



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on the Wednesday 18th September 2019 in the Village Hall, Bembridge

Present: Cllr S Weedall (Chairman), Cllr G Stillman, Cllr M Donlon, Cllr M Sullivan, Cllr L White, Cllr K Fagan, Cllr R Widger, Cllr R Weaver, Cllr J Chapman, Cllr M Curtis, Cllr A Steane, Cllr N Maclean, Mrs J McDade (Clerk) and Mr M Pink (Clerk) **Public: 21**

15 minutes were available for Public Questions on items on the Agenda
1 question on Vexatious Policy, answered by Chairman
1 question on 5/7 High Street & toilets, answered by Chairman
1 statement on Parish Council
1 statement on the finance of the Parish Council
1 statement on concerns about 5G and asking for Parish Council support

1. 99/19 Chairman's Announcements

Sale of High Street building Bembridge

FACTS - In October 2016 BPC approved the disposal of 5/7 High St Bembridge following a lot of work and consultation. This would result in significant funds which will be used on capital projects within the village (e.g. the village hall, community centre, 5 foreland rd.) no future maintenance costs will be borne by the parish. Loss of income will be mitigated by the lack of need to maintain. This democratic decision was the decision of BPC.

In March 2017 Full Council rescinded the decision to dispose of the property. This democratic decision was the decision of BPC.

In May 2017 10 new Cllrs were elected, the planning application for redevelopment that had already been paid for (that could have added value to the property) was withdrawn. This democratic decision was the decision of BPC.

Many of the newly elected Cllrs found out the true facts and in 2018 the decision to dispose of 5/7 High St was taken at Full Council, to sell by 2 tier method, first on the open market then if this failed go to auction. This democratic decision was the decision of BPC.

On 13th September 2019 following failure to sell on open market the property was sold by Clive Emson. (auctioneer). Monies from the sale can only be spent on Capital projects.

I will be working with the clerks on a statement of facts to go to every house with the Annual report.

I have called a Development Day in October for All Cllrs to attend where we can work together on BPC's forward plan. All Cllrs will have the opportunity to discuss future capital projects and work towards a positive future. Together BPC must move forward. A consultation day is planned for November.

2. 100/19 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence
All present

3. 101/19 Declarations of Interest

101/19/01 To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on agenda
None received

101/19/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate
No requests

4. **102/19 Minutes of the last Meeting**

102/19/01 To receive for approval minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16th July 2019

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16th July 2019 and duly signed by the Chairman

10 in favour 1 abstention 1 against

5. **103/19 Finance**

103/19/01 To receive bank reconciliation and cash balances to 8th August and 5th September 2019

Received **Appendix A**

103/19/02 To approve schedule of payments to 8th August and 5th September 2019

RESOLVED: Approved schedule of payments to 8th August and 5th September 2019

11 in favour 1 against

6. **104/19 Reports, Policies and Procedures**

104/19/01 To receive the clerks report and confirm delegated decisions

No delegated decisions

Appendix B

104/19/02 To receive Isle of Wight councillor/s report

None received

104/19/03 To note reports from outside bodies

Appendix C

104/19/04 To agree update to Vexatious Policy as recommended by Staffing & Finance Committee
Amendments following advice from HALC

RESOLVED: Agreed update to Vexatious Policy as recommended by Staffing & Finance Committee

10 in favour 1 abstention 1 against

104/19/05 To appoint member to Village Partnership Group

Proposed: Cllr Chapman and Cllr Steane

8 in favour of Cllr Chapman 3 in favour of Cllr Steane

RESOLVED: Agreed to appoint Cllr J Chapman to Village Partnership Group

104/19/06 To appoint member to Planning Committee

Proposed: Cllr Maclean

RESOLVED: Agreed to appoint Cllr N Maclean to Planning Committee

All in favour

104/19/07 To discuss and agree Insurance Renewal from Came & Company

RESOLVED: Agreed Insurance Renewal from Came & Company for £3,244.10

9 in favour 3 abstentions

104/19/08 To agree Motor Insurance Renewal

RESOLVED: Agreed Motor Insurance Renewal with NFU Mutual for £386.33

11 in favour 1 abstention

104/19/09 To agree to hold a Consultation Day in November

Look at Saturdays in November

RESOLVED: Agreed to hold a Consultation Day in November

11 in favour 1 abstention

Cllr Chapman left the meeting

7. **105/19 Properties**

105/19/01 To consider hire of Parish Office rear office and approve Hire Agreement as recommended by the Staffing & Finance Committee

Amend grammatical errors and adjust to receive rental in advance. Check if EPC is required
RESOLVED: Agreed to hire of Parish Office rear office and approved Hire Agreement with amendments
10 in favour 1 against

105/19/02 To agree to purchase a small container unit for the Lengthsmen's Yard
RESOLVED: Agreed to purchase the best value small container unit for the Lengthsmen's Yard
6 in favour 1 abstention 4 against

105/19/03 To agree to pay Gully Howard costs for abandoned sale of 5/7 High Street
Need to negotiate fee.
RESOLVED: Arrange meeting with Gully Howard, Cllr Maclean and Clerks to discuss
9 in favour 2 abstentions

8. 106/19 New Policy

Motion requested: To discuss and agree introduction of recording meetings and associated Policy.
Public statement needed on agenda and maybe seats regarding recording at meetings.
4 in favour – Cllrs White, Curtis, Maclean, Steane
1 abstention – Cllr Sullivan
6 against – Cllrs Weedall, Stillman, Weaver, Widger, Fagan, Donlon
RESOLVED: Agreed not to the introduce the recording of meetings and the associated policy

9. 107/19 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 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
9 in favour 2 against

10. 108/19 Declarations of Interest

11. 109/19 Private & Confidential Minutes

12. 110/19 Legal Matters

13. 111/19 5/7 High Street Legal Matters

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

Meeting Closed: 9.10pm

Signed:

Dated: