



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Clerk's Report 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Matters arising from the meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> June:

Minute No: 84/24.2.d – The period for the exercise of public rights began on 21<sup>st</sup> June and will run until the 1<sup>st</sup> August. The unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return will remain displayed in the Parish Office window and on our website during this period.

Minute No: 85/24 – Gristwood and Toms will begin work on the Tree Survey on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Minute No: 87/24 – Final adjustments to the Housing Needs Survey Report have been made by Gretel at Community Action and the report will now be submitted to IoWC.

### Event/Project updates:

The Plastic Free Community launch event went ahead very successfully in the Village Hall on the 20<sup>th</sup> June, with many individuals, businesses and community groups showing an interest in getting involved.

The Bembridge in Bloom awards ceremony took place in the Cloisters on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. We extend our thanks to Hose Rhodes Dickson for sponsorship of the event.

I am also pleased to announce that the Community Gardeners have made the final of Wight in Bloom to be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, for their work in the War Memorial Garden.

### Office/Lengthsmen updates:

Work in the office has been gearing towards the upcoming Have Your Say Day on the morning of Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall. An online survey has been created and a paper copy will also be circulated around the village and available on the day.

I'm pleased to say that we have managed to include updates on Parish Council activities in the local Bembridge News, Island News, IWALC newsletter and our very own monthly newsletter, available online.

In addition to regular maintenance work, the Lengthsmen have completed the external redecoration of the public toilets in Steyne Park. (Fingers crossed that they remain looking good for as long as possible).

#### Training:

A training course provided by Trish Redpath and Brian Jennings covering Councillor Skills was very well attended in the Village Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July. It was much appreciated that Trish and Brian took the time to bring their course and expertise to us here at Bembridge.

And on a personal level, I completed a two-day course on Cemetery Management and Compliance provided by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management.

#### Upcoming events:

The Island Planning Strategy consultation period has now begun. All Councillors are of course free to reply on a personal level but, following on from Agenda Item 7 (17<sup>th</sup> July), work will need to commence very quickly on liaising with Plan Research to complete a Parish Council response before the consultation deadline of 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Thank you,

Mark Rochell, Clerk/RFO Bembridge Parish Council.