



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk's Report 19th February 2025

Matters arising from previous meeting:

Minute No: 07/25.03

Confirmation has been received that the Isle of Wight Council have received the precept request for 2025/26 from Bembridge Parish Council.

Event/Project updates:

Debbie has continued to hold meetings with representatives from local organisations and groups including the Community Library, local care homes, Warners, BYCC and the Business Society, in order to discuss greater collaboration with the Parish Council.

As a result, and in conjunction with the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee, three events are planned for the coming months.

A Community Day – highlighting the work of local community groups.

A VE Day Celebration – possibly to include a lunch and entertainment in the Village Hall, a memorial service, churchbell ringing and lantern lighting at the War memorial.

Bembridge in Bloom – with an aim to widen the scope of this annual event to include the Horticultural Society, Wight in Bloom and Britain in Bloom.

Working Groups have been set up and the first meetings should have taken place on Tuesday the 18th (Please contact Debbie if you'd like further details).

The second surgery for PCSO Steve Hull at the Parish Office was held on Monday 17th Feb at 5:00pm. We are also aiming to hold a cycle register event with PCSO Steve at the BYCC on Tuesday 8th April.

Lengthsmen updates:

The Lengthsmen have been very busy in St Luke's Cemetery, The Scout Field and Lincoln Way Pond, clearing scrub and brambles and cutting back hedges to a manageable size.

Scout Hut (mid cut):



Scout Hut (after):



We have also managed to finally replace the old worn-out signage at the entrance to Steyne Park.

Before:



After:



Items on the Agenda:

Agenda item 7: Risk Assessments

The Parish Council's Risk Assessment was carried out by John Tyler in September 2024 and the results are here for you to review.

A comparison is shown to the previous Risk Assessment and I'm happy to report that in all areas we have either maintained or decreased the risk level. This is mainly due to all of the hard work put in during the year on the staff health and safety and working procedure protocols.

An updated Financial Risk Assessment is also included for 2025.

It is a requirement for the Internal Auditor to confirm that it is minuted that the Full Council has reviewed and approved these two documents each year in order to complete the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

Thank you,

Mark Rochell, Clerk/RFO Bembridge Parish Council.