



**Minutes of the Bembridge Parish Council ENVIRONMENT & NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE
MEETING held at 11:00am on 7th July 2026 in the VILLAGE HALL (Small Room).**

Officer in attendance: Mark Rochell Clerk to the Council clerk@bembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

13th July 2026

Committee members in attendance: Cllr C Adams, Cllr S Noyes, Cllr G Stoddart-Stones, Cllr M Sullivan, Cllr G Brasington, Mrs A De Trey, Mr A Holman.

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

Minutes

Note: Cllr S Noyes was elected as chair for the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Resolved: To receive and accept apologies for absence from 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.

5. Environment Day – Climate Action Plan

To receive updates following Climate Action Plan Day and to agree next actions.

Received: Update on Climate Action Plan received from Cllr G Stoddart-Stones and a number of projects noted as possible to take forward, including wind and tidal turbine, allotments (with possible tie into allot.me app, and mapping of old wells. It was noted that legality of taking water may need to be investigated. The wider works on the Village Hall sustainability were also agreed to form part of this plan.

6. EV Chargers

To note and discuss correspondence from Blink and agree next actions.

Noted: Cllr G Stoddart-Stones is in consultation with MB Electrical and will follow up with Blink.



7. In Bloom

To receive updates on Bembridge in Bloom and Southeast in Bloom and discuss arrangements for prize giving on 22nd August.

Received: Noted date of 22nd August and agreed that prizes should be awarded with professionally produced embossed and framed certificates rather than cups.

8. Southern Water / The Point CSO

To receive latest updates and agree next actions.

Received: Meeting was held with SW engineers to discuss possible siting and next steps regarding the temporary storage solution that will avoid use of a CSO pipe on the Point beach.

Mrs A De Trey volunteered to lead investigations into the possibility of bathing designation to the area at risk from the potential CSO pipe and will report back to the next meeting.

9. Christmas Illuminations

To discuss plans for Village decorations 2026 and arrange next actions.

Resolved: To agree to an initial Working Group of Clerk, Chair and Supervisor Lengthsman to discuss requirements.

10. Planet Aware Posters

To discuss proposal from Planet Aware to help promote anti cigarette butt campaign.

Resolved: To commission one poster at cost of £20.00 to be displayed at Forelands beach.

11. Current Project Updates

To receive updates from ongoing projects and groups:

11.1 Resilience Group – Plans in place for another speedwatch day on Wednesday 15th.

2 parish councils have visited to learn more about setting up their own resilience groups. The future of the fire station is not likely to be resolved until October. The bid for a grant from SSEN for purchase and refitting of the fire truck has been made and likely to hear back this month.

11.2 Plastic Free Communities – No new updates.

11.3 Tree Wardens – Cllr G Brasington attended a training session alongside 6 other parish/town councils. An article will also be produced for the annual Bembridge/St Helens magazine.

11.4 Harbour Farm – Still no news from the Isle of Wight Council on TPO status of orchard trees.

Meeting closed: 12:35pm

Date of next meeting: 1st September

Signed:

Dated:



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