



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 15th September 2021, Bembridge Village Hall

Present: Cllr L White (Chair), Cllr S Weedall, Cllr H Brabazon, Cllr M Sullivan, Cllr R Poncia, Cllr L Mitchel, Cllr R Weaver, Cllr R Widger, Cllr P Kenny, Cllr J Lake, Cllr M Groom, Mr M Pink (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Clerk)

Public: 4 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

Resident spoke on fireworks and planning consultant

Resident spoke on nets at Steyne Park

1. 071/21 Chairman's Announcements

Welcome. I hope this has been a good summer for all of you.

It is going to be a busy time in Bembridge in the next few weeks & months especially on the planning front.

1. Although mentioned in the Clerks Report on behalf of BPC I would like to thank James Brewer & Ollie Boulter from the IOW Council's Planning team accompanied by Cllr Paul Fuller for visiting Bembridge & giving their presentation on the Draft IPS consultation & for answering residents questions for 90 minutes.

Can I remind residents that responses to the IPS consultation need to be submitted by 5.00 pm on 1st October. Online at www.IOW.gov.uk/planthewight.

I'd like to announce that BPC will be hosting a meeting, which will be attended by Bob Seely MP, on 27th September at 7.00pm in the village hall. All are welcome to raise issues relating to the IPS consultation.

2. Have Your Say day - on Saturday 4th September. Thank you to the Friendship Circle for sharing the village hall & their coffee morning with the PC. The result was a successful occasion with friendly atmosphere & led to many constructive comments. Hopefully the format can be repeated. I would like to thank Cllrs Sullivan, Kenny, Brabazon, Mitchell, Lake, Poncia & Groom & the clerks for their help in staging the displays & being on hand to answer questions.

3. AED Training session given by an officer from IOW Ambulance Service, last Saturday, was an excellent & instructive session. Sadly there were a few empty places. Thanks to clerks for organising.

2. 072/21 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence

Accepted apologies from Cllr Chapman due to work commitments

3. 073/21 Declarations of Interest

073/21/01 To receive declarations of pecuniary or other interests relating to items on agenda

None received

073/21/02 To consider requests and grant dispensations if appropriate

No requests

4. 074/21 Minutes of the Last Meeting

To receive for approval minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21st July 2021

Proposed by Cllr Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Brabazon

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21st July 2021

10 in favour 1 abstention

5. **075/21 Finance**

075/21/01 To receive bank reconciliation and cash balances 6th August 2021 and 7th September 2021

RECEIVED: Bank reconciliation and cash balances 6th August 2021 and 7th September 2021

APPENDIX A

075/21/02 To approve schedule of payments 6th August 2021 and 7th September 2021

Proposed by Cllr Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Poncia

RESOLVED: Approved schedule of payments 6th August 2021 and 7th September 2021

All in favour

075/21/03 To ratify decision to appoint South Coast Tree Surgeons to carry out urgent tree works at Lincoln Way, St Lukes, War Memorial and Scouts Field following Tree Survey findings at a cost of £2,300 from general reserves

Proposed by Cllr Brabazon, seconded by Cllr Sullivan

RATIFIED: Decision to appoint South Coast Tree Surgeons at a cost of £2,300 for urgent tree works with the budget line going over balance

10 in favour 1 abstention

6. **076/21 Reports, Policies and Procedures**

076/21/01 To receive the Clerks report

- A reply had now been received from Cllr Jordan and Island Roads concerning the flooding and that the CCTV drain survey had been scheduled for 15th September.
- IW Planning Officers Ollie Boulter and James Brewer have accepted an invitation to visit Bembridge on Monday 20th September
- The Yarborough Monument is owned by the Royal Yacht Squadron and the land by Mr Taylor.

APPENDIX: B

076/21/02 To receive Isle of Wight Councillors report

APPENDIX C

076/21/03 To receive reports from Committees/Groups

Reports from Environment & Neighbourhood Committee and Green Town Steering Group

APPENDIX D

076/21/04 To receive reports from outside bodies

Report from Cllr Weedall regarding HALC

APPENDIX E

7. **077/21 Steyne Park**

Proposed Special Motion received from Cllr Brabazon, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Groom and Cllr Kenny:

To rescind the decision taken on 21st July 2021 (item O63/21/04) to apply for planning permission for Ball Stop Nets at Steyne Park and agree to apply for planning permission of 1 set of Ball Stop Nets to protect the properties identified in the consultation as requesting nets (i.e. the bungalows and not the four two storey houses who did not require nets).

Planning permission for one set of nets only £117.00 (Professional Fees Budget £1000)

Disclaimer to be signed by the 4 households not requiring the nets

Proposed by Cllr Mitchel, seconded by Cllr Groom

RESOLVED: Agreed to rescind the decision taken on 21st July 2021 (item O63/21/04) to apply for planning permission for Ball Stop Nets at Steyne Park and agree to apply for planning permission of 1 set of Ball Stop Nets to protect the bungalows.

8 in favour 1 against 2 abstentions

8. **078/21 Fireworks at Steyne Park**

To discuss the funding of the event following a formal request from BYCC to increase donation from £500 to £1,500 and agree how to support the event (Budget £500)

Discussion was held:

- more residents negative towards fireworks due to effects on pets and wildlife
- large jump in funds when not enough in the PC's budget
- Council used to fund the fireworks but the event was taken over by BYCC
- donation buckets have helped towards funds
- should ask local businesses to help fund
- do not need to have super bang fireworks, there are quieter ones available

Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Groom

RESOLVED: Agreed to continue with £500 donation for firework event

9 in favour 2 abstentions

9. **079/21 Insurance Renewal 2021 - 2022**

079/21/01 To consider and discuss the quotes for insurance renewal (Renewal 1st October 2021)

A 3-year agreement with BHIB would reduce the premium to £2,904.63.

Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Kenny

RESOLVED: Agreed BHIB 3-year insurance quote at a cost of £2,904.63

All in favour

10. **080/21 IW Council Planning Consultation**

080/21/01 To ratify decision of Planning Committee on 11th August 2021 to engage a planning consultant to report on the IW Planning Department Draft Island Planning Strategy with costings to come from Professional Fees (Budget £1,000)

3 Isle of Wight planning consultants were approached, two were unable to help and one did not respond

NOTE: Decision of Planning Committee on 11th August 2021 to engage a planning consultant to report on the IW Planning Department Draft Island Planning Strategy

080/21/02 To appoint Mr S Birnbaum from SMB Town Planning Ltd

Discussion was held:

- we have a very good report from Mrs Kendall 2018 Draft Plan, which could be amended by the Clerks with points Councillors believe relevant
- need to send a professional response
- response should come from Council
- with a deadline of 1st October, we need a professional response to get it completed in time
- need to start updating our Bembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan to future proof village
- development of some sort will take place, need to be proactive
- Bob Seely response very good
- report to come back to Councillors at an ECM for final approval
- BNNDP is still a lawful document until new Island Plan is approved
- cost between £750-£1,000, visit will not be required within the short time frame
- costs too much

Named vote requested

Proposed by Cllr Poncia, seconded by Cllr Sullivan

RESOLVED: Agreed to appoint Mr S Birnbaum from SMB Town Planning Ltd, at a cost of £750 to £1,000

In favour – Cllr White, Cllr Poncia, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Mitchel, Cllr Brabazon, Cllr Kenny, Cllr Groom, Cllr Widger

Against – Cllr Weedall, Cllr Weaver, Cllr Lake

080/21/03 To consider, discuss and agree contents of response to the Draft Island Planning Strategy

Discussion was held:

- this is the consultation for the extension of the settlement boundary

- extension to the village will make a huge difference in terms of the pressure on infrastructure – roads, traffic, schools, flooding, medical services, sewage
- negates what Bembridge needs – better infrastructure, affordable housing,
- have been told that infrastructure will only come at planning stage
- need to be proactive on planning, what do we need in the village?
- the BCM proposal of 56 houses is below the level when improvements to infrastructure is a condition
- affordability, homes need to remain affordable with a clear definition of affordability
- why are we being changed from a Rural Service Area to a Secondary Settlement, no extra facilities or infrastructure
- concerns for the flood risks in Bembridge
- with extra housing there is no mention of extra transport
- need to mention the Biosphere, effects on climate change and AONB areas
- should look at Community Land Trusts and Housing Trusts

11. [081/21 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 Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Groom

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

The Clerks left the meeting

12. [082/21 Staffing](#)

[Date of Next Meeting](#) – 20th October 2021, 7.00pm