



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Bembridge Green Town Steering Group meeting held on **28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 4.00pm** in the Parish Office 5 Foreland Road Bembridge

**Present:** Mr J Lever (Chairman), Cllr S Weedall, Cllr M Donlon, Mr I Graham, Mrs B Clough, Mr T Freeman, Mr J Doolan, Marianne Sullivan, Mrs J McDade (Parish Clerk) and Daniel Faulkner (Admin Officer).

### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

### 2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

**RESOLVED:** Approved minutes of the Green Town Steering Group meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and duly signed by the Chairman.

### 3. **BEACH CLEANS/LITTER PICK**

The beach cleans and litter picks in 2018 were considered successful. It was proposed that a similar schedule is organised for 2019. DF and JMc agreed to explore dates and disseminate to group members for approval. It was noted that tidal regimes must be checked before publishing the dates.

### 4. **STREET FURNITURE**

MS explained that littering issues had become apparent in Paddock Drive. It was agreed to note this issue and monitor for further problems before considering solutions.

IG reported that a larger dog bin had been installed Swains Road after discussions with Island Roads.

MS raised concerns about litter in Forelands car park. Matter deferred to a future meeting, as this is a private car park.

JL raised the matter of the new bin at Lane End. Concerns were expressed re the current location and the aesthetic effect on the Wave Sculpture, which is due to be installed soon. It was agreed that DF would arrange an urgent meeting with SW, JL and IG on-site to discuss re-positioning.

JD raised concerns about littering outside Alldays and the surrounding area. It was agreed to monitor the issue and defer to a future meeting if necessary.

### 5. **WILDLIFE VERGES**

IG provided an update on the group's enquiry with Island Roads about wildlife verges in the village. Island Roads has indicated they would be open to these types of verges in the village; however, they would like a detailed proposal with locations. IG proposed and it was agreed to identify particular areas where these verges could be successful during the bulb planting planned for the spring.

### 6. **VILLAGE TREES**

It was agreed that a date in the near future would be arranged to plant the trees kindly donated by Cllr Sullivan in Steyne Park.

BC updated the group that she had obtained costs for trees to replace the dying tree nearest the bus stop at the War Memorial Gardens. BC anticipated the cost of the tree from Busy Bee Garden Centre, planting and removal of existing tree would be approx. £200. BC agreed to present a proposal to the Village Partnership to approve this expenditure.

**7. RIGHTS OF WAY**

SW advised she had continued to explore the BB19 permissive route; however, receiving permission would be highly unlikely, due to complex issues with private land, the causeway and RAMSAR.

SW updated the group on the recent bulb planting around the village and thanked those who had helped.

**8. REVIEW OF GREEN TOWNS STEERING GROUP**

The group considered a proposal to disband and merge with the Village Partnership. The group generally felt that being incorporated within the VP would help with decision-making and obtaining permission to spend funds from the VP budget. It was suggested that a larger venue for future meetings is explored e.g. Village Hall/BYCC/Cloisters. All existing members of the GTSG would be invited to VP meetings, if they wished to attend.

**RESOLVED:** To merge the Green Town Steering Group with the Village Partnership.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

N/A – to be included as an item at the next Village Partnership meeting.

Meeting Closed: 4.50PM

Signed:

Dated: