



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on the Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the Village Hall, Bembridge

**Present:** Cllr S Weedall (Chairman), Cllr G Stillman, Cllr M Donlon, Cllr M Sullivan, Cllr L White, Cllr K Fagan, Cllr R Widger, Cllr R Weaver, Cllr A Steane, Cllr N Maclean and Mr M Pink (Clerk)

**Public: 14**

15 minutes were available for Public Questions on items on the Agenda:

- 1 Question on the presence of Ward Councillors at the Parish Council Meeting. Answered by the Chairman
- 1 Statement on Public Footpath BB40
- 1 Question on the Electric Pod Point
- 1 Question on requesting agenda items for inclusion. Answered by the Chairman
- 1 Question on the transaction listing
- 1 Question on the Court Case. Answered by the Chairman

### 1. 112/19 Chairman's Announcements

Great News...! Bembridge Village partnership have been successful in their grant application to East Wight Landscape Partnership for the restoration of the K1 telephone box. £1695 has been awarded which represents 72% of the application for £2345. The rest is to be covered by volunteer hours and topped up from the village partnership.

Since the last PC meeting, Cllrs and Clerk travelled to Chandlers Ford where the PC picked up the HALC Village of the Year award for best open space for the Lane End Wave Sculpture, Mural and Memorial Garden. The Chairman also attended the IOW Best Kept Village Awards along with one of the Community Gardeners, Barbara Clough where they picked up the "Best Memorial" Silver Salver for the maintenance and planting of this area of the village.

Over the past few weeks, BPC has held both a Development Day for all Councillors and a subsequent Consultation Day for members of the public. For those unable to attend, questionnaire forms are still available from the Parish Office, Library and other places around the Village. From the information gathered, the Clerks' will begin work on the BPC forward plan.

On other matters, BPC resolved "to defend the case to include all financial implications" on a case brought by Ms Madeleine Reeder against BPC and Cllr Stillman. At the County Court, Ms Reeder lost the case due to "an abuse of process" and therefore it was struck out in its entirety.

The Court awarded costs of £7155 to BPC and Ms Reeder was given a timeframe with which to pay. To Date, funds have yet to be received and legal advice is being sought regarding the recovery of monies Owed.

### 2. 113/19 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Chapman and Curtis

### 3. 114/19 Declarations of Interest

**114/19/01** To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on agenda  
None received

**114/19/02** To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate  
No requests

4. **115/19 Minutes of the last Meeting**

**115/19/01** To receive for approval minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**RESOLVED:** Approved minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and duly signed by the Chairman

9 in favour      1 against

5. **116/19 Finance**

**116/19/01** To receive bank reconciliation and cash balances to 16<sup>th</sup> October and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Received **Appendices A1 and A2**

**116/19/02** To approve schedule of payments to 16<sup>th</sup> October and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**RESOLVED:** Approved schedule of payments to 16<sup>th</sup> October and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

9 in favour      1 abstention

**116/19/03** To receive and discuss 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter budget

Received

Questions were asked about aspects of the budget and answers given where possible by the Clerk.

**116/19/04** To note completion statement for the sale of 5/7 High Street

Received and noted with no questions

**116/19/05** To agree Isle of Wight Council pre-application service fee for £150 for a meeting with the Conservation Officer to discuss the requirements for any work on the Village Hall

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to pay the pre-application service fee of £150 for a meeting with the conservation officer

Unanimous

6. **117/19 Reports, Policies and Procedures**

**117/19/01** To receive the clerks report and confirm delegated decisions

Received **Appendices B1 and B2**

**117/19/02** To receive Isle of Wight councillor/s report

None Received

**117/19/03** To note reports from outside bodies

Received **Appendix C**

7. **118/19 Small Grants**

**118/19/01** To approve small grant application from Bembridge Cricket Club for £159

**RESOLVED:** Approved small grant application from Bembridge Cricket Club for £159

Unanimous

**118/19/02** To approve small grant application from the Royal British Legion towards Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day

**RESOLVED:** Approved small grant of £75 to Royal British Legion towards Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day

9 in favour      1 against

8. **119/19 Electric Vehicle Charging Point**

To discuss and agree the installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Point outside the Parish Office and Associated costs

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to the installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Point outside the Parish Office

7 in favour      3 against

9. **120/19 Promotion of the Parish Council and Village**

**120/19/01** To consider and agree re-instating the Bembridge Parish Council Facebook Page with restrictions

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to the re-instatement of the Bembridge Parish Council Facebook Page  
7 in favour      1 against      2 abstentions

**120/19/02** To consider and agree purchasing a media screen for the Parish Office window

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to defer this matter until January 2020 for further information

**120/19/03** To consider and agree advertising charges for Parish advertising frames

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to defer this matter until January 2020 for further information

10. **121/19 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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 :** 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

Unanimous

11. **122/19 Private & Confidential Minutes**

12. **123/19 Staffing**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020, 7.00pm in the Village Hall

**Meeting Closed: 8.17pm**

**Signed:**

**Dated:**