



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 16th March 2021, held remotely via Microsoft Teams

Present: Cllr S Weedall (Chairman), Cllr G Stillman, Cllr M Sullivan, Cllr M Donlon, Cllr K Fagan, Cllr R Weaver, Cllr R Widger (joined the meeting at item 6), Mr M Pink (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Clerk)

Public: 1 member of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

Questions received from Mrs M Reeder

1. I would like to ditto all 3 of Alasdair Steane's questions.
[No questions were received from Mr Steane on 15th March 2021, up to noon as per Standing Orders 32g or for the rest of that day](#)
2. I wonder how the BPC Councillors had the gall to carry on when many Villagers voted for their resignation?
[Councillors were elected or co-opted to Council, there are no regulations to force Councillors to resign](#)
3. Who had the power to dismiss Councillors Steane and Curtis?
[Paragraph 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, confirmed by legal judgements of 15th January and 16th March 2021](#)
4. Two other Independent Councillors resigned. I'm guessing it was due to the majority Councillors behaviour?
Have you anything to say about that?
[It is a Councillor's prerogative if they wish to resign from the council](#)

1. [013/21 Chairman's Announcements](#)

At the time of writing this we are on the government's roadmap out of the lockdown. If all the data is correct and it is deemed safe, we will take the next step scheduled for the 29th March with further steps dated for 12th April 17th May and 21st June.

This is the last full council meeting in the diary for this council as we have elections scheduled for May. Under the new guidelines these are still going to take place in a covid secure way. Most Cllrs have over the last 4 years worked hard with the Clerk's to deliver great services for the community. The village Hall roof and gable ends are now finished, and the painting and refurbishment of the doors and windows are due to start on 22nd March. This was a project promised to the residents and delivered with the release of capital funds.

I will give a full update at the Annual Parish Meeting that will be held remotely via Microsoft "Teams".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your input help and support through some difficult times and the amount of personal time you have given to BPC.

With no rise in the precept this year and healthy funds BPC is in a strong position to continue to provide and deliver for Bembridge.

The Chairman read out a press release with reference to a recent Court Case

2. [014/21 Apologies for Absence](#)

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Chapman due to illness

Apologies received from IW Cllr Murwill

3. [015/21 Declarations of Interest](#)

[015/21/01](#) To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on agenda

Cllr Weaver declared an interest in item 021/21/01 and will not partake in the item

015/21/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate
None received

4. **016/21 Minutes of the last Meeting**

016/21/01 To receive for approval minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19th January 2021

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19th January 2021 and duly signed by the Chairman

016/21/02 To receive for approval minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 25th February 2021

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 25th February 2021 and duly signed by the Chairman

5. **017/21 Finance**

017/21/01 To receive bank reconciliation and cash balances to 8th February 2021

Received Appendix A

017/21/02 To receive bank reconciliation and cash balances to 9th March 2021

Received Appendix A

017/21/03 To approve schedule of payments to 8th February 2021

Proposed by Cllr Weedall, seconded by Cllr Fagan

RESOLVED: Approved schedule of payments to 8th February 2021

All in favour

017/21/04 To approve schedule of payments to 9th March 2021

Proposed by Cllr Weedall, seconded by Cllr Fagan

RESOLVED: Approved schedule of payment to 9th March 2021

All in favour

6. **018/21 Reports, Policies and Procedures**

018/21/01 To receive the Clerks report and confirm delegated decisions

Received Appendix B

018/21/02 To receive Isle of Wight Councillor/s report

Received Appendix C

018/21/03 To receive reports from outside bodies

Received Appendix D

018/21/04 To approve Risk Assessments

Proposed by Cllr Weedall, seconded by Cllr Donlon

RESOLVED: Approved Risk Assessments

All in favour

018/21/05 To approve updated Code of Conduct

Do not believe the Code of Conduct is strong enough and still no sanctions. NALC working with Government.

Proposed by Cllr Weedall, seconded by Cllr Stillman

RESOLVED: Approved Code of Conduct

All in favour

018/21/06 To approve updated Standing Orders

Proposed by Cllr Weedall, seconded by Cllr Fagan

RESOLVED: Approved Standing Orders

All in favour

018/21/07 To approve updated Financial Regulations

Proposed by Cllr Weedall, seconded by Cllr Sullivan

RESOLVED: Approved Financial Regulations

All in favour

018/21/08 To approve updated Communications and Media Policy

Proposed by Cllr Weedall, seconded by Cllr Widger

RESOLVED: Approved Communications and Media Policy

All in favour

7. **019/21 Small Grants (balance in Budget £425.00)**

019/21/01 To agree small grant request from Victim Support

Proposed by Cllr Donlon, seconded by Cllr Fagan

RESOLVED: Agreed to award Victim Support a £175 small grant

All in favour

019/21/02 To agree small grant request from Suicide Prevention & Intervention IOW

Proposed by Cllr Donlon, seconded by Cllr Widger

RESOLVED: Agreed to award Victim Support a £250 small grant

All in favour

8. **020/21 Parish Asset Grant (balance in Budget £1,000)**

To agree parish asset grant request from Bembridge Youth & Community Centre

Points raised in discussion

- Would like to see a report from the BYCC with a copy of their accounts.
- damage to floor not covered by their insurance
- believe they received a Government Grant of £10,000
- it is an important community asset

Proposed by Cllr Weaver, seconded by Cllr Fagan

RESOLVED: Agreed to award BYCC a £1,000 parish asset grant once works to the floor are completed with a full report and copy of accounts. If completion after 31st March 2021, £1,000 to be carried forward to 2021/22 accounts and held in an earmark reserve budget line for the BYCC.

All in favour

9. **021/21 Parish Council Fees**

021/21/01 To consider and agree increasing Cemetery Fees for 2021/22

No rise since 2019

Proposed by Cllr Donlon, seconded by Cllr Fagan

RESOLVED: Agreed to increase Cemetery Fees by 2% starting 1st April 2021

All in favour (Cllr Weaver did not vote)

021/21/02 To consider and agree increasing Changing Room and Pitch Hire charges for 2021/22

No rise since 2018

Proposed by Cllr Weaver, seconded by Cllr Stillman

RESOLVED: Agreed to increase Changing Room and Pitch Hire charges by 2% starting 1st April 2021

All in favour

10. **022/21 Properties**

022/21/01 To discuss and agree to render Changing Rooms and Toilet Block at Steyne Park

Points raised in discussion:

- need to unify both buildings as they look old and dated
- could look into graffiti artwork on the buildings in future
- cladding would have looked good but expensive and not practicable with footfalls
- CCTV in the area helps keep damage to a minimum

Proposed by Cllr Weedall, seconded by Cllr Stillman

RESOLVED: Agreed to render and paint Changing Rooms and Toilet Block at Steyne Park

5 in favour 2 abstentions

022/21/02 To appoint contractor from quotes received

Proposed by Cllr Widger, seconded by Cllr Weaver

RESOLVED: Agreed to appoint contractor B to render and paint Changing Rooms and Toilet Block at Steyne Park at a cost of £5,693.20

5 in favour 2 abstentions

022/21/03 To agree works are funded from the Asset Maintenance budget (balance £29,365.92)

Proposed by Cllr Weaver, seconded by Cllr Weedall

RESOLVED: Agreed works to Changing Rooms and Toilet Block at Steyne Park are funded from the Asset Maintenance budget

5 in favour 2 abstentions

11. [023/21 Beach Management Zoning Service](#)

To discuss proposal from IWC Council to reinstate marker buoys in Bembridge waters and agree to provide ongoing revenue funding for 4 buoys at a cost of £2,591.72 per annum for a period of 5 years. (funds to come out of general reserves for the 1st year)

Points raised in discussion:

- devolution of services from the IWC
- not happy that they only contacted BPC on 12th February 2021 when budgets already agreed
- they are important for the safety of our waters
- why only estimated costs given from the IWC?
- protection needed due to the increase in watercraft in the area

Proposed by Cllr Weedall, seconded by Cllr Weaver

RESOLVED: Agreed in principle to finance the reinstatement of 4 marker buoys in Bembridge waters at a maximum cost of £647.93 per buoy for a period of 5 years (with only an inflation increase from year 2 if necessary). Funds to come out of general reserves for the 1st year and have a budget line from year 2.

All in favour

12. [024/21 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

Proposed by Cllr Weedall, seconded by Cllr Stillman

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

13. [025/21 Staffing](#)

[Date of Next Meeting](#) – 19th May 2021, 7.00pm

Meeting Closed: 8.35pm

Signed:

Dated: