPENDIX C**

Cllr Steane the internal auditor stated in her report of 3<sup>rd</sup> November that maintenance works at 5/7 High Street should be commenced asap. We agreed to look into a programme of works. When will it be delivered? Further information will come to Finance & Assets Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> February. Only 1 quote was received for maintenance works and 3 are required/tender process. The internal auditor raised that resources and capital commitments should be reviewed at budget setting and they weren't.

The majority of the council agreed the budget.

**RESOLVED:** Noted budget position anticipated year end on target for £130,000

**7. 07/18 REPORTS**

To receive the following reports:

**07/18/01** Hampshire Association of Local Councils

Cllr Steane – HALC's new website is live. Asked to provide a consultation response on park homes regarding views, sales, harassment on site and fees. Deadline is 26<sup>th</sup> January Clerk is drafting a response. Non IWALC members meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am Salisbury Gardens Ventnor.

**07/18/02** Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Weaver – going ok annual reduction in the hiring of the hall over the past 3 years which is recognised by the committee and ideas being discussed to make improvements such as development of the new website and use of social media all under discussion. Rear door on the agenda. WIFI deferred need time to digest the information. Chess club hires the hall and the room is cold please can they turn the heating on.

**07/18/03 Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Management Committee**

Cllr Weaver - No meeting all fine and on the up. Christmas fair not well attended so will be rejigged for next year.

**07/18/04 Village Partnership (plus Green Town Steering Group)**

Cllr Donlon – Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January Footprint Trust gave us a presentation about Warmer homes initiative. The grant funding is being reduced and 2 things to consider funding 5 homes visits at £70 each and establishing a £500 budget for white goods. Proposal to be considered at next meeting. Litter picks and beach cleans arranged dates in the newsletter and clerks report. Village map design underway. Considering replacement entrance signs. Pursuing wave sculpture. Community spring walk date set.

Cllr Weedall - Meeting also on 10<sup>th</sup> January. John Taylor from Natural England attended and was taken on a 2 hour walk with Sheila, Ian and Jeff to consider some alternative routes for the Coast Path consultation. Natural England deals with the plans and funds the works. They become adopted ROW some concerns about the ongoing maintenance that falls to IWC. Met with Age UK about men in sheds; working on a promotional event. Joining with keep Britain tidy Great British Spring Litter pick called 'Heroes assemble'. Village will be litter picked included hedgerows, verges ending back at Steyne Park for refreshments. Come dressed as super heroes. War Memorial restoration quotes coming in keen to get this delivered in time for the centenary. Proposal to plant more trees. Concrete planters at the top of point hill will be refreshed in the spring. Next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**07/18/05 Road Safety & Security Group**

Cllr Widger – painting lines for the loading bay and the disabled bay outside the co-op at the end of January as they will be swapped over. CCTV camera at Steyne park to be installed 1<sup>st</sup> week in February. Some culprits were caught in St Helens by using CCTV. This was not Council CCTV that caught the culprits. Section of BB10 crumbling. This has been reported to ROW and there is rollback of this land. Report again as further erosion within the last week.

**07/18/06 Harbour APPENDIX D**

**07/18/07 Police report**

No serious problems in Bembridge, but there appears to be an increase in phone scams.

**07/18/08 Amey Waste Forum report**

Cllr Sullivan – no meeting but new green waste bins early bird runs out on 28<sup>th</sup> January. Can pet waste be disposed of? Cllr M Murwill to check.

**07/18/09 IW Bus & Rail Users Group**

Cllr Hopkinson-Woolley – next meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January.

**07/18/10 Age Friendly/MLAFL**

Cllr Reeder - not at meeting

**07/18/11 Isle of Wight Councillors reports**

Cllr Murwill – Usually try to respond to residents via email within 48 hours. Apologies to Mrs Wills a response has not been received. Budget session last evening following conversation with Dave Stewart went well. Another public consultation session tonight until 8.30pm at Medina Theatre. Difficult decisions to make need to find £7.5m savings. Sounds more like £9.0m when you add in 2% staff pay rise additional £900K to find and floating bridge. Bob Seely in Westminster today to put forward the case that we need Island Status and additional funding that comes with that. Carillion has no connections with IWC. Floating bridge scrutiny committee deferred decision. Legal case is open and only certain information can be shared with the public and even Councillors. Garden waste bins a success with 2300 households signed up ahead of the plan. Sandown 6<sup>th</sup> form is being considered along with an Island wide approach. Not to centralise it but to cover the Island. Children over 16 have to pay for their bus travel will this be included within the considerations please. If not it is a disincentive for children to consider 6<sup>th</sup> form as an option.

**07/18/12 Clerk's report**

**APPENDIX E**

8. **08/18 COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

**08/18/01** Council to declare vacancy for Bembridge North Ward; this became vacant on 21st December 2017 under LGA 1972 sec 86 due to six consecutive months non-attendance by Thomas Millington  
**08/18/02** To agree to place advert for notice of vacancy in IW County Press

Cllr T Millington remains as a Parish Council as apologies were tendered and accepted by Full Council on 17<sup>th</sup> October and therefore the 6 months' timescale resets. Sincere apologies have been given to Cllr Millington from the Clerk for this mistake. Therefore the agenda item is not to be considered.

9. **09/18 HEALTH & SAFETY**

To agree review of all risk assessments, risk management and findings  
Included within the agenda packs is a list of health and safety requirements, risk management which rates specifics into low, medium and high risk and a list of findings that are to be implemented by set timescales.  
**RESOLVED:** Agreed review of all risk assessments, risk management and findings

10. **10/18 STEYNE PARK**

To ratify approval of external socket to Steyne Park toilets store room  
**RESOLVED:** Ratify approval of external socket to Steyne Park toilets store room

11. **11/18 CONSULTATIONS**

To agree IWC Budget Consultation response deadline 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
Consultation response read to the meeting.  
**APPENDIX F**  
**RESOLVED:** Agreed IWC Budget Consultation response deadline 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018

12. **12/18 NEWSLETTER**

To approve of newsletter content  
**RESOLVED:** Approved content of February edition of the newsletter

13. **13/18 NON IWALC MEMBERS MEETING**

To ratify organising a meeting of non IWALC Member Councils  
To be held on 26<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am Salisbury Gardens Ventnor Cllr A Steane to attend as HALC rep.  
**RESOLVED:** Ratify organising a meeting of non IWALC Member Councils

14. **14/18 5 AND 7 HIGH STREET LEASES**

To agree quote to draft new leases for 5 and 7 High to commence 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
3 quotes received. Concerned that one of the providers requires the current leases in word. £500 contribution towards the lease from the tenants. Lease to be provided on the same terms is an assumption as the tenants may want to negotiate terms and this could increase the costs. Solicitor cannot demand the contribution from the tenants upfront? Lease fees apply to the old lease not the new lease?  
Propose appointment of Mark Willey of Terence Willey & Co and to seek contribution of £500 each from the tenants.  
**RESOLVED:** Appoint Mark Willey of Terence Willey & Co and to seek contribution of £500 each from the tenants.

15. **15/18 PARISH ASSET GRANTS**

To approve Parish Asset Grant for the Village Hall rear door  
£2000 budget, £381.05 spent to date £1618.95 available to spend.  
**RESOLVED:** Approve Parish Asset Grant for the Village Hall rear door £846 inc VAT.

16. **16/18 FLAG FLYING**

**16/17/01** To agree to Fly the Flag for Commonwealth, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am in the War Memorial Gardens  
**RESOLVED:** Agreed to Fly the Flag for Commonwealth, Monday 12th March 10.00am in the War Memorial Gardens  
**16/17/02** To agree to Fly the Flag for St Georges Day, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 10.00am in the War Memorial Gardens  
**RESOLVED:** Agreed to Fly the Flag for St Georges Day, Monday 23rd April 10.00am in the War Memorial Gardens

**16/17/03** To agree to Raise the Flag for Merchant Navy Day, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am in the War Memorial Gardens

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to Raise the Flag for Merchant Navy Day, Sunday 9th September 10.00am in the War Memorial Gardens

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Full Council 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Meeting Closed: 8.00pm

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

