



**Minutes of the Bembridge Parish Council ENVIRONMENT & NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE
MEETING held at 11:00am on 6th January 2026 in the VILLAGE HALL.**

**Officer in attendance: Mark Rochell Clerk to the Council clerk@bembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk
6th January 2026**

**Committee members in attendance: Cllr S Noyes (Chair), Cllr G Stoddart-Stones,
Cllr G Brasington, Cllr M Groom, Mrs A De Trey.**

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 for absence from Cllr C Adams and Cllr M Humphray.

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 Environment & Neighbourhood Committee budget.

Noted: current balance of approx. £1500 unlikely to be spent before end of financial year and if possible, should be carried forward to be added to 2026/27 budget.

5. Annual Report

To note updates from the Clerk on progress of 2025 Annual Report.

Noted: delivery to all households scheduled to begin first week of February.

6. Christmas Star 2025

To receive update from Cllr S Noyes on Christmas Star Competition 2025.

Received: Noted that encouraging entries for judging is preferred rather than attempting to view entire village but would like to attract more entries next year. It was felt that judging should be later in December to encourage more entries. Also noted that prize ceremony as part of Friendship Circle coffee morning works well.

7. Village Hall bookings 2026

To discuss and agree any dates the Committee would like to book the Village Hall in advance for Parish Council events.

Resolved: For Clerk to book up to four Saturday morning slots spread throughout 2026 for possible Parish Council events.

8. Current Project Updates

8.1 Resilience Group

To receive any updates from Cllr C Adams regarding current Resilience Group activity and agree any further actions.

Received: Cllr M Groom informed committee of Island wide 'tabletop' exercise taking place next week, also that the future of the Fire Station is likely to be decided early February.

8.2 Plastic Free Communities

To receive any updates from Ms L Newberry and Mrs A De Trey and agree any further actions.

Received: The PFC Steering Committee held their AGM in December where it was decided to concentrate on continuing to help to move businesses along the route to Plastic Free Champions and to establish contact with local schools. Mrs A De Trey is also available to give a presentation on the project to an upcoming Full Council meeting. It was suggested that PFC could form a major part of any planned 'Environment Day' in the Village Hall.

8.3 Tree Wardens

To receive any updates from Cllr G Brasington and agree any further actions.

Received: The Tree Warden scheme is now up and running with Cllr G Brasington established as lead Tree Warden for Bembridge.

8.4 Harbour Farm

To receive any updates from Mr A Holman and agree any further actions.

None received.

8.5 Green Impact IoW

To receive any updates from Mrs A De Trey and agree any further actions.

Received: Mrs A De Trey will attend a meeting on 6th February to establish the viability of the scheme for Bembridge.

8.6 Climate Action Plan

To receive update from Cllr G Brasington and Cllr G Stoddart-Stones and agree any further actions.

Received: Climate Action Plan includes a requirement for community engagement. It was agreed to attempt to identify projects that could form part of the planned Environment Day with an aim to attract volunteers and community engagement.

Resolved:

- 8.6.1. Check land registry for ownership of fields near Howgate Road,
- 8.6.2. Cllr G Stoddart-Stones to investigate with IoWC how Net Biodiversity Gain will be delivered on upcoming developments in the village,
- 8.6.3. Cllr G Stoddart-Stones to be recommended to Full Council as 'Climate and Nature Champion'.

Meeting closed: 12.10pm

Date of next meeting: 3rd March 2026

Signed:

Dated:



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