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

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

24th July 2026

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

Public Forum: One member of the press, Mr R Pickles of the County Press, was in attendance, and asked no questions.

Minutes

62/26 Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Resolved: To accept apologies for absence from Cllr M Humphray.

63/26 Declarations of Interest

To receive and record declarations of interest.

None received.

64/26 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.

65/26 Reports

To receive the following reports:

65/26.1 To receive report from the Chair.

65/26.2 To receive report from the Clerk.

65/26.3 To receive a report from our Isle of Wight Councillor.

65/26.4 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 H Brabazon – IWALC
- Cllr S Noyes – BYCC Committee

65/26.5 To receive relevant reports from Committees:

- Cllr M Groom – Planning Committee
- Cllr S Noyes – Environment & Neighbourhood Committee
- Cllr I Davis – Finance & Governance Committee

All relevant reports received and included in Papers or Minutes at www.bembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

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66/26 Finance

66/26.1 To receive and approve transaction list - £1,112.53 receipts and £19,395.87 payments up to 31st May 2026.

Received and approved.

66/26.2 To approve and sign Bank Reconciliations as at 30th June 2026.

Approved and signed.

67/26 General Policies

To review and adopt the following general policies:

67/26.1 Cemetery Policy
67/26.2 Memorial Bench Policy

Reviewed and adopted.

68/26 Royal British Legion

As recommended by the E & N Committee, to review letter from RBL and discuss and agree any fundraising projects that the parish council would like to run.

Reviewed: Agreed to help promote.

69/26 Steyne Park Regeneration Terms of Reference

To review and agree amendments to Terms of Reference for Steyne Park Regeneration Committee.

Reviewed and agreed.

70/26 Defibrillators

To review number and placement of defibrillators in the Village and consider purchase of an extra unit.

Resolved: To purchase new defibrillator and cabinet at a cost of £1,200.00.

71/26 Lane End Mural

To discuss options for Lane End mural and agree any further actions.

Resolved: To agree to contribute £2,272.50 from the £4,000.00 sale of old unused parish assets to be added to the £3,000 contribution from Southern Water for a mural at Lane End.

72/26 Village Hall Floor

To receive updates on progress and discuss and agree further actions, including options for project design and specifications.

Resolved: To contribute 50% towards full costs of £2,750.00 plus VAT for full spec of proposed works to the Village Hall from London Design Centre.

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73/26 SSEN – High Street Bembridge

To receive update from Finance & Governance Committee regarding recent correspondence and financial offer for permanent rights over Parish Council land, and to receive most recent correspondence and agree response.

Resolved: To reject offer to sell permanent rights and counteroffer 21-year lease at £125 per year, reviewable ever 3 years, with first 3 years payable in advance.

Meeting closed: 8:33pm

Date of next meeting: 23rd September 2026

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Signed: **Dated:**