



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge **Environment and Neighbourhood Committee** meeting held at **5.30pm on Thursday 28th July 2022** at the Village Hall (Small Hall)

Present: Cllr R Poncia (Chair), Cllr M Groom (5.51), Cllr M Sullivan, Cllr H Brabazon, Cllr A de Trey, Cllr L Mitchell, Mrs C Behan, Mr A Robinson, Mr N Thornton, Mr K Cook, Mr P Wray, Mr S Daughtery and Mrs M Evans (Assistant Clerk)

Public: One member of the public was in attendance.

PUBLIC FORUM – There will be up to 15-minutes available for questions from members of the public.

A member of the public asked questions about the unspent Jubilee budget, financial support given to the Street Fair, the Steyne Park Working Group, and the replacement swings for Steyne Park and upgrading the MUGA. The Chair provided answer to the questions raised.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence

RECEIVED: Apologies were received from Cllr White and Mr I Graham

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

To approve the minutes of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee held on 26th May 2022

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee held on 26th May 2022 were approved.

Proposed Cllr Sullivan, Seconded Cllr Brabazon

All in favour.

3. **Budget**

To receive an update on the budget

RECEIVED: Cllr Brabazon provided an update on the expenditure incurred for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. It was noted that the donation pledged by Brading Haven has not yet been received. It was also noted that St Helens have not yet collected or paid for their share of the merchandise. Cllr Brabazon will follow up on both these points.

Men in Sheds noted that the money they had received via Dragons Den had been spent on planting for the Jubilee Celebrations. It was agreed that any monies that spent on planting for the Queens Platinum Jubilee should be reimbursed to Men in Sheds from the Jubilee Budget.

4. Steyne Park Working Group

To discuss a way forward following receipt of a quote for replacement swings and upgraded MUGA

A quote has been received from Sovereign Play for the replacement swings and upgraded MUGA but due to the costs involved, a further two quotes will need to be obtained.

Rosamond – We have now received two quotes – one from Sovereign Playgrounds, and another from Kompan. A visit from Playdale has been arranged early in October.

5. Bembridge in Bloom

a) To receive an update on the results and agree prizes for the winners

RECEIVED. A prize and trophy will be awarded for first and second place. The Community Gardeners have also been nominated for a prize to acknowledge all the work they undertake around the village including the maintenance of the Memorial Gardens.

b) To agree venue and date for prize giving event

A venue and date for the prize giving event was not agreed at the meeting. The Chair will discuss the date and will agree the arrangements with Cllr de Trey and Cllr White, likely to be end of August.

Rosamond – The awards ceremony was held in August. First Prize went to P Harding, Second Prize went to P Myatt and the community gardeners also received a prize for the Memorial Gardens. The winners were awarded gardening vouchers and gardening toolkits. Mrs Harding was awarded the Barbara Clough Trophy and Mr Myatt was awarded the Best Front Garden Trophy. Both trophies have been engraved and hand delivered to the winners by the Clerk.

6. Bembridge Map

To agree to reprint the Bembridge Map and agree way forward.

RESOLVED: All were in favour of the map being reprinted. The Chair informed the meeting that Spence Willard have kindly agreed to sponsor the reprinting of the map.

Rosamond – I am sorry I have not yet had a chance to look at this. We have been providing visitors with photocopies of the map in A3 or A4 and these have been well received.

7. Lincoln Way Pond

To discuss the recent correspondence regarding the above and agree any actions required

The pond is now completely dry. Cllr de Trey is seeking advice from Green Gym and the Wildlife Trust to determine whether any work should be undertaken now or whether the pond should be left in its current state until the scheduled visit by Green Gym in September.

Rosamond – the work at the pond has been undertaken. It was agreed that safety signs and a life belt would be provided at the site. The lengthsman will install these. A water depth gauge has also been requested.

8. Lights of Love

To discuss the 2022 event (Rev S Daughtery to attend)

RESOLVED: A meeting is to be scheduled between Cllrs Brabazon, Mitchell, Poncia, Mr A Robinson, Bembridge Business Association and Reverend Daughtery to agree what arrangements are required for the outside ceremony by the War Memorial. Cllr Groom said that Bembridge Business Association are already discussing the rest of the format. The date is to be confirmed but is normally the first Saturday in December.

9. Forward Plan

To review and update the forward plan

RESOLVED: A review of the forward plan was undertaken during the meeting.

Further trees will be planted in the Dell and the Cemetery during September and October as some of the trees planted earlier in the year have died.

There will be no Christmas Star Competition this year. Instead, the theme will be the “Twelve Days of Christmas.” Christine Behan agreed to lead on the project with support from Reverend Daughtery. A copy of the proposed entry form will be brought to the next meeting for comment.

It was noted that the next Beach Clean would take place on 20th August 2022.

Water Supplies for Community Gardeners - Reverend Daughtery said the Church may be able to assist and a meeting will be arranged to discuss the options.

Bembridge Village Signs – The signs are showing signs of wear and tear and the Chair requested that the signs are cleaned/refreshed.

Palmer's Memorial – The appearance of the memorial has become untidy, and the plants have died or are near to dying. The Chair asked that the memorial be tidied up and the signs repainted.

Rosamond – I believe the Community Gardeners/Men In Sheds have undertaken the work to tidy up the memorials and signage.

10. Sustainability Action Group

a) To receive updates from the Group

RECEIVED: Cllr de Trey gave a verbal update on the work and aspirations of the Sustainability Group. It was also noted that Cllr Noyes will be joining the Group.

b) To receive proposal to install bicycle racks in the village.

RECEIVED. Cllr de Trey put forward an outline proposal to install bicycle racks in the village. A full and detailed proposal will be submitted to the next full council meeting in September.

Rosamond the cycle racks have been added as an agenda item for full council meeting on 27th but may be passed back to BEN on the 29th.

11. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 29th September 2022 at 5.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting Closed: 19.05

Signature:

Date: