



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on the Wednesday 16th September 2020, held remotely via Microsoft Teams

Present: Cllr Weedall (Chairman), Cllr Donlon, Cllr K Fagan, Cllr Maclean, Cllr Stillman, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Weaver, Cllr White, Cllr Widger, Mr M Pink (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Clerk) **Public:** 1 member of the public

PUBLIC FORUM – No public questions were received

1. 021/20 Chairman's Announcements

Welcome to the September Full Council Meeting.

We are still unable to have face to face meetings and as yet not dates for the return to this.

BPC is continuing to work hard to provide the services that residents expect.

The Green towns Group and The Village Partnership are still working and completing projects under the guidance of the Clerks.

The **Local Government Act 1972 sec 85 (1)** states that if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority he shall cease to be a member of the authority.

As the Government did not change the legislation regarding LGA 1972 sec 85(1) in the Coronavirus Act 2020, legal advice and clarity was sought and received from both National Association of Local Councils and Hampshire Association of Local Councils.

It was made clear that despite lockdown and the inability to hold meetings for a period of time, it has no bearing on this and that the "6-month rule" remained relevant.

All Councillors were made fully aware of the implications of Paragraph 85 of the LGA 1972 and that the proper officers made every attempt to keep all members within the organisation.

Under these rules we lost 2 Cllrs.

There were enough requests for a by-election for the 2 vacancies, but under current arrangements these will not now take place. BPC cannot co-opt to fill these vacancies.

2. 022/20 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from Cllr Chapman due to childcare issue and IW Cllr Murwill due to IWC meeting overlapping

3. 023/20 Declarations of Interest

023/20/01 To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on agenda

Cllrs Weedall, Donlon, Sullivan, White and Maclean declared a personal interest in item 028/20/01 as members of the Heritage Society

Cllr Weaver declared a pecuniary interest in item 028/20/01 as landlord to Heritage Society, and will not take part in the discussion

Cllrs Widger and Maclean declared personal interest in item 025/20/02 as Trustees of the BYCC

023/20/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate

None received

4. [024/20 Minutes of the last Meeting](#)

To receive for approval minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21st July 2020

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21st July 2020, Chairman will sign
All in favour

5. [025/20 Ratify Decisions made by Email](#)

025/20/01 Suspend Standing Order 7 'a resolution shall not be reversed within 6 months' to allow the option agreed to be amended from C to D. This decision will be ratified at the next available meeting

8 responses Agreed 6 Disagree 1 Split Decision 1

Agreed to Suspend Standing Order 7 'a resolution shall not be reversed within 6 months' to allow the option agreed to be amended from C to D. Preference for Option D was driven by two factors: 1) that it was a longer serving system and would serve the Parish Council's needs for longer and 2) that it had the ANPR. The latter can be crucial in providing key evidence to the Police should the need arise.

RESOLVED: Agreed to ratify 25/20/01

All in favour

Appendix A

025/20/02 Any objections to the proposal from Bembridge Football Club to erect a fenced area for storage

7 responses 6 in favour 1 need more discussion

Agreed proposal from Bembridge Football Club to erect a fenced area for storage as detailed with license to be drawn up

RESOLVED: Agreed to ratify 25/20/02

7 in favour 2 against

Appendix B

025/20/03 The Bembridge Village Partnership would like to ask for the Parish Councils permission to mount the restored anchor on a plinth at the Coastguard's Green.

8 responses All in favour

Agreed that Bembridge Village Partnership can mount the restored Empress Queen Anchor at the Coastguard Green on a plinth

RESOLVED: Agreed to ratify 25/20/03

All in favour

Appendix C

6. [026/20 Finance](#)

026/20/01 To receive bank reconciliation and cash balances to 13th August 2020

RESOLVED: Received bank reconciliation and cash balances to 13th August 2020

All in favour

026/20/02 To receive bank reconciliation and cash balances to 9th September 2020

RESOLVED: Received bank reconciliation and cash balances to 9th September 2020

All in favour

026/20/03 To approve schedule of payments to 13th August 2020

RESOLVED: Approved schedule of payments to 13th August 2020

All in favour

026/20/04 To approve schedule of payments to 8th September 2020

RESOLVED: Approved schedule of payments to 8th September 2020

All in favour

026/20/05 To receive and discuss 1st Quarter Budget

RESOLVED: Received 1st Quarter Budget

All in favour

Appendix D

7. 027/20 Reports, Policies and Procedures

027/20/01 To receive the Clerks report and confirm delegated decisions

Appendix E

027/20/02 To receive Isle of Wight Councillor/s report

Appendix F

027/20/03 To discuss and agree the training package from Valens Water for Legionella Risk Assessment training for the Lengthsmen

RESOLVED: Agreed the training package from Valens Water for Legionella Risk Assessment training for the Lengthsmen

All in favour

027/20/04 To approve the Website Accessibility Statement in line with legislation

RESOLVED: Approved the Website Accessibility Statement in line with legislation

All in favour

8. 028/20 Small Grants (£1,000 in Budget)

028/20/01 To approve Small Grant of £250 to Bembridge Heritage Society

RESOLVED: Approved Small Grant of £250 to Bembridge Heritage Society

8 in favour Cllr Weaver abstained

028/20/02 To approve Small Grant to Victim Support

RESOLVED: Approved a Small Grant of £125 to Victim Support

All in favour

9. 029/20 Village Hall Roof Project

029/20/01 To approve the Village Hall Roof Project

RESOLVED: Approved the Village Hall Roof Project

7 in favour 2 against

029/20/02 If agreed, to approve costs are taken from the Capital Account

RESOLVED: Agreed costs to be taken from the Capital Account

7 in favour 2 against

029/20/03 If agreed, to decide which option A, B or C from Village Hall Roof Project working paper included with recommendations from Chartered Surveyor

Comments by Councillors:

- A schedule of condition that was commissioned in 2017, specification drafted, we advertised extensively and received 3 quotes.
- A Chartered Surveyor inspected quotes and specification, we have his report and a draft roofing works paper which can be used with the appointed contractor.
- Promised to replace the village hall roof and future proof this important building.
- BPC have been thwarted over the years in delivering this project but now with funds in place for capital projects we should complete this project.
- The whole roof needs to be replaced, protecting the building for next 100 years.
- The roof is in a critical state of repair and the PC would be negligent if it delayed work for much longer.
- The surveyors cost of 11% of the works are expensive and the Clerks are more than able to do the project managing with support.
- The works need to be properly defined and the public's money spent wisely.
- Match funding should be looked into.
- The project needs to be run by the surveyor and not amateurs.
- Do not believe we are in a position to proceed with the project.
- £10,000 for a project manager is nonsense and the whole roof needs to be completed or will look an eyesore.

- We must not ignore the professional advice received that the roof needs replacing.

Proposal: To agree a contingency of £10,000

Works once started need to be completed, contingency should be higher. Rafters could be in need of repair or replacement.

RESOLVED: Agreed a contingency of £15,000

7 in favour 2 against

The Chair asked if Cllrs Maclean and Weaver would provide support and advice to the Clerks if it is agreed that they project manage the works. Cllr Weaver agreed and Cllr Maclean declined.

Proposal: To award and work with option A at a cost of £59,995 using information received from Mr Ray Young CS. The Clerks as project managers with advice if required from Cllr Weaver. The contingency should be set at £15,000.

RESOLVED: Agreed to award and work with option A using information received from Mr Ray Young CS. The Clerks as project managers with advice if required from Cllr Weaver. The contingency to be set at £15,000.

7 in favour 2 against

Appendix G

10. 030/20 Insurance Renewal

To agree Insurance Company and Policy from 4th October 2020

RESOLVED: Agreed BHIB Insurance quote for one year at a cost of £2,945.60

4 in favour 4 against 1 abstention

Chairman's casting vote agreed BHIB Insurance quote

Appendix H

11. 031/20 IOW Parking Consultation

To agree response to the IOW Parking Consultation

RESOLVED: Agreed for the Clerks to draft the response to the IOW Parking Consultation and forward to Councillors for comment before sending

All in favour

12. 032/20 Parcels of Land at Love Lane

032/20/01 To consider the purchase at auction of 2 parcels of Land at Love Lane by the Parish Council to add to BPC asset register

Group of local residents have agreed to bid for the single plot of woodland, the second plot by Frampton Way being withdrawn from sale. Should consider parcels of land that become available within the Village in future to protect green spaces.

RESOLVED: Agreed not to bid at auction for parcel of land at Love Lane

All in favour

032/20/02 If agreed, to discuss the upper bid limit for the purchase to include admin costs of £400

FAILED

032/20/03 If agreed, to decide who will bid for land as auction is online

FAILED

032/20/04 If agreed, to approve costs are taken from the Capital Account

FAILED

13. 033/20 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: Agreed 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

All in favour

Member of public left the meeting

14. [034/20 Staffing](#)

[DATE OF NEXT MEETING](#) – 17th November 2020, 7.00pm

Meeting Closed: 8.30pm

Signed:

Dated: