



Clerk's Report 17th Sept 2025

Event/Project updates:

It's been a while since our last meeting so a lot to catch up on.

We began August with an incredibly successful free bike marking event, held at Steyne Park and provided by our PCSO Steve Hull and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police Constabulary. All bikes were coded and added to the national police database, making them far easier to return to owners if ever lost or stolen, and far less attractive to potential thieves!



On Friday the 15th of August we paid our respects at the War Memorial to mark the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day. Whilst events were on a more low-key level than earlier in the year for VE Day, it was important to provide an opportunity for the village to come together and mark this momentous occasion.





The following day in the Village Hall, and as part of the Bembridge Horticultural Society Summer Show, the winners of Bembridge in Bloom 2025 were announced and prizes awarded.



Huge thanks and a special mention must be given once more to Warner Hotels, and especially their head gardener, Andrew Bennett, who were such a big part of Bembridge in Bloom this year, and the additional planting all around the village.

On the 26th of August the latest CPR and Defibrillator training course was provided by the Bembridge Parish Council Resilience Group at the Fire Station. The objective is to deliver training to at least 10% of the Bembridge community, and the group are well on their way to achieving that goal.





**Want to know how to deliver good CPR
and use a Defibrillator, safely ?**

Bembridge Parish Council Resilience Group
are running practical training sessions at
Bembridge Fire Station, Walls Road PO35 5RH

From 7pm

Tuesday 26th August 2025

Space is limited so book your place via the
Parish Clerk by emailing
clerk@bembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk
or by visiting the Parish Office.

Be prepared to get down and hands on

Come along and **BE EXTRAORDINARY**



As is tradition on September the 3rd we raised the Flag for Merchant Navy Day in the War Memorial Gardens.



The monthly beach clean will be taking place on Saturday 13th September 10am and meeting at either Lane End (RNLI) or The Point. All welcome, equipment will be provided.

Finally, following hot on the heels of the War Memorial Gardens receiving a 'Highly Commended' at Wight in Bloom 2025 (congratulations Community Gardeners and the Parish Lengthsmen), we have been invited to the awards ceremony for Southeast in Bloom on the 21st of October. It was our first year entering this competition and we saw it as very much a learning experience, so we're honoured to have been invited to the ceremony.

[Lengthsmen updates:](#)

It has been a difficult time for the Lengthsmen as Pete has had to undergo two minor surgeries which has meant that he has been unable to attend work. He's on the road to recovery now but is not expected back until Oct.

They have also had to deal with various incidences of vandalism in the public toilets, (Lifeboat and Park). In each case it was minor, and Steve was able to fix at minimal cost. Hopefully now that we are out of the holiday season, we will see a reduction in this type of incidence.

Meanwhile they have completed the repositioning of goalposts in Steyne Park and have been keeping on top of hedge and grass cutting.



Items on the Agenda:

Agenda item 6.5: Internal Auditor

At the Finance and Governance meeting of 29th July quotes and proposals from all interested Internal Auditors were assessed and it was decided to engage Helen Symmons of Legra International Audit Services as our Internal Auditor for 2025/26.

Full Council will need to approve the appointment and authorise the Clerk and Chair to sign the letter of engagement.

Agenda item 7: Resilience Group Operational Policy

Cllr C Adams has put together a Resilience Group Operational Policy as it was felt that in times of emergency it is important that the Resilience Group have authority to act as necessary, without needing to request Full Council approval. This policy aims to clearly state the limits of the delegated powers available to the Resilience Group.

Full Council will need to discuss and agree if it wishes to approve the policy.

Agenda item 8: H & S Policies

Full Council will need to carry out its annual review of Health and Safety Policies and agree if it wishes to approve for 2025/26.

Agenda item 9: VH Floor

Earlier in the year the Bembridge Parish Council carried out works to improve the condition of the Village Hall floor. These works concentrated on the most urgent areas of need. However, it is accepted by the BPC and VHMC that a longer-term plan should be put in place for a more extensive upgrade. These works are likely to be disruptive and beyond the financial means of the BPC and VHMC. Therefore, it has been agreed that the BPC and VHMC should work together to create a plan for works and begin investigations as to possible sources of external funding.

The Full Council will need to agree which Councillors are to join members of the VHMC in a working group for this project.

Agenda item 10: King Charles III England Coast Path (East Cowes – Wootton)

The Environment & Neighbourhood Committee assessed this report at their meeting on 2nd September and agreed to recommend to Full Council that any response from the Council highlights the general support for an Island coastal path that remains as close to the coast as possible.

The Full Council should review and agree any representations to be made.

Thank you



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