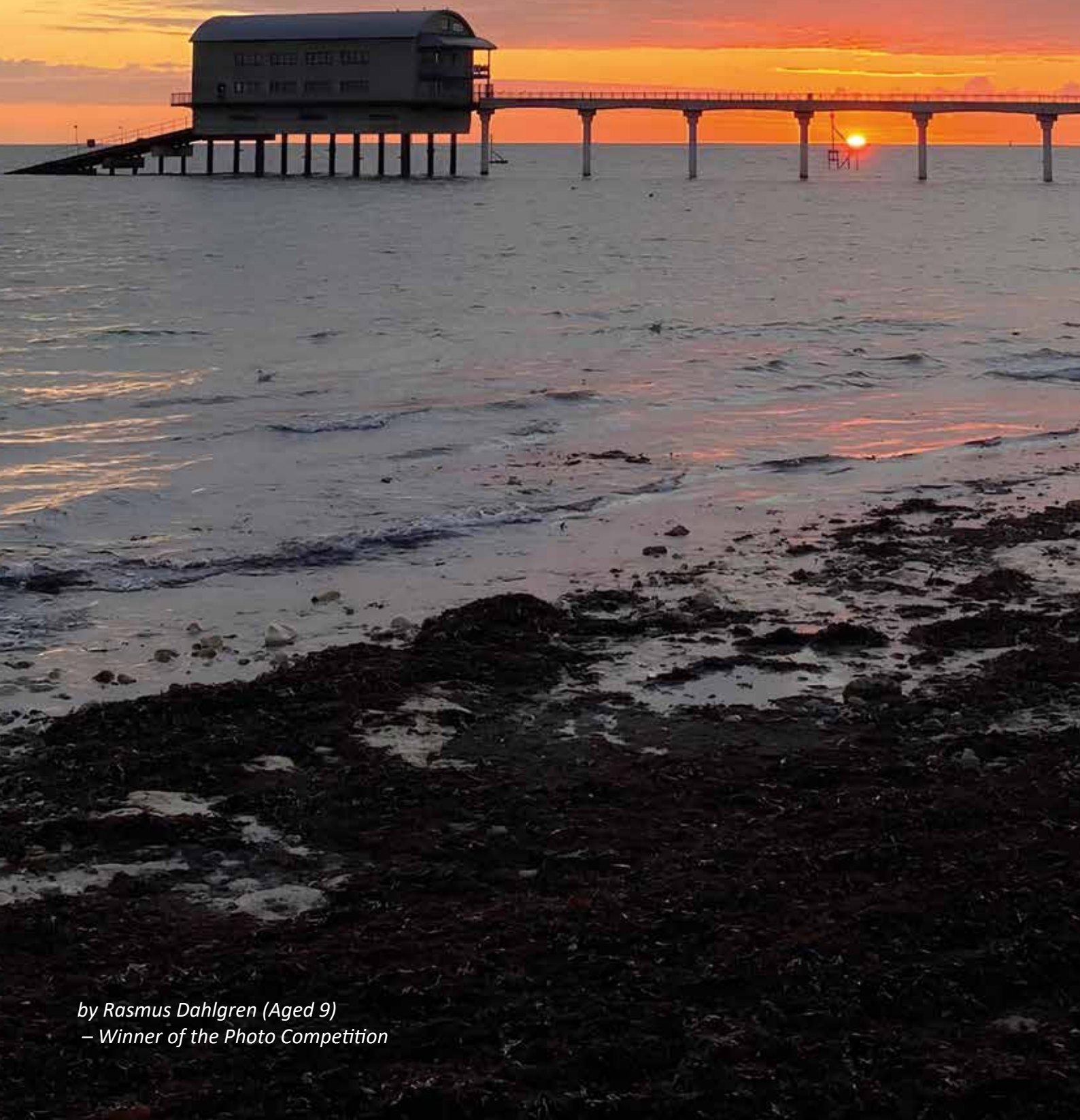


BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2024



*by Rasmus Dahlgren (Aged 9)
– Winner of the Photo Competition*

New Clerk – Mark Rochell



Mark Rochell, previous Responsible Financial Officer for the council, was appointed as the new Clerk in January 2024.

Mark brings a wealth of financial experience to the role including previously being the Finance Director for a company that developed the Great British Bake-Off TV show. He moved back from London to the island in 2019. He saw a job advert for the Responsible Financial Officer for Bembridge Parish Council which seemed to perfectly combine his accountancy background with his interest in local governance.

Having studied for, and passed, the Society of Local Council Clerks 'Certificate in Local Council Administration' he was happy to add the role of Clerk to the Council to his duties.

Whilst it has been a tumultuous few years for the Council in terms of the pandemic and various changes to office staff, he feels that the council now have the team in place who can bring the stability that it requires, in order to move forward with its future plans.

Additional Staff Member



Debbie Glover, new part time administrator for Bembridge Parish Council

Debbie was appointed in May 2024, she brings a wealth of experience as a previous office manager for a London based company and administrator for Petworth Town Council. She updates the website, and the Parish Council Facebook page is kept up to date with local news from both the Parish Council, IOW Council and various Island organisations.

Please do consider following the Parish Council page on Facebook to keep up to date with both local and island wide news. You can also send messages to the council through the Messenger app on Facebook. Debbie can also be emailed at admin@bembridgepc.org.uk.

As we head into 2025, she is hoping to develop stronger links between the Parish Council and the Bembridge Business Association and local societies.

Advance Notice – Councillor Elections, 1st May 2025

Advance notice that elections for parish councillors will take place on Thursday 1st May, 2025.

If you want to get involved in what is happening in your village and make a difference, please consider putting yourself forward as a candidate.

More information will be available on the Parish Council website and Facebook Page from early April.

Parish Councillors

North Ward – Liz White (Chair), Paul Kenny (Vice Chair), Chris Adams, Martin Groom, Martine Humphray, Graham Stoddart-Stones

South Ward – Harriet Brabazon, Ian Davis, Sarah Noyes, Sarah Philipsborn, Marianne Sullivan, Vacancy

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Message from the Chair



I am indebted to all Councillors and Parish Council staff (both past and present), who have put in so much time and effort to support the local community. As a Council, we have made some important staffing changes in the office by extending Mark Rochell's appointment to be Clerk & RFO. Mark passed the CILCA qualifications last year. He was recently joined by Debbie Glover to assist him and therefore the Council in improving all our communications, including the production of this Annual Report. We have also appointed Steve Davidge as the Supervisor of the lengthsman team of Kevin Allen & Pete Beeney. Special congratulations and thanks are due to Pete who will be completing 20 years' service with the BPC in April 2025. I thank them all for their hard work and combined efforts to ensure that on the one hand the Parish Council works transparently, efficiently, and in accordance with our legal responsibilities and on the other hand that the grass & hedges, for which we are responsible, are maintained, especially in the Cemetery & War Memorial Garden and much much more.

Bembridge deserves to have a council with quality council status. The last award lapsed in November 2020, and I am delighted to report that BPC is now able to apply for the Quality Council Silver Level Award in January 2025 and Gold Award after the elections in May. Many thanks are due to Mark for his hard work to produce all documentation & ensure all approved policies are in place to make this application.

It has been an extremely busy and somewhat difficult period for all residents, as we deal with the aftermath of Covid and the cost-of-living crisis. The Parish Council is mindful of the impact any increase in the precept might have on residents. However, it is a difficult balancing act to keep the precept (the amount residents pay in local Council Tax) down and yet enable improvements to be made to ensure the continued vibrancy of our unique village.

The Council continues to hold the General Power of Competence, which greatly assists all its financial decision making, until the elections in May 2025. It would be wonderful to have 12 elected councillors to form the new council to ensure that we can continue to hold this Power & obtain the Gold Level Award. If you would like to get involved and put yourself forward as a councillor, please consider standing at the election.

This report highlights events and achievements during this year 2024. The following projects are in progress or due to be completed in 2025:

- Working on a project to regenerate Steyne Park, replace ageing play equipment, a MUGA on the old basketball court, a 3G 9 a side Football pitch, landscaping to include planting trees to provide more shade.
- Working to review/renew the Bembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- Holding more Community Events.
- Obtaining Gold Level Quality Council Status.
- Improving all council communications with residents, village organisations and
- Continuing to serve the community to improve the quality of life for all residents.

All parish news, budget forecasts and future plans including 2024/2027 Business Plan can be viewed on the BPC website.

Cllr Liz White
Chair Bembridge Parish Council

AWARDS – Wight in Bloom – Community Gardeners

Wight in Bloom – Community Gardeners

Bembridge Parish Council were delighted to hear that the War Memorial Garden in Bembridge had won the Wight in Bloom category for the 'Pride of Place Floral Project'.

Congratulations and thanks are owed to the community gardeners who work so hard to keep this lovely area looking so beautiful. Also, to the Bembridge Parish Council lengthsman for their work on keeping the grass area looking so vibrant and tidy.



L to R - Simon Moyer from Southern Vectis, Ann Lucas and David Tallis from the Community Gardeners and Graham Bliss, High Sheriff IOW

Bembridge Parish Council Events



Community Action Day, Bembridge Village Hall

Community Action Day

Community Action Day, organised by Councillor Kenny, took place in the Village Hall on 27th April, 2024. This was an opportunity for local groups/societies to tell people what they do and recruit new members. It was well attended and was a great opportunity to bring the community of Bembridge together.

80th D Day Commemoration – Culver Down

Report by Councillor Harriet Brabazon

The National and International commemorations for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day resonated across the world with the largest ceremonies in Portsmouth and Normandy. The Beacon lighting on Culver Down, organised by Bembridge Parish Council, was necessarily on a much smaller scale, but nonetheless heartfelt and moving.

Ltd Col (retd) Andrew Larpent, OBE, read the Proclamation, setting the tone for the service to follow: "We should all remember, and never forget, the selfless sacrifice and courage of all those involved and use this Commemoration to pay our tribute to those who gave so much to secure the freedom we all enjoy today."

Archdeacon Steve Daugherty, from Bembridge Holy Trinity, and Revd David Plumb, from the Bembridge Methodist Church, conducted the service, interspersed with hymns (Eternal Father, Strong to Save and O God, Our Help in Ages Past). The minute's silence was heralded by the haunting notes of the Last Post as the standard bearers dipped their standards and then, signalled by the Reveille, played by Andy Norman, the standards were raised once more. As the sun sank towards the horizon over 400 people stood with their heads bowed, remembering those who had fallen or been grievously wounded in either body or soul. It was indeed a powerful silence.

The Lord-Lieutenant, Mrs Susie Sheldon, then stepped up to plunge the lever setting off the ignition firers for the beacon. Following further prayers, the National Anthem and a blessing, it was time for people to wend their way back to their cars and home.



Bembridge in Bloom

The annual Bembridge in Bloom competition, organised by Councillor Marianne Sullivan, took place on 24th June. The judges, Councillor Marianne Sullivan, Councillor Martin Groom and Mrs Caroline Peel DL, Chair of the Bembridge Horticultural Society, chose the following winners:

- Best Business - Woodfords Butchers
- Best Container Garden – Barry Gibson
- Best Small Front Garden – joint winners - Alex Calcutt and Jo Mycroft
- Best Sustainable Front Garden – Angela Harrison
- Best Large Rear Garden - Jeremy and Dee Cuddigan
- Best large front garden - Nigel MacLean and Dorian Campbell

The presentation of the prizes of cups and gift vouchers (sponsored by Hose Rhodes Dickson) by Caroline Peel took place on 5th July in the Cloisters Bembridge.



Have Your Say Day

The annual 'Have Your Say Day' took place in Bembridge Village Hall on Saturday July 20th. Display boards outlined the activities and events that had taken place during the year and parishioners were given an opportunity to meet their councillors and ask any questions or give suggestions and ideas for future council activity. They also had the opportunity to complete a survey on the work of the council which highlighted the following areas of concern: the proposed new development of 130 houses, speed and volume of traffic through the village and lack of parking.

Community Chest

The Bembridge Parish Council Community Chest event took place this year on October 4th at the Bembridge Youth and Community Centre. This annual event gives local charities and not for profit groups the chance to request funds for a project they would like to undertake for the benefit of local residents. It is always fascinating to hear how much these groups manage to achieve on shoestring budgets and how much enthusiasm they foster in the community at large. Each group gave a presentation and every explanation

of 'why and what' was greeted with warm applause, and the poem crafted by the Community Library (asking for a new till to replace their aged and recalcitrant one) particularly so! The judges conferred, and people had drinks from the bar and chatted until the awards were announced – a total of £1,325 was awarded – with the Chair of the Parish Council, Liz White, handing out the award certificates.

The recipients of the awards were as follows:

- 2nd Bembridge Rainbows - £150 for some new storage boxes and a replacement tarpaulin.
- Bembridge Youth Football Club - £200 to go towards building a lean to for additional storage.
- 1st Bembridge Scouts - £200 for the purchase of new camping equipment.
- Windmills Preschool - £200 for the purchase of new monkey bars for the early years children.
- Bembridge Heritage Society - £200 towards a camcorder to record and preserve our history.
- Bembridge Community Gardeners - £125 for trugs & plants to continue to keep our village pretty.
- Bembridge Community Library - £250 towards the purchase of a new till for the library.

Flag Raising Commemorations

Bembridge Parish Council always try to commemorate important memorial days with the raising of the flag in the War Memorial Garden. This year's flag raising events included:

Commonwealth Day – 11th March

St George's Day – 23rd April

Armed Forces Day – 29th June

Merchant Navy Day – 3rd September

Photograph right: Flag raising for Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September 2024 by Capt Graham Hall (rtrd), with Capt Robin Ebsworth (rtrd), Cllr Martin Groom and Cllr Liz White

Christmas Star Competition

The annual Christmas Star competition took place in December. The judges, Councillor Sarah Noyes and Rosamond Poncia were very impressed by the quality of entries. They awarded the following prizes:

Best Star

winner – **Bob Brain**

runners up –

Richard Bishop, Andrew Holman

Special Award

for spreading Christmas cheer

winner - **Right At Home**

runner up - **Frampton's**

A presentation to the winners took place at the Friendship Circle Coffee Morning on 4th January 2025. Winners received a certificate and a £50 gift voucher and runners up a certificate and £25 gift voucher.



*Front row L to R – Rex Gully (Bembridge Heritage Society), James Hendy (Bembridge Youth Football Club), Rachel Clark (Windmills Preschool), Penny Whiting (1st Bembridge, St Helen's & Seaview Sea Scout Group).
Back row L to R – Chris Grant (Community Gardeners), Alison Austin (2nd Bembridge Rainbows), Jill Lawn (Community Library)*



Environment and Neighbourhood Committee



The environment continues to be a key area of focus for the Parish Council with many new initiatives taking place this year.

Sustainability Group

Two new boards providing information on the diverse sea life we are blessed with here in Bembridge have been put up on the lifeboat toilet block. These boards join the two erected at Whitecliff Bay last year.

Ally de Trey, Glyn Brasington & Lindsey Newberry, members of the Bembridge PC Environment & Neighbourhood Committee, alongside the new boards

Monthly Beach Cleans

Bembridge monthly beach cleans continue organised by Councillor Groom, Councillor Sullivan & Councillor White. This is an opportunity for members of the Bembridge community to take part in helping to keep the beaches clean and welcoming for locals and visitors. 2024 saw 500kg of rubbish collected from the beach. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the Bembridge PC Office – clerk@bembridgepc.org.uk.

Dates for Beach Cleans 2025:

Will be listed on the Bembridge PC website and on the Facebook page with the first one in 2025 – Saturday 18 January and following on Saturday 22 February and monthly thereafter.



Litter collected from one beach clean!

Plastic Free Bembridge

Report by Lindsey Newberry and Ally de Trey, Community Leads for Plastic Free Bembridge

This year saw the launch of Plastic Free Bembridge. This is part of a Surfers Against Sewage national initiative working with communities to reduce plastic pollution.

In 2022-23 Bembridge Sustainability group working with the Parish Council took part in beach surveys to investigate the rubbish found on our local beach. The amount of plastic washing up on our beach was a huge concern, particularly micro-plastics, and drove the impetus for this new project.

In June, we launched Plastic Free Bembridge at the village hall with a mixture of information boards, quizzes, competition, art activities and conversation all around plastic production, pollution and solutions. The event was well attended and our local councillor, now MP, Joe Robertson came along.

In October, we had a stall at the Greenpeace Common Grounds Day of Action. There we spoke to many people regarding plastic pollution. This included Isle of Wight West MP Richard Quigley who agreed to raise the issue of a Deposit Return Scheme (to aid recycling) and a scheme to help fund this (the EPR scheme.)

To become a Plastic Free Community, we need to do a number of different things, e.g. engage local businesses, community groups and individuals to become a part of this, reduce the amount of plastic they use and publicise our work to encourage others to do the same. Through our activities and working together we have now achieved over 80% of our targets. The plan for next year is to complete this and become the first community of the Isle of Wight to get the award. The project does not stop at this point though, we want to extend the work we do both in our local community and by encouraging other communities on the island to join us.

Businesses can become involved and, by showing how they have reduced their plastic use, get bronze, silver and gold awards for the work they are doing. They will also receive a plaque. Watch out for these in the windows of local businesses in the coming year.

Currently, The Sea Room has achieved the bronze, silver and gold awards and Bembridge Barbers and David Hunt Tai Chi have received the bronze award. Bembridge Community Library is one of our Community Allies.

If you or your organisation or business would like to learn more or become involved in the project or help getting through to award level,

please contact: Lindsey Newberry or Ally de Trey at plasticfreebembridge@gmail.com

Bembridge Parish Council Resilience Group

New Mud Warning Signs Erected

The blue slipper clay that prevails along the Bembridge coast is not always easily visible. This has resulted in several lifeboat rescues. In light of this, the Parish Council Resilience group have arranged, after obtaining agreement from local landowners, for warning signs to be erected.

Speed Watch Campaign

One of the recommendations in the LCWIP (Local Walking Cycling Infrastructure Plan) report was that there should be a 20-mph speed limit restriction from the Harbour View Café on Embankment Road into Bembridge and along the High Street.



CLlr Chris Adams, Rob Lowe & CLlr Harriet Brabazon – a speed watch this year

Bembridge Parish Council therefore agreed to join the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Speed Watch Scheme. A speed watch group was set up by the Resilience Group led by Councillor Adams in February 2024. The aim was to help monitor speeding especially on Embankment Road and increase driver awareness of speed in the village.

Trained volunteers used a speed gun device loaned to BPC by the IOW Council, recorded details of cars and passed information to the police who sent a warning letter if the speed was more than 5% over the 30-mph limit. The speed gun was returned in September 2024 having provided sufficient evidence that the 30-mph speed limit signs need upgrading, which has been agreed. The Council has now purchased its own speed gun & will continue to hold regular sessions.

The results of IOW Council's speed review undertaken in Bembridge in 2022 are due to be published early in 2025.

Defibrillator and CPR training

Councillor Chris Adams and Murray Clark led a number of Parish Council training sessions this year in the use of defibrillators and how to do CPR. Murray is a tutor with the Isle of Wight Ambulance NHS service and a Community First Responder volunteer. The sessions take place in Bembridge Village Hall. The sessions are informative and practical and those who have attended one agreed that they would feel more able to deal with an emergency situation if one arose. The audience are invited to ask questions, and they are able to practice CPR techniques on the demonstration dummies. Councillor Adams is aiming to ensure that 10% of the Bembridge population will at some point have attended one of these courses. There will be more training sessions in 2025, if you would like to register your interest in attending, please contact admin@bembridgepc.org.uk.



CLlr Martin Groom – patient with Murray Clark demonstrating emergency treatment and below: Martin Groom clearing drains in Bembridge

UKRO (United Kingdom Rescue Organisation)



Members of the PC Resilience Group: Glynn Brasington, Murray Clark, Mark Stevens, CLlr Chris Adams and CLlr Martin Groom

During September, six members of the Parish Council Resilience Group volunteered to assist with the annual United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO) challenge events hosted this year by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service and held within the Gunwharf Quays and much of the Royal Navy Historic Dockyards in Portsmouth.

Many fire services from around the UK as well as teams from abroad took part in the two-day event which comprised some very complex competitions including Vehicle Extrication, Water and Rope Rescue, Trauma and Fire Cadet Challenge.



Parish Lengthsmen

We wanted to put a spotlight on the Bembridge Parish Council lengthsman because they are the unsung heroes who keep the village looking so lovely throughout the year. Please do say hello to them when you see them around the village.



L – R Steve Davidge (Supervisor), Kevin Allen & Pete Beeney

Another busy year for the lengthsman saw the year begin with the renovation of the Bembridge Parish Council Office.

Before



After



Amongst many jobs undertaken throughout the year, they have renovated all 4 public toilets. They have also been out and about cutting back the verges under the council's ownership and ensuring that the Bembridge signs welcoming visitors and locals alike are kept clean and fresh. As always, they have ensured that the grounds at St Luke's Cemetery, Lane End Cemetery, Steyne Park, Lincoln Pond and the War Memorial Garden have been kept tidy and green.

They replaced & installed the emergency telephone down on the beach at Wightcliff Bay, conducted the weekly inspections of the play area at Steyne Park carrying out any necessary repairs, as well as refurbished many of the benches around the village.

The Bembridge Parish Council Tree Survey undertaken this year highlighted areas that needed attention with pinpointed trees/hedges that needed felling or cutting back. Some of the works listed needed a qualified tree surgeon to undertake them, but where possible all other suitable jobs are being undertaken by the lengthsman. They have made an impressive start with the cutting back of the hedges/trees in Lane End Cemetery.

The lengthsman also helped out with removing additional rubbish this year when the public bins were overflowing. The Clerk has spoken to the IOW Council about this issue and hopefully we can sort out some improvement in the collection service for 2025.



L – R Top: St Luke's Cemetery and
Improving the drainage at Lane End Cemetery
Bottom: Refurbished Village Hall toilet,
Hedge/tree cutting at Lane End Cemetery and
keeping Bembridge signs clean



Planning Committee Report – Councillor Martin Groom (Chair)

2024 has been a busy year for the Planning Committee with over 40 applications to consider. Two of the most controversial applications were for 56 houses in Steyne/Hillway Road and 130 houses at Mill Road. The committee objected to both and made representation at the County Council Planning Committee. Unfortunately, both applications were approved at the County Council level.

Another controversial application was for the restaurant at the end of Lane End Road. This was refused for a variety of reasons by both the Parish and County Council Planning Committees. We are currently waiting to see if altered plans are presented next year.

The Isle of Wight Plan has now gone to the inspectorate for approval. The Planning Committee made extensive comments on the plan, and we are now waiting to see if we will be asked to attend a meeting to explain our comments in further detail.

We are currently working on updating the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) which was first set out in 2014. We have formed a working group to establish what needs amending from the report, and we would like to request that if there are any people with architectural, planning or NDP experience who would like to come and join this working group, they get in touch with the Parish Office by emailing:

clerk@bembridgepc.org.uk or phoning the office on 01983 874160.

Of course, the final updates to the NDP can only happen once the Isle of Wight Plan has been approved and finalised because our plan must feed and fit into this overall plan.

District Councillor's Report

IOW District Councillor for Bembridge – Joe Robertson – joe.robertson@iow.gov.uk

It has been an honour and pleasure to serve as Isle of Wight Councillor for Bembridge for over three and a half years. I have enjoyed a good working relationship with the Parish Council who have provided excellent leadership locally. Despite best efforts of many members of the community, we were unable to stop the two large planning applications either side of Steyne Road from being approved by the Isle of Wight Council's Planning Committee. We now have to ensure that the section 106 money received from these developments is spent by the Isle of Wight Council in Bembridge and spent wisely. I am pushing for spending on flood mitigation as flood events are only likely to increase. On the issue of flooding, the Environment Agency are currently working with households in Bembridge to provide individual flood resilience measures. This is being focused on homes flooded in the last 3 years.

The way in which the Isle of Wight Council makes decisions will change in May. Instead of a Leader and Cabinet making decisions, those powers will be exercised by Committees. While there is a risk of delays to decision making under this new model, the idea is that more Councillors will be involved in decision making. There may be further changes in the future as the Government is planning a radical overhaul of Local Government in England which could see some shared decision making with Hampshire. We will have to wait for the detail which is expected in the first half of next year.

In my role as MP, I have been trying to persuade the Government to intervene in cross-Solent transport. The Government is currently reforming UK transport by taking trains into public ownership and spending billions of pounds on buses (including millions of pounds on the Island). Scottish ferries are already subsidised by the taxpayer. Our situation here on the Island is a complete outlier – reliance on unregulated, unsubsidised, foreign owned, debt laden private companies for essential travel. The Maritime Minister says he is planning on visiting the Island in the New Year.

There are a number of other issues I have been working on locally, in collaboration with the Parish Council, which I hope we can make further progress on in 2025. These include flooding, sewage spills, walking and cycling infrastructure and road resurfacing.

As I got elected as MP for Isle of Wight East in July of this year, I will not be re-standing for the Isle of Wight Council next May. I wish whoever succeeds me my best wishes. Happy New Year 2025 to everyone in Bembridge and beyond!

Clerk's Report

Firstly, I'd like to take the opportunity to say hello to those of you I haven't already been in contact with throughout the year. I'm Mark Rochell, and from the beginning of 2024 I have taken on the position of Clerk to the Parish Council, in addition to my previous role as Responsible Financial Officer.

It has been a very steep learning curve, to say the least. I've found the role of Clerk to a Parish Council to be an incredibly diverse and demanding one, but also a rewarding one. I'd like to thank everyone for their support, especially the Councillors.

Despite there being a lot to get to grips with, I'm very proud of what we've managed to achieve over the first 12 months. In particular I'm very pleased to see the completion of the redecoration of the public toilets. I think they are all, especially the ones in Steyne Park, vastly improved. A big thank you is owed to the Parish Lengthsmen for all their hard work on this project, in addition to their regular maintenance jobs around the Parish throughout the year.

I'm also pleased to have been able to help us take steps to improve communication with Parishioners via two successful online surveys in 2024. Firstly, for our annual 'Have Your Say Day' survey, and secondly gathering your thoughts and ideas for improvements to Steyne Park. The Parish Council wish to greatly improve communication and collaboration with Parishioners, local groups and businesses. With that aim in mind, we've taken on a new member of the team, Debbie Glover. As well as improving our social media communication and producing regular updates for local press, we hope that Debbie will be able to help the Parish Council to identify new and interesting ways to work with the local community to promote events and activities in 2025 and beyond.

Helping to develop the Parish Council's three-year Business Plan is another area that I'm proud to have been involved with. I believe that adding this to the Council's financial planning process will help to focus planning on long term goals whilst ensuring that the Parish Council finances remain on a sustainable footing. This is vital for the Council if it wishes to achieve exciting new long-term projects such as the redevelopment of Steyne Park.

Finally, I'm very happy to say that as these first 12 months draw to a close, the Parish Council have managed to reach a position where we are eligible to apply to the Local Council Awards Scheme to regain our Silver Award Accreditation. This award will be recognition that Bembridge Parish Council are meeting the standards set by the sector and achieving good practice in governance, community engagement and Council improvement. The very least that Bembridge deserves from its Parish Council.

I very much hope that in 2025 the new Parish Council team can build on the stability and progress that we have achieved in our first 12 months, and maybe even be in position this time next year to be going for Gold.



by Felicity Hewitt

FINANCES

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

Current Assets:		Represented by:	
Prepayments	£1,689.36	General Fund	£117,423.60
VAT Recoverable	£1,924.85	Capital Fund	£57,833.24
Cash in Hand	£205,026.26	Earmarked Reserves	£20,883.23
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors	(£12,500.40)		
NET ASSETS	£196,140.07	TOTAL RESERVES	£196,140.07

Grants, Sponsorship and Awards in 2024

Date	Organisation	Description	Paid (£)
16th Aug	Bembridge Ukelele Group	Small Grant	100.00
4th Oct	Bembridge Rainbows	Community Chest	150.00
4th Oct	Windmills Preschool	Community Chest	200.00
4th Oct	Bembridge Heritage Society	Community Chest	200.00
4th Oct	Bembridge Community Gardeners	Community Chest	125.00
4th Oct	Bembridge Library	Community Chest	250.00
4th Oct	Bembridge Scouts	Community Chest	200.00
4th Oct	Bembridge Youth FC	Community Chest	200.00
11th Oct	Life Education Wessex	Small Grant	155.00
25th Oct	Bembridge FC	Sponsorship	488.00
25th Oct	Right at Home (Community Christmas Dinner)	Small Grant	250.00
25th Oct	Royal British Legion	Donation	100.00
1st Nov	Bembridge Friendship Circle	Donation	2,000.00
22nd Nov	Bembridge Youth FC	Sponsorship	600.00
		TOTAL:	5,018.00

Dates for your Diary – Meetings for the first quarter of 2025

Members of the public are encouraged to attend these meetings and if there is something on the agenda you wish to pass comment on, you can stand up and speak as part of the public forum at the start of the meeting.

Wed 8 January	18:00	Planning Committee	Village Hall
Tue 14 January	11:00	Environment & Neighbourhood Committee	Village Hall
Wed 22 January	18:00	Planning Committee	Village Hall
	19:00	Full Council	Village Hall
Tue 28 January	11:00	Finance & Governance Committee	Parish Office
Wed 5 February	18:00	Planning Committee	Village Hall
Wed 19 February	18:00	Planning Committee	Village Hall
	19:00	Full Council	Village Hall
Tue 25 February	11:00	Finance & Governance Committee	Parish Office
Tue 4 March	11:00	Environment & Neighbourhood Committee	Village Hall
Wed 5 March	18:00	Planning Committee	Village Hall
Wed 19 March	18:00	Planning Committee	Village Hall
Wed 19th March	19:00	Full Council	Village Hall
Tue 25 March	11:00	Finance & Governance Committee	Parish Office