



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of **BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL** Extraordinary Council meeting on Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Bembridge

Present: Cllr K Fagan (Chairman), Cllr S Weedall, Cllr M Donlon, Cllr M Sullivan, Cllr R Weaver, Cllr N Maclean, Cllr L White, Cllr G Stillman, Cllr R Widger, Cllr A Steane, Cllr M Curtis and Mrs J McDade (Clerk)
Member of the Public: 25

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Resident: What if a Councillor does not declare a pecuniary interest?

Chairman: it is down to individual Councillors to declare interests, if you have a concern report to the IWC Monitoring Officer

Resident: what are the estimated costs incurred todate, including all marketing and legal costs and the costs of additional meetings called for the purpose of considering matters relate to the 5/7 sale?

Chairman: we are awaiting costs and will report once received

Resident: What costs have been incurred by the construction of a public toilet at the Village Hall site required because of the disposal of 5/7 public toilet facilities?

Chairman: we had a £10,000 budget, we are awaiting a couple of invoices but should be under budget for the project.

Resident: Was the sealed bid process followed and adhered to as stated in the minutes of the 22nd January by the Parish Clerk?

Chairman: Yes though our solicitors allowed one bid to be accepted 1.45 minutes late.

Resident: how many bids were received?

Chairman: 2 bids were received; one was accepted with removal of a clause. Sadly due to the Local Government Act 1972 s127 we have to consider all further offers until contracts have been exchanged.

Resident: why if sealed bids process used?

Chairman: as per the advice from Solicitors and Local Government Act 1972 s127

Resident: have you disclosed the bids?

Chairman: we have not disclosed any amounts

Resident: are you changing the goal posts to get the right bidder?

Chairman: no, the last offer was agreed 8 Councillors with 2 abstentions

Resident: there is a duty for Council to get best for the Community?

Chairman: Agreed, but were advised from Counsel that Community Benefits are not a consideration for any decision. The amounts were different so didn't form part of the decision and we would have no control over any donations.

1. **20/19 Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence
Non-attendance of Cllr T Millington

2. **21/19 Declarations of Interest**

21/19/01 To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on agenda

Cllr Weedall declared a personal interest in item 4

Cllr Donlon declared a person interest in item

Cllr Sullivan declared a personal interest in item 4

Cllr Curtis declared a pecuniary interest in item 4

21/19/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate

None received

3. **22/19 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

To resolve that in accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the following items, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

RESOLVED: That that in accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the following items, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

In Favour 7 Against 1 Abstained 3

Cllr Curtis left the meeting

4. **23/19 5/7 High Street**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19th March 2019, 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Meeting Closed: 9pm

Signed:

Dated: