



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the MEETING of the Full Council held at 7pm on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in the VILLAGE HALL.

Mark Rochell, Clerk and RFO to the Council

24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Council Members in Attendance:** Cllr L White (Chair), Cllr C Adams, Cllr H Brabazon, Cllr I Davis, Cllr M Groom, Cllr P Kenny, Cllr S Noyes, Cllr S Philipsborn, Cllr G Stoddart-Stones, Cllr M Sullivan.

**Officer in Attendance:** Mr M Rochell

**Public Forum:** 5 members of the public were in attendance. A written presentation with regards to agenda item 9 was presented to the Council by Mr Andrew Thomson of the Solent Landings Management Committee and is attached with the papers to this meeting. Mr Malcolm Thorpe also spoke on agenda item 9, his presentation was included in the report attached to agenda item 9.

### Agenda

#### 78/24 Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

**Resolved:** To accept apologies from Cllr M Humphray and Cllr J Lake.

#### 79/24 Declarations of Interest

To receive and record declarations of interest.

**None received.**

#### 80/24 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council

To receive and adopt the minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Full Council Meeting.

**Resolved:** To receive and sign.

#### 81/24 Chair's Report

To receive report from Chair.

**Received:** Chair's report delivered to Council by the Chair.

**NOTE:** Agenda item 9 (minute no. 86/24) was brought forward to be discussed and agreed here.

#### 82/24 Reports from other authorities

To receive reports from representatives of other authorities:

82.1 To receive report from the Clerk.

**Received:** Report attached with papers.

82.2 To receive the report from our Isle of Wight Councillor – Joe Robertson.

**None received.**



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## 82.3 To receive any updated reports from:

- Cllr I Davis – Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr I Davis attended the VPMC AGM along with various other Councillors. Cllr P Kenny raised a request regarding hire fees for charities and local not for profits. The request will be discussed by the management committee at a future meeting.

- Cllr M Sullivan – IoWC Enviro & Sust, Waste Forum and Friendship Circle

Cllr M Sullivan will attend AGM of Enviro & Sust on 20<sup>th</sup> June. The Friendship Circle AGM was held, and Mrs Rosamund Poncia elected as Chair for another year.

- Cllr M Groom – Bembridge Harbour Advisory Group.

Cllr M Groom reported that the hover craft had been seen on the Point beach recently, this was an arranged transfer for a local wedding. There was also an update on the RSPB footpath, with high hopes that it would be able to be opened soon.

- Cllr L White – IWALC

Cllr L White was due to attend a trial zoom meeting of IWALC, however, due to technical difficulties this did not go ahead.

- Cllr C Adams – BYCC Committee

Cllr C Adams attended the recent BYCC Committee meeting and had no issues to report.

## 83/24 Recommendations from Council Committees

To receive updates and any recommendations from the following Committees:

### 83.1. Cllr M Groom - Planning Committee

Cllr M Groom updated the Council that Plan Research had been commissioned to produce an updated letter of objection regarding the planning application for 130 homes on land off Steyne Road, Mill Road and the High Street, on behalf of the Council. The letter has been submitted to IoWC Planning and can be seen on our website within the planning papers for the Committee meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### 83.2. Cllr Noyes - Environment & Neighbourhood Committee.

Cllr S Noyes updated that the new Environment & Neighbourhood Committee had conducted its first meeting and the amalgamation of Community Matters, Sustainability and Resilience worked well. Cllr C Adams updated the Council regarding the Emergency Plan and Resilience team activities.



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## 84/24 Finance

84.1. To note that May Bank Reconciliations and Transaction Lists will be scrutinised by Finance & Governance Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> June before being presented to Full Council at the next available meeting.

**Noted**

84.2. To approve Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24 as follows:

a) Approve annual internal audit report 23/24

**Approved.**

b) Approve Section 1 Governance statement 23/24

**Approved and signed.**

c) Approve section 2 Accounting statements 23/24

**Approved and signed.**

d) Approve the exercise of public rights dates as Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

**Approved.**

84.3. To receive internal auditor report for the period Oct 2023 to Mar 2024 and to review effectiveness of internal audit 2023/24

**Received and reviewed**

84.4. To note Mr T Light as Internal Auditor for 2024/25

**Noted and approved.**

## 85/24 Tree Survey

To receive report and agree on preferred contractor for Parish Tree Survey.

**Resolved:** To contract company A – Gristwood and Toms to carry out the Parish Council tree survey at a cost of £1,146.47 plus VAT.

## 86/24 Village Green

To receive updated report on agenda item 17 from Full Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024, and to discuss amended request from Bembridge Harbour Authority with Bembridge Investments Ltd as follows:

It is requested that Bembridge Parish Council support in principle Bembridge Harbour Authority together with Bembridge Investments Ltd as owner of the Village Green site at Bembridge Point, taking all legal reasonable actions to prohibit camping and the parking of vehicles on said Village Green site, in accordance with the original designation granted by the Isle of Wight Council dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013.

**Resolved:** To agree to revised request as set out above.



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## 87/24 Housing Needs Survey

To receive and approve final draft of Housing Needs Survey report as presented by Gretel Ingham of Community Action Isle of Wight.

**Resolved:** Subject to final amendments as discussed in the meeting, the Council agreed to approve, adopt and submit the final Housing Needs Survey Report.

**Meeting Closed: 8:21pm**

**Date of next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Signed:

Date: