

BPC Clerks Report for Meeting 16.01.18

STAR COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone that entered the Star Competition, we were overwhelmed by the number of entries and the high standard of STARS on show. The winners were announced on Saturday 16th December at the Bembridge Youth & Community Centre Christmas Event:

Business

Winners - Village Inn

Runners up - Bembridge Building Supplies

Group

Winners – Scouts

Runners up – Bembridge Business Association

Family

Winner – Mrs Sparrow

Runners up – Mrs Bishop

Judges special award – Mason Goldring

RIVER YAR TRAIL

Down to the Coast are celebrating the conclusion of its £50,000 investment in improvements to the hugely popular River Yar Trail between Brading Quay Lane and Bembridge Windmill.

On Friday 15th December a small 'ribbon cutting' ceremony took place to celebrate the completion of works followed by a short stroll along the resurfaced path.

Thanks were given to Isle of Wight Council Rights of Way, IW AONB Partnership, Heritage Lottery Fund, IW Ramblers, Aaron Rogers Grounds Maintenance, Bembridge Parish Council Green Towns and Parish Lengthsmen for working in partnership to deliver a great outcome.

IWC BUDGET CONSULTATION

The Isle of Wight Council is currently running a consultation process regarding the proposals for budget setting activity for the next financial year; deadline 29th January.

More details of this can be found on the council's website at

<https://www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/Financial-Management/Budget-Consultation>

Representatives from Bembridge Parish Council are attending a stakeholder engagement meeting on this subject on the 15th of January at County Hall.

Questions asked prior to the session awaiting reply are:-

I have looked at the Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2020/21 papers on the web link. Page B-48 6.2 bullet 4 states 'transfers of a number of community services to Parish & Town Councils'. Do you have a list of services expected please?

£650,000 saving expected from vacancy management; do we know which departments these resources will be cut please?

Is there a list of proposed savings totalling £7.5M for 2018/19 that we can view?

Many thanks Emma Goldring

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Bembridge Parish Council is updating the housing needs survey which was last completed in May 2013 and will be delivered to every household in the Parish for completion in February. We must obtain a response rate of over 25% for the survey to be recognised as representative of the community and to stand up to scrutiny.

The document is important to help assist the delivery of the Bembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan and shape the Planning applications coming forward to deliver locals needs. Therefore please return the survey to the Parish Office or one of the collection boxes located at the Library or Welcome Store Lane End by 16th March. Alternatively you can call us on 874160 and we will organise for one of our volunteers to collect it.

MEN IN SHEDS

Are you interested in being involved with a Bembridge shed? The Green Towns steering group are exploring funding options and locations, working alongside the Parish Lengthsmen to utilise tools and experience. Watch this space.....

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Tues 20th February 7.00pm Village Hall

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tues 6th February 6.30pm Village Hall

Tues 20th February 6.30pm Village Hall

FINANCE & ASSETS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tues 6th February 7.00pm Village Hall

ROAD SAFETY & SECURITY GROUP MEETING

Wed 7th February 2.00pm Parish Office

STEYNE PARK PROJECT MEETING

Wed 28th February 5.00pm Parish Office

Emma Goldring

Clerk Bembridge Parish Council

9th January 2018