



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Village Partnership Green Town Steering Group meeting held 14th March 2018 at 4.00pm Parish Office, 5 Foreland Road, Bembridge

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

The Green Towns Steering Group is a sub-committee of Bembridge Village Partnership.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence Cllr M Sullivan. Non-attendance Cllr T Millington.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 10th January 2018.

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 10th January 2018

3. FORWARD PLAN

To discuss forward plan

Project	Latest Actions	Actions Required
The Point Clear Up Project inc Bembridge Trail Sign/Leaflet		OK
Palmer Memorial Restoration inc Sign/Leaflet	Needs weeding and small planters draining holes to be cleared	Lengthsmen
WW1 Remembrance Orchard, Lane End Cemetery	Need woodchips	Lengthsmen
Lincoln Way Pond Clearance	Annual clearance	TBA
Big Tree Plant Old School Field	1 dead to be replaced by Lengthsmen in spring	Lengthsmen
Lane End Clear up		OK
Culver Trail Project Signs and leaflet	Need to be checked	Lengthsmen
Mound, Lane End Cemetery	Ok	Ok
Compost bin area, Lane End Cemetery	Mound Ok. 4 planters at Lane End Cemetery needs replanting	Lengthsmen
War Memorial Gardens fence	Ok	OK
Birdham Corner flower beds	Ok	OK
Concrete Planters	To be cleared and replanted opposite Kings Oak. Order 1 tonne bag of compost	27 th March

Regular Events	Latest Actions	Actions Required
Beach Cleans	Ok	Ok
Litter Picks	Ok	Ok
Bembridge in Bloom Awards	July	Ok
Best Kept Village	May chased score sheet	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	Slip reported	ROW
BB21 – Bembridge Windmill to Brading		
BB10 – Sandhills		
Brooks Close/Foreland Farm Lane		
BB2		
Poplar/Beachfield/Merlin Close		
BB42	Overgrown reported and cut back	
BB19 Lynchens	Muddy could do with resurfacing and steps	Future project
BB7	Muddy could do with resurfacing	Future project

4. **MEN IN SHEDS**

Men in Sheds underway being led by Ian Graham and Ray Widger. Meeting on Tuesday afternoons at the Scouts Hut. Have agreed to an annual membership fee of £20pa and pay £1 per visit. A Lloyds bank account has been opened. Options for sheds locations being next to the Scouts extension or rear of Village Hall. Quote for a shed 15x24 from Lushington sheds. Awards for all grant funding is available from £300-£10,000. Need to check eligibility.

5. **SPRING LITTER PICK & BEACH CLEANS**

To reschedule heroes assemble spring clean

Beach cleans at 10.00am on the 24th March starting points to be agreed:-

Paddock Drive Ian Graham

Lane End Tony Freeman

Swains Sheila Weedall and Margaret Donlon

Beach Rd Barbara Clough

Jeff away. Trevor at the Tollgate Café has offered to do refreshments. New litter pickers and hi Vis jackets available.

Heroes assemble cancelled due to the snow. A grand spring litter pick to be held on 28th April at 10.00am to cover the village in readiness for the best kept village judging in May followed by refreshments at BYCC.

RESOLVED: Grand spring litter pick 28th April 10.00am commencing at Steyne Park, covering the village centre and returning to BYCC for refreshments.

6. **WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION PROJECT**

To discuss War memorial restoration project.

Russell Page appointed. Meeting required with Lee Byrne to agree type of stone. Works scheduled to commence third week in April. Cutting will take place in his yard. Old paving will be retained and used to build a new place for the plaque. Consult the Church and RBL regarding relocation.

7. VILLAGE TREES

To discuss village tree policy

Bembridge Parish Council has agreed the tree proposal received on 20th Feb details to be included within a tree policy and brought back to Full Council for approval. Drafting the tree policy is included within the clerk’s forward plan for July.

8. RIGHTS OF WAY

To discuss and agree the BB22 fingerpost sign

Parish Lengthsmen will clean and move the sign as ROW have not done so. Coastal path fingerpost signs near lifeboat need repositioning too.

9. CLEAN SEAS

To discuss the Clean Seas initiative

Reduce plastic, refill water bottles, promote shops that offer the service. Ian will draft a letter to the shops. Can promote in the newsletter.

10. BEST KEPT VILLAGE

To discuss Best Kept Village scores for 2017 and any improvements that can be made
The score sheets have not been received. Jacqui has chased for it. Toilets were a low score last time. Paint the outside walls of Steyne Park as it is a dark brown colour. Consider locking High Street toilets at the time of judging?

11. PUBLIC REALM

- To discuss concrete planters opposite Kings Oak project for spring
Organised for Tuesday 27th March at 10.00am. Need to order 1 tonne bag of compost to prepare the planters. Plants can be provided from the Coastal Gardener when required.
- To discuss clearing area around cycle rack and adding extra racks in the village
Feel that the current provision of two cycle racks in the village centre are adequate as they are never full up.
- Outside 5/7 High Street. Pavements are due to be resurfaced in autumn. The circular bench and long concrete bench will be replaced with two normal benches. Men in sheds will make a planter to hide the bin. The railings opposite could be replaced with more traditional black railing. Falls within Island Roads contract.
- The bin next to the bench at the bus stop outside the library is too close and not pleasant for people to sit next to. Ask Island Roads if they could reposition it nearer to the wall.
- There is a willingness to pursue the extension of the footpath at Embankment Road.
Ian and Jeff to meet with Darrel Clarke, George Bristow and Malcolm Thorpe.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Wednesday 13th June at 4.00pm in the Parish Office

Meeting closed 17.00

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