



Minutes of the meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held at 7pm on 21st January 2026 in the
VILLAGE HALL.

Officer in attendance: Mark Rochell, Parish Clerk clerk@bembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk
22nd January 2026

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

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

Minutes

01/26 Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Resolved: To accept apologies for absence from Cllr C Adams, Cllr M Humphray and
Cllr S Philipsborn.

02/26 Declarations of Interest

To receive and record declarations of interest.

None received.

03/26 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council

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

Received and adopted.

04/26 Reports

To receive the following reports:

04/26.1 To receive report from the Chair.

04/26.2 To receive report from the Clerk.

04/26.3 To receive a report from our Isle of Wight Councillor – Joe Robertson.

04/26.4 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 S Noyes – BYCC Committee

04/26.5 To receive relevant reports from Committees:

- Cllr M Groom – Planning Committee
- Cllr H Brabazon – Steyne Park Regeneration Committee
- Cllr S Noyes – Environment & Neighbourhood Committee

Received. See Papers / Committee minutes at www.bembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

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05/26 Finance

05/26.1 To receive and approve transaction list - £1,319.55 receipts and £18,063.66 payments up to 1st January 2026.

Received and approved.

05/26.2 To approve and sign Bank Reconciliations as at 1st January 2026.

Approved.

06/26 Precept and Business Plan

To receive and agree the following recommendations from the Finance & Governance Committee:

06/26.1. To approve the Bembridge Parish Council Business Plan 2026 – 2029

Resolved: To approve Bembridge Parish Council Business Plan 2026 – 29.

06/26.2. To approve Bembridge Parish Council budget 2026/27.

Resolved: To approve Bembridge Parish Council budget for 2026/27.

06/26.3. To approve Bembridge Parish Council precept request 2026/27 of £275,344.

Resolved: To approve the Bembridge Parish Council precept request for 2026/7 of £275,344.

07/26 Internal Audit

To receive and review the Interim Internal Audit Report for 2025/26 and agree to implement recommendations.

Received and reviewed. BPC would like the Clerk to work with the internal auditor to review recommendations and bring an updated list to next Full Council meeting.

08/26 Climate and Nature Champion

To agree, as recommended by the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee, to appoint Cllr G Stoddart-Stones as the Bembridge Parish Council 'Climate and Nature Champion'.

Resolved: To agree to appoint Cllr G Stoddart-Stones as the BPC Climate and Nature Champion.

09/26 Exclusion of Public and Press

To resolve that in accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the following items, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Resolved: To agree to exclude press and public.

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10/26 Staffing

To reassess current arrangements for staff absence as agreed at the Full Council meeting of 15th October 2025 and agree further actions.

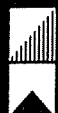
Resolved: To agree to reduce discretionary sick pay for current staff absence to half pay from January 2026 and to arrange a staff meeting to discuss ongoing arrangements.

Meeting closed: 8:22pm

Date of next meeting: 25th February 2026

Signed: M.C. [redacted]

Date: 25/2/26



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