



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Response to Mrs Reeder's questions from 16th October Extraordinary Meeting

Dear Mrs Reeder

Firstly I would like to congratulate Jacqui on her promotion to Parish Clerk. However I would like to ask her why she was willing to take on the job if her friend and predecessor was bullied as has been stated in both the Clerk's resignation report and a statement from supposedly Parish Council. This is the main reason to have a full independent investigation into these accusations of bullying by Open Bembridge Councillors and their followers. Also to investigate the secrecy, ignoring petitions, polls and a vote of no confidence in the Clerk and 7 names Councillors. Secondly I and the majority of Bembridge Parishioners would like to see a Business Case to understand the reason to sell 5/7 High Street. This asset belongs to the Council Tax Payers of Bembridge and our wishes must be adhered to. We also demand a full business plan of all the proposed work from start date to finish date. Staffing costs, building costs. Time delay. Increased costs and in addition a full plan of where the money is coming from and full explanation of how the mortgage on the council office is going to be paid. Seeing there will no longer be any income from tenants of 5/7 High Street. We also need to see the proposed spend of the money received from the sale. This should all incorporated in the business plan. I wait in anticipation.

I will not comment on your first question.

The 'business case' for selling 5/7 High Street is available on our website and has been since May 2018: [https://www.bembridgepc.org.uk/document-library/finance-assets-committee/Committee Report 1st May 2018](https://www.bembridgepc.org.uk/document-library/finance-assets-committee/Committee%20Report%201st%20May%202018) and <https://www.bembridgepc.org.uk/document-library/full-council-documents/> Full Council Report 22nd May 2018.

Bembridge Parish Council has a Forward Plan. Money from the sale of 5/7 High Street can only be spent on Capital Projects, so once sold the Forward Plan will be updated accordingly by Full Council when works needed or wanted are identified on Parish Assets.

Yours faithfully

Jacqui McDade
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