



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk to the Council,
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MINUTES of the meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held at 7pm on 20th November 2024 in the VILLAGE HALL.

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

21st November 2024

Councillors in attendance: Cllr L White (Chair), Cllr C Adams, Cllr H Brabazon, Cllr I Davis, Cllr M Groom, Cllr M Humphray, Cllr P Kenny, Cllr S Noyes, Cllr G Stoddart-Stones, Cllr M Sullivan.

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

Minutes

118/24 Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Resolved: To accept apologies for absence from Cllr S Philipsborn.

119/24 Declarations of Interest

To receive and record declarations of interest.

None Received

120/24 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council

To receive and adopt the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting.

Received and adopted.

121/24 Chair's Report

To receive report from Chair.

Received

122/24 Finance

122/24.1 To receive and approve transaction list - £7,553.61 receipts and £17,242.90 payments – up to 31st October 2024.

Received and approved

122/24.2 To approve and sign Bank Reconciliations as at 31st October 2024.

Approved

123/24 Reports from other authorities and Council Committees

To receive reports:

123/24.1 To receive report from the Clerk.

Received

123/24.2 To receive the report from our Isle of Wight Councillor – Joe Robertson.

No report this month



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123/24.3 To receive relevant updates from:

- Cllr Davies – Village Hall Management Committee
- Cllr Sullivan – IoWC Enviro & Sust, Waste Forum and Friendship Circle
- Cllr Groom – Bembridge Harbour Advisory Group
- Cllr White – IWALC
- Cllr Adams – BYCC Committee

All relevant updates received.

123/24.4 To receive relevant updates from Council Committees:

- Cllr Groom - Planning Committee
- Cllr Brabazon - Environment & Neighbourhood Committee.
- Cllr Stoddart-Stones – Finance & Governance Committee.

All relevant updates received.

124/24 Employment Policies

To review and adopt the following policies relating to employment:

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| 124/24.1. Dignity at Work Policy | 124/24.2. Disciplinary Procedure |
| 124/24.3. Equal Opportunities Policy | 124/24.4. Grievance Policy |
| 124/24.5. Training Policy | 124/24.6. Whistleblowing Policy |

Reviewed and adopted with minor amendments.

125/24 Transparency Policies

To review and adopt the following policies relating to transparency:

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| 125/24.1. Accessibility Policy | 125/24.2. Privacy Notice |
| 125/24.3. Publication Scheme | |

Reviewed and adopted with minor amendments.

126/24 General Policies

To review and adopt the following general policies:

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| 126/24.1. Biodiversity Policy | 126/24.2. Community Engagement Policy |
| 126/24.3. Co-Option Policy | 126/24.4. Risk Management Policy |

Reviewed and adopted with minor amendments.

127/24 Radar Speed Gun

Motion raised by Cllr C Adams for the Council to discuss and agree the purchase of a radar speed gun for traffic speed monitoring.

Resolved: To agree to purchase of Radar Speed Gun at a cost of approx. £220.00.



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128/24 Public Bin on new Embankment Road Right of Way

To discuss and agree that the Parish Council take on the responsibility of providing and maintaining a public bin at one end of the new proposed right of way alongside Embankment Road.

Resolved: To agree to provision and maintenance of one public litter bin to be situated on new Right of Way alongside Embankment Road along old railway path.

129/24 Consultation on enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings

To discuss and agree the Parish Council response to the consultation being carried out by the Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government.

Resolved: For the Council to reply to consultation to confirm a general feeling that is against hybrid meetings except in exceptional circumstances and to be against allowing proxy voting.

130/24 Ryde Town Council – Information Support Service

To receive and consider the request for partnership funding proposed by Ryde Town Council for an Information Support Service based in Ryde Library.

Resolved: For the Clerk to request further information on full costs and specifics of planned provision of scheme. To invite Ryde Clerk to attend the next meeting of the Council.

131/24 Local Government Services Pay Agreement

To discuss and agree for the Parish Council to implement the pay award for all employees in the next available payroll.

Resolved: To agree to implement the LGA pay award for 2024/25 in the next available payroll.

132/24 Christmas closing hours for Parish Office.

To discuss and agree the dates for the Parish Office to be closed over the Christmas period.

Resolved: To agree for the Parish Office Christmas closing dates to be for the two-week period covering Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025.

Meeting Closed: 8:16pm

Date of next meeting: 18th December 2024

Signed:

Dated: