



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on the Tuesday 19th January 2021, held remotely via Microsoft Teams

Present: Cllr S Weedall (Chairman), Cllr G Stillman, Cllr M Donlon, Cllr M Sullivan, Cllr K Fagan, Cllr R Weaver, Cllr R Widger, Mrs J McDade (Clerk) and Mr M Pink (Clerk)

Public: IW Cllr M Murwill

PUBLIC FORUM - No questions or correspondence were received.

1. 01/21 Chairman's Announcements

Well, here we are in the Lockdown 3.0

After the experience of the first and second, we are once again and continue to be well placed to deliver services for Bembridge. The office and Lengthsmen are working in a COVID secure environment.

The Village Hall roof and associated works are progressing well with little disruption to the High St. Thank you to Cllr Weaver who is overseeing this work (along with the Clerk's) and for the regular updates and photos to all Cllrs. I think we would all agree the roof is looking superb. The next stage of the restoration work (exterior woodwork, windows and doors) is an agenda item.

Sadly, I must report that we have had some vandalism within the village. A fire which destroyed a bin in Steyne Park and an attempt to set fire to a bench also a report that at the same time the junior football nets were very irreparably damaged. The Clerk is looking at the CCTV for any identification. 2 of the Lane End Toilets have been damaged with handles broken and toilets blocked. The village toilet had the handle broken to the toilet and the door.

Following confirmation from BPC legal team I can now inform you that:

Bembridge resident and former BPC Cllr Mr A Steane made an application at the High Court for permission to seek a judicial review against BPC. Mr Steane's claim was that BPC breached their constitution by removing him as a Cllr under the 6-month rule of non-attendance. Mr David Lock QC sitting as a Deputy Judge of the High Court on the 15th January 2021 refused this application and awarded costs to BPC.

There is a shortfall of cost incurred and this is being dealt with by the Clerk's and BPC insurance Co.

BPC remain a forward-thinking council delivering for the residents and visitors of Bembridge.

2. 02/21 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from Cllr Chapman due to a work emergency.

3. 03/21 Declarations of Interest

03/21/01 To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on agenda

None received

03/21/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate

None received

4. 04/21 Minutes of the last Meeting

To receive for approval minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17th November 2020

Proposed by Cllr Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Donlon

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17th November 2020

All in favour

5. [05/21 Finance](#)

[05/21/01](#) To receive bank reconciliation and cash balances to 7th December 2020

Received

Appendix A

[05/21/02](#) To receive bank reconciliation and cash balances to 6th January 2021

Received

Appendix B

[05/21/03](#) To approve schedule of payments to 7th December 2020

Proposed by Cllr Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Donlon

RESOLVED: Approved schedule of payment to 7th December 2020

All in favour

[05/21/04](#) To approve schedule of payments to 6th January 2021

Proposed by Cllr Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Donlon

RESOLVED: Approved schedule of payments to 6th January 2021

All in favour

[05/21/05](#) To receive and discuss 3rd Quarter Budget

Discussion had on the 3rd quarter budget and concerns raised regarding late payment of invoice by the RNLI Head Office for the disabled toilet at Lane End carpark.

6. [06/21 Reports, Policies and Procedures](#)

[06/21/01](#) To receive the Clerks report and confirm delegated decisions

Appendix C

[06/21/02](#) To receive Isle of Wight Councillor/s report

Appendix D

HALC report

Appendix E

7. [07/21 2021/22 Budget](#)

[07/21/01](#) To discuss and agree the proposed budget agreed by Staffing and Finance Committee for the Financial Year 2021/2022

Points raised in discussion:

- do not want to raise precept for residents but do not want to have services/projects side tracked
- concerns over legal procedures against the Council though any money over the budget can come from the General Reserves which should have a healthy balance at the end of this financial year
- vandalism at the park and toilets a concern, costs need to be monitored
- Annual Report can be produced at a reduced cost as per this years
- £4,000 has been placed in earmarked reserves for external audit for 2018/19 which still hasn't been inspected due to questions raised regarding sale of 5/7 High Street
- scale rise for staff included, no percentage increase
- General Reserves can be used for any shortcoming in the next financial year

Proposed by Cllr Weedall, seconded by Cllr Widger

RESOLVED: Agreed proposed budget agreed by Staffing and Finance Committee with amendments to not raise precept for 2021/2022 , with any further expenses required being drawn from General Reserves

All in favour

[07/21/02](#) To agree the precept for the Financial Year 2021/2022

Proposed by Cllr Weedall, seconded by Cllr Fagan

RESOLVED: Agreed precept of £185,000.00 for the 2021/2022 Financial Year

All in favour

8. [08/21 2021 Events](#)

[08/21/01](#) To agree to Fly the Flag for Commonwealth, Tuesday 9th March 10.00am

[08/21/02](#) To agree to Fly the Flag for St Georges Day, Friday 23rd April 10.00am

[08/21/03](#) To agree to Fly the Flag for Armed Forces Day, Friday 25th June 10am

08/21/04 To agree to Fly the Flag for Merchant Navy Day, Friday 3rd September 10.00am

Proposed by Cllr Weedall, seconded by Cllr Donlon

RESOLVED: Agreed to Fly the Flags for all the above dates in the War Memorial Garden
All in favour

9. **09/21 Village Hall**

To discuss and agree the specification of works for the Exterior Woodwork Restoration Project at the Village Hall

Amendments to the specification to include:

- words 'interior/exterior windows and exterior wooden doors'
- include door and window furniture where required
- 3 part Dulux Weathershield System (primer can be substituted with aluminium primer) to be used on external windows and doors
- external windows to be white gloss
- external front and side wooden doors to be heritage colour, either blue or green

Proposed by Cllr Weedall, seconded by Cllr Weaver

RESOLVED: Agreed to use Heritage Blue for exterior front doors

4 in favour 2 against 1 abstention

Proposed by Cllr Weaver, seconded by Cllr Stillman

RESOLVED: Agreed specification of works for the Exterior Woodwork Restoration Project at the Village Hall with amendments discussed

All in favour

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16th March 2021, 7.00pm

Meeting Closed: 8.10pm

Signed:

Dated: