Minutes of the meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held at 7pm on 23rd September 2026 in THE CLOISTERS.

Officer in attendance: Mark Rochell Clerk to the Council
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24th Sept 2026

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

Public Forum: 2 members of the public were in attendance. Mrs Ally De Trey spoke on agenda item 7 and requested the support of the Parish Council for bathing status application for The Point beach.

Agenda

74/26 Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

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

75/26 Declarations of Interest

To receive and record declarations of interest.

None received.

76/26 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council

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

Received and adopted

77/26 Reports

To receive the following reports:

77/26.1 To receive report from the Chair.
77/26.2 To receive report from the Clerk.
77/26.3 To receive a report from our Isle of Wight Councillor.
77/26.4 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 C Adams – BYCC Committee

77/26.5 To receive relevant reports from Committees:

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

Received: All relevant reports received – minutes and papers are available on www.bembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk

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78/26 Finance

78/26.1 To receive and approve transaction list - £2,173.02 receipts and £31,073.49 payments up to 31st July 2026.

Received and approved.

78/26.2 To approve and sign Bank Reconciliations as at 31st July 2026.

Approved and signed.

78/26.3 To receive and approve transaction list - £4,745.07 receipts and £18,996.51 payments up to 31st August 2026.

Received and approved.

78/26.4 To approve and sign Bank Reconciliations as at 31st August 2026.

Approved and signed.

78/26.5 To note completion of audit 2025/26 and External Auditors report.

Noted.

79/26 Neighbourhood Policing

To receive update from PC Andrew Emery regarding the work of the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

PC Andrew Emery unable to attend but beat surgery taking place in Parish Office on Tuesday 29th September 12:20 – 13:30.

80/26 The Point Bathing Water Application

To discuss latest updates regarding the campaign by Swim at the Point group and agree the level of support that the Parish Council wish to offer.

Resolved: That the Parish Council would be willing to fund up to £1,000 towards the cost of any necessary signage, and the Clerk will provide a letter of support for the application from the Parish Council.

81/26 Planning Enforcement

To review and discuss proposals from IoWC regarding planning Enforcement 2027/28 and agree any actions.

Resolved: The Parish Council decided not to take part in the proposed scheme.

82/26 Steyne Park

To receive update from Cllr H Brabazon and agree next steps for the project.

Resolved: Agreed for Cllr H Brabazon to obtain indicative prices for a proposed new toddler and junior play area.

83/26 IoWC Engagement Event

To receive invitation and decide on representative to attend event.

Resolved: Agreed that Cllr G Stoddart-Stones would attend this event on behalf of the Parish Council.

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84/26 Lane End Mural

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

Resolved: To commission Community Murals IoW to design and produce a mural to cover 3 walls at the Lane End site.

85/26 Village Hall Floor

To receive updates on progress and discuss and agree further actions.

Resolved: Update received from Cllr G Brasington. Grant application to Heritage England unsuccessful. Agreed that a request for indicative pricing for each area of the overall plan for the Hall should be sought from London Design Centre.

Note: Vote to extend the meeting by up to 1 hour in accordance with Standing Order 3.w. was agreed by the Full Council.

86/26 Exclusion of the Press and Public

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 exclude press and public.

87/26 Payroll

To note the LGA pay agreement and agree to apply to staff salaries as soon as possible.

Resolved: To administer the agreed pay scale increase of 3.3% in line with recommendations from the LGA.

Meeting closed: 9:03pm **Date of next meeting: 25th November 2026**

Signed: **Dated:**

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