

# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council ENVIRONMENT & NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE  
MEETING held at 10:00am on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in the VILLAGE HALL.

Officer in Attendance: Mark Rochell, Clerk and RFO to the Council

13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Attendees: Cllr C Adams, Cllr M Groom, Cllr S Noyes, Cllr G Stoddart-Stones, Cllr M Sullivan,  
Mrs A De Trey, Mrs L Newberry.

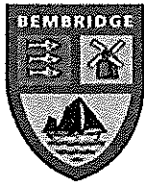
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Public Forum: No members of the public were in attendance.

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## Minutes

- 1/24 Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee**  
1/24.1 To elect the Chair of Committee for 2024-25.  
**Resolved:** To elect Cllr S Noyes as Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee.  
1/24.2 To elect the Vice-Chair of Committee for 2024-25.  
**Resolved:** To elect Cllr H Brabazon as Vice-Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee.
- 2/24 Public Questions**  
To consider whether to adjourn the Meeting in accordance with Standing Orders to receive questions from members of the public in attendance.  
**None received.**
- 3/24 Apologies for Absence**  
To receive and accept apologies for absence.  
**Resolved:** To accept apologies from Cllr H Brabazon.
- 4/24 Declarations of Interest**  
To receive and record declarations of interest.  
**None received.**
- 5/24 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council**  
To receive and adopt the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 meeting of the Community Matters committee.  
**Received and adopted.**
- 6/24 Budgets**  
To note current budgets for:  
6/24.1 Environment & Neighbourhood Committee  
6/24.2 Resilience Group  
**Noted.**



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**7/24**

## **Report from Clerk**

To receive report from Clerk on updated progress since last meeting:

7/24.1 Sealife Boards at Lifeboat Station

**Noted:** Second set of Sealife boards have been positioned at the rear of the lifeboat toilet block. Mrs L Newberry will provide pictures to the Parish Office for inclusion in parish news sites.

7/24.2 Bike Rack in Village

**Noted:** Bike racks on 'long boarder' opposite War Memorial awaiting scheduling into the Lengthsmen's works timetable.

7/24.3. Climate Emergency Plan

**Noted:** Latest version completed by Mr G Brasington and handed in to Clerk in order to consult with Parish council committees.

7.4. RSPB Footpath

**Noted:** Update from IoWC Rights of Way as follows:

'Dedication agreement with Bembridge Harbour is legally completed and I have obtained contractors quotes for the necessary fencing.

RSPB dedication yet to be completed but I believe it is close'.

**8/24**

## **Plastic Free Communities**

To receive update from Mrs L Newberry and discuss plans for upcoming PFC village event on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

**Received:** Event to take place in Village Hall between 15:30 – 17:30 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Mrs L Newberry to arrange with Cllr Adams to assess display boards in advance of event.

Clerk will print off flyers and posters for distribution by Mrs L Newberry.

Availability of Village Hall during morning of event to also be investigated.

**9/24**

## **Harbour Farm**

To receive update from Mr A Holman on current ideas for Harbour Farm and to discuss proposed letter requesting 'in principle' support of plans by the Parish Council.

**Received:** In the absence of Mr A Holman update provided by Clerk following discussion with Vicky Spencer:

EA are currently looking at options regarding the condemned dwellings which pose a health and safety risk. The preferred option is for demolition and a business case is being prepared.

At present there is no timeframe for completion of this work.

However, when the site is made safe EA are open to suggestions for possible uses, and possible collaboration with the Parish Council on carrying out any consultation to the wider public.

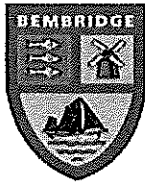


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- 10/24 Tree Wardens**  
To receive update from Mr G Brasington regarding Tree Warden Project.  
**Deferred:** Mr G Brasington was unable to attend committee meeting but would be attending a talk on Tree Wardens on the 12<sup>th</sup> June and would update at next Committee meeting. Cllr Sullivan suggested that Mr Ian Graham should be consulted as he may have knowledge of a previous survey of Parish trees.
- 11/24 Solar Panels**  
To receive update from Mrs A De Trey regarding Solar Panel Project.  
**Received:** No update, it is felt that a Councillor may need to push forward this project.
- 12/24 Sea Monitoring**  
To receive update from Mrs A De Trey regarding Sea Monitoring Project.  
**Resolved:** To put this project on hold until we can find more information and help with the process.
- 13/24 Speed Watch**  
To receive update from Cllr C Adams regarding Speed Watch Project.  
**Received:** Update provided by Cllr Adams to the Committee, future plans involve speed watch sessions at Foreland Road and the High Street.
- 14/24 Mud Signage**  
To receive update from Cllr C Adams and Cllr M Groom regarding Mud Signage Project.  
**Received:** Signs have been purchased and adequate stakes are being sourced. Cllr Adams and Cllr Groom will continue in efforts to obtain signed permission from landowners for installation.
- 15/24 Mural**  
To receive and discuss proposal from local artist for new mural at Lane End Beach.  
**Resolved:** The Committee were very thankful for the proposal but felt that it would be appropriate to hold a competition amongst local schools, colleges and community to tender for further options before making a decision.  
The Clerk is to organise an assessment of the site including measurements and pictures of proposed mural position.
- 16/24 D-Day**  
To receive update from Cllr H Brabazon and Cllr S Noyes on D-Day commemorations, held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.  
**Received:** The D-Day event was extremely successful with over 400 attendees. Special thanks to the Resilience team for marshalling parking. Cllr S Noyes gave specific thanks to Cllr H Brabazon and Mr A Holman for all of their organisation efforts (and the same thanks were extended by the Committee to Cllr S Noyes too).



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If any lessons were to be learnt from the event, then the possibility of creating a new beacon in Steyne Park should be investigated, or the possibility of erecting a gas-powered flame at the existing beacon, as the location gives rise to high winds blowing flames and embers which could cause a health and safety issue.

**17/24**

## **Bembridge in Bloom**

To receive update from Cllr Sullivan and Cllr Groom regarding Bembridge in Bloom Competition, held on 1<sup>st</sup> June, and to discuss arrangements for prize ceremony.

**Received:** Judging took place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June and winners have been announced online. The Clerk is to investigate availability of the Cloisters on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at approx. 4:00pm for a prize giving ceremony and Cllr Sullivan will contact Hose Rhodes Dickson regarding sponsorship of prizes.

**18/24**

## **Forward Plan**

To receive updates and discuss any plans for future projects:

18/24.1 Community Chest

**Received:** Provisionally scheduled for Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at BYCC.

18/24.2 Have Your Say Day

**Received:** Booked for the morning of 20<sup>th</sup> July, Committee will need to discuss plans for the event at the next Committee meeting.

18/24.3 Bembridge Map Reprint

**Received:** Clerk will bring latest designs to next meeting for discussion.

18.4. Anchor Project

**Deferred:** To received update from Cllr H Brabazon at next Committee meeting.

**Date of next meeting: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 11:00am**

**Signed by:**

**Date:**