



Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL meeting held at 7pm on 17th December 2025 in the VILLAGE HALL.

Officer in attendance: Mark Rochell Clerk to the Council
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18th December 2025

Councillors in attendance: Cllr M Groom (Chair), Cllr C Adams, Cllr H Brabazon, Cllr G Brasington, Cllr I Davis, Cllr J Hodgkinson, Cllr S Noyes, Cllr S Philipsborn, Cllr G Stoddart-Stones, Cllr M Sullivan.

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

Minutes

100/25 Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Resolved: To accept apologies from Cllr P Kenny and Cllr M Humphray.

101/25 Declarations of Interest

To receive and record declarations of interest.

None received.

102/25 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council

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

Resolved: To receive and adopt

103/25 Reports

To receive the following reports:

103/25.1 To receive report from the Chair.

103/25.2 To receive report from the Clerk.

103/25.4 To receive a report from our Isle of Wight Councillor – Joe Robertson.

103/25.5 To receive relevant reports from outside bodies:

- Cllr I Davis – Village Hall Management Committee
- Cllr M Sullivan – IoWC Env & Sust and Friendship Circle
- Cllr M Groom – Bembridge Harbour Advisory Group
- Cllr S Philipsborn – IWALC
- Cllr C Adams – BYCC Committee

103/25.6 To receive relevant reports from Committees:

- Cllr M Groom – Planning Committee
- Cllr G Stoddart-Stones – Finance & Governance Committee
- Cllr H Brabazon – Steyne Park Regeneration Committee

Received (Minutes of meetings available at www.bembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

104/25 Finance

104/25.1 To receive and approve transaction list - £5,739.19 receipts and £20,339.96. payments up to 28th Nov 2025.

Received and approved.

104//25.2 To approve and sign Bank Reconciliations as at 28th Nov 2025.

Approved and signed.

105/25 Employment Policies

To review and agree BPC Employment Policies as recommended by the Finance & Governance Committee:

105/25.1 Complaints Procedure

105/25.2 Dignity at Work Policy

105/25.3 Disciplinary Procedure

105/25.4 Equal Opportunities Policy

105/25.5 Grievance Policy

105/25.6 Member/Officer Protocol

105/25.7 Training Policy

105/25.8 Vexatious Policy

105/25.9 Whistleblowing Policy

Resolved: To agree all Employment Policies.

106/25 Island Plan Consultation

To discuss and agree Parish Council's response to the new Island Plan consultation.

Resolved: To firstly note the BPC's displeasure that the consultation has been held over the busy Christmas period, and;

To agree that Full Council would like to submit a response on behalf of the Parish Council, but the hiring of outside planning experts was unnecessary. Initial feeling from Full Council was that the proposed changes to woodland buffer zone was of particular concern to Bembridge, but that the consultation should be added to the agenda for the Planning meeting on Wednesday 7th January 2026 for further scrutiny and that all Councillors should be invited to attend.

107/25 1st Bembridge Scouts - Lease

To review and agree any requested changes, or actions to be taken, regarding the lease for the Scout Hut.

Resolved: That the Clerk should strive to obtain legal advice on any proposed changes and or letter of amendment and bring the request back to Full Council once obtained.

Meeting Closed: 7:53pm

Date of next meeting: 21st January 2026

Signed:

Date: