



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Members of the Council,

Members of Bembridge Parish Council are summoned to attend the MEETING of the Council to be held at 7pm on 19th April 2023 in the Village Hall. Members of the public have a right to and are invited to attend. Please note this meeting may be recorded (audio).

Julia Shorrocks, Clerk to the Council

13th April 2023

Public Forum: Members of the public are invited to speak on items on the agenda in accordance with Standing Orders. Answers may be given during the meeting or in writing following the meeting. At the chairman's discretion, members of the public may be invited to speak on specific items during the meeting. (Please introduce yourself when addressing the Council.)

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive and record any declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council

To receive and adopt the minutes of 15th March 2023 Full Council Meeting

4. Chair's Announcements

To receive the Chair's announcements

5. Finance

5.1 To receive bank reconciliation and cash balances to 31st March 2023

5.2 To approve schedule of payments to 31st March 2023

5.3 To agree to RFO opening high interest accounts with various banks in line with the report

5.4 To agree the final quarter budget

RECOMMENDATION: that Council receives the bank reconciliation and cash balances to 31st March 2023

RECOMMENDATION: that Council approves the payments schedule to 31st March 2023

RECOMMENDATION: that Council gives the RFO the go ahead to open extra bank accounts

RECOMMENDATION: that Council agree the final quarter budget

6. Reports from other Authorities

To receive reports from representatives of other authorities

6.1 To receive the report from our Isle of Wight Councillor

7. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

To receive reports from Council representatives attending outside bodies' meetings

8. Committee Minutes

To receive reports and where appropriate, consider the recommendations of the

8.1 Planning Committee (15th March 2023). There are no recommendations for Council

8.2 Environment & Neighbourhood Committee (29th March 2023) There are no recommendations for Council

8.3 Staffing & Finance Committee (12th April 2023) There are no recommendations for Council

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council receives the minutes of the following committees:

- i) **Planning Committee (15th March 2023)**
- ii) **Environment & Neighbourhood Committee (29th March 2023)**
- iii) **Staffing & Finance Committee (12th April 2023)**

9. Toilets

To consider whether we wish to close the toilets overnight due to the vandalism incidents and therefore whether an attempt should be made to remove the covenant on the Village Hall toilet should be undertaken.

10. Cemetery Trees, Memorial Trees and 'Memorial Wall'

- To consider whether we wish to replace the cherry trees that have died and with what type of tree.
- To consider if we would be happy to allow a resident to replace one of the trees with a memorial tree.
- To consider whether we would like to create a 'Memorial Wall' for residents who lose loved ones overseas or outside of Bembridge to add their own plaques to the wall as a place to visit and remember.

11. Conflicts of Interest with BDO

To establish and minute any conflict of interest of Councillors with BDO, the external auditor.

12. Blue Slipper Sand

To liaise with both the IOWC and the Coast Guard to ensure that sign boards alerting people to the dangers of Blue Slipper Sand are put in place by the IOWC after the coast guard was called out to an incident recently.

13. Sewage Pollution

To get an update on the efforts of local groups to get the sewage pollution of the Solent reduced and make our beaches and sea water cleaner.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council

- a) create a Working Group to co-ordinate pressure on Southern Water with other interested parties
- b) set up a meeting with Southern Water in the VH

14. To note any further information items, correspondence received or requests:

14.1

15. Exclusion of Press and Public

To resolve that in accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission 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.

15. Confidential session

15.1 Swings

To consider the tenders received for the replacement of the swings and award a contract to our preferred contractor if appropriate.