



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council ENVIRONMENT & NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE are held at 11:00am on 5th November 2024 in the VILLAGE HALL.

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

6th November 2024

Attendees: Cllr H Brabazon, Cllr S Noyes, Cllr L White, Mrs A De Trey, Mr G Brasington, Mr A Holman.

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

Minutes

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Resolved: To accept apologies from Cllr C Adams and Cllr G Stoddart-Stones.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive and record declarations of interest.

None received.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council

To receive and adopt the minutes of the previous meeting of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee.

Received and adopted.

4. Budgets

To note current budgets for:

- 4.1. Environment & Neighbourhood Committee
- 4.2. Resilience Group

Noted

5. Report from Clerk

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

Received.

6. Current Project Updates

6.1. Old Railway Footpath

To receive any updates from Mr A Holman detailing any further progress on new Right of Way on old railway path adjacent to Embankment Rd and confirm that the Parish Council will take on the cost and management of an additional bin at the road side of the walk.

Received: Mr A Holman expressed thanks to Parish Council for provision of skip, and Resilience Team members in helping to clear vegetation. Mr A Holman will continue to work with IoWC Rights of Way to provide possible stepped access and signage.

Resolved: Committee agreed to provide and maintain bin as requested by IoWC, finalised options and pricing to be presented to Full Council.



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6.2. Harbour Farm

To receive any updates from Mr A Holman.

Received: Mr A Holman is hopeful that a meeting will be arranged soon between EA, RSPB and stakeholders. BPC will be represented alongside Mr A Holman.

6.3. Plastic Free Communities

To receive any updates from Mrs L Newberry and Mrs A De Trey.

Received: Mrs A De Trey updated that the Sea Rooms have achieved silver accreditation as a plastic free business. Mrs A De Trey and Mrs L Newberry will meet with the Bembridge Library to discuss becoming the first community champion. Further advertising of the project is planned for the end of the year and a Steering Committee meeting will be scheduled in the New Year.

6.4. Tree Wardens

To receive any updates from Mr G Brasington.

Received: Mr G Brasington attended the latest meeting regarding the Tree Warden project. The administration of the project seems to be a stumbling block but there is still much enthusiasm. Further updates to follow.

6.5. Resilience Group activities

To receive any updates from Cllr C Adams.

None received due to absence of Cllr C Adams.

6.6. EV Charge Points

To receive any updates from Cllr H Brabazon.

Received: Cllr H Brabazon has opened up constructive dialogue with Charlene Parkinson of Isle of Wight Council. Further updates to follow.

6.7. Best Kept Village Awards

To receive update from Cllr L White.

Received: there was no War Memorial category this year, and Bembridge missed out on the Best Kept Village award this year. Committee noted that judging for next year will begin as early as May 2025.

6.8. Community Chest

To receive update from Cllr H Brabazon.

Received: Cllr H Brabazon informed the Committee that the Community Chest event was a great success with £1,325 being awarded to various small groups within the community.

7. Christmas Star Competition

To discuss and agree arrangements for the 2024 Christmas Star Competition.

Resolved: To approve the poster for the event and set judging dates as 19th and 20th Dec. Categories were agreed to be best star (plus 2 runners up), and a special award for spreading Christmas cheer (plus runner up). Top prize was set as £50.00 with runners up prizes set at £25.00. Awards presentation will take place at the Friendship Circle coffee morning on 4th January 2025.



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8. Annual Report

To discuss and agree arrangements for the 2024 Annual Report including possible competition for front cover design photography.

Resolved: To plan for a run of 2500 copies of 12-page booklets, to be delivered by Royal Mail. Committee agreed to the idea of a photography competition with the winner being displayed on the front cover of the report.

9. Village Map

To discuss and agree to investigate options for new Parish Village Map.

Resolved: To agree for further investigation that can be brought before future meetings for approval.

10. Bembridge in Bloom

Cllr L White brought a motion for the Committee to discuss options for Bembridge in Bloom 2025.

Resolved: To agree to the proposal to combine efforts with the Horticultural Society for Bembridge in Bloom 2025.

11. Coastal Access

Cllr H Brabazon brought a motion for the Committee to discuss coastal access, in particular the steps at Swains Rd.

Resolved: Cllr H Brabazon will continue with correspondence with IoWC Rights of Way for improvements to Swains Rd steps to beach.

12. Heartbeat Wessex

To discuss invitation to work with Heartbeat Wessex to raise awareness of the charity and the 'Home from Home' initiative.

Resolved: To post on Parish Council website.

13. Paragon - Dragonfly Project

To discuss invitation for members to take up free training – Dragonfly Champion Domestic Abuse Awareness Workshop and become dragonfly champions in the community.

Resolved: To post on Parish Council website.

14. VE Day 80

To discuss invitation to participate in VE Day 80 celebrations 8th May 2025.

Resolved: No plans for VE Day 2025 at this current moment in time.

Meeting Closed: 12:53

Date of next meeting: TBC

Signed:

Dated: