



Minutes of the meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held at 7pm on 22nd April 2026 in the
VILLAGE HALL.

Officer in attendance: Mark Rochell, Clerk clerk@bembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

5th May 2026

Public Forum: Members of the public were in attendance. No one spoke on items on the agenda.

Agenda

31/26 Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Resolved: To accept apologies from Cllr G Brasington and Cllr S Philipsborn.

32/26 Declarations of Interest

To receive and record declarations of interest.

None received.

33/26 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council

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

Received and adopted.

34/26 Reports

To receive the following reports:

34/26.1 To receive report from the Chair.

Received.

34/26.2 To receive report from the Clerk.

Received.

34/26.3 To receive a report from our Isle of Wight Councillor – Joe Robertson.

None received.

34/26.4 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

Received.

34/26.5 To receive relevant reports from Committees:

- Cllr M Groom – Planning Committee
- Cllr H Brabazon – Steyne Park Regeneration Committee
- Cllr G Brasington – Environment & Neighbourhood Committee

Received.

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35/26 Finance

35/26.1 To receive and approve transaction list - £3,301.75 receipts and £22,304.43 payments up to 31st March 2026.

Received and approved.

35/26.2 To approve and sign Bank Reconciliations as at 31st March 2026.

Approved and signed.

36/26 Southern Water – The Point

To note and discuss recent reply from Southern Water to BPC FoI request letter, and to agree any further actions to be taken.

Received update from the Clerk.

Resolved: For the Clerk to continue to liaise with Southern Water and to arrange meeting between members of BPC, Southern Water and Island Roads to discuss ongoing infrastructure requirements.

37/26 Bembridge HIWFRS Vehicle

To receive updates from Cllr C Adams regarding Bembridge HIWFRS vehicle and agree any further actions.

Resolved: To agree for Cllr C Adams, Cllr M Groom and the Clerk to apply for an SSER grant up to £15,000 to enable the BPC to buy and carry out alterations to the HIWFRS vehicle for use by the Bembridge Resilience Group.

38/26 Climate Consultant

To receive, discuss and agree any further actions on a proposal from Cllr G Stoddart-Stones regarding the potential hiring of a climate plan consultant to aid with a Community Climate Action Plan Day – 30th May, at a cost of £1,290.00 to be paid for from the Environment and Neighbourhood Budget.

Resolved: To agree to hire a consultant for the Community Climate Action Plan Day.

39/26 Council Meetings

To review and agree Parish Council meeting calendar for 2026/27.

Resolved: To agree with minor amendments.

40/26 Community Grant Award – Brading Haven Gig Rowers

To discuss and agree any further actions following recent correspondence from the Bembridge Gig Rowers (see papers) in relation to the 2025 Community Grant Award.

Resolved: To agree that any future sponsorship would not be forthcoming due to the group no longer being based in Bembridge.

MCE 20/5/26



41/26 Annual Parish Meeting

To agree to Wednesday 20th May, 6:30pm in the Village Hall to hold the Annual Parish Meeting and to discuss potential itinerary and agenda.

Resolved: To agree to an amended date of Tuesday 26th May and to enquire about availability of Theo Vickers and RSPB to deliver a presentation. Final details to be decided by the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee.

Meeting closed: 8:50pm

Date of next meeting: 27th May 2026

Signed:

MC [Redacted Signature]

Dated:

20/5/26



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