



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Response to Mrs Reeder's questions from 30th October Extraordinary Meeting

Dear Mrs Reeder

A vote of no confidence in the Council was voted on at the parish meeting, 140 for, 7 against and 7 who abstained. One of the reasons for the vote no confidence was due to the secrecy going on with the Council. Us parishioners pay the precept which pays for the staff wages and much more. Why has Jacqui's appointment as Clerk not been made official? One, it is an insult to Jacqui and secondly the appointment has not been put on the Council's website or the public informed at a Council meeting. We also have not been informed of any offers on 5/7 High Street. Why not? Why does it have to be behind closed doors? Do you not feel ashamed that 600 parishioners voted not to sell 5/7 High Street? They wanted to save the shop as our Village would slowly die under our very eyes and they wanted to save this asset for future generations.

The sale is commercially sensitive therefore information will remain private and confidential until completion. Discussions and agreement as to best buyer were made by the Full Council. There has never been any suggestion by the Parish Council that the shop will close, a new lease has been offered to the tenant and negotiations are underway. Bembridge Parish Council has agreed the retention of land and public right of way to the left of 5/7 High Street to ensure covenants are placed on the facade being retained, the ground floor always being used for A, B1 and D1 use classes and excluding national/multi-national retailers from purchasing or leasing the building to minimise the impact upon existing High Street Businesses. These will be written into the sale documents by our solicitor.

Yours faithfully

Jacqui McDade
Clerk to Bembridge Parish Council