



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Mrs Lavelle

Thank you for the questions at Full Council on 7th August during the public forum.

***Resident:** from memory 5/7 discussions have not been open to the public or discussed at council meetings. There is a balance between public interest and accountability of public ownership, and this applies to items 15 & 16, why not in public? It is a guessing game, with not enough information to know what is going on. Steyne Road is it a development and resources, what are we talking about human resources? Why was the advert for part-time lengthsman only in the office window and is a senior lengthsman really needed? Believe that one of the lengthsman going for the supervisors job is a relative, although not blood relative of the clerk, surely this is a conflict of interests. Why are you moving the finance to the staffing committee? Why do you want to reduce the number of councillors? Why has there been no answer to the solicitors letter?*

The press and public are excluded from the items, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The advert for the part-time Lengthsmen was on our website, all noticeboards and in the County Press jobs sections and shared by other job providers such as Indeed.

Both Lengthsmen are related to me. I have had no involvement in their appointment therefore I do not have a conflict of interest. Mr Peter Beeney has been employed since 2003 before my time. Mr Daryl Hunt was interviewed by the then Lengthsmen Tony Freeman, Gordon Kendall and Denise Grannum and appointed by Full Council having scored highest out of all candidates.

Finance needs to be reviewed in detail and the Finance and Assets Committee had not achieved this. A smaller Committee can.

A reduction in the number of Councillors is something that the Full Council needs to consider if it is appropriate or not.

A response is forthcoming to the solicitor's letter.

Yours sincerely

Emma Goldring
Clerk Bembridge Parish Council

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