

BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Bembridge **Environment and Neighbourhood Committee** meeting held at

5.30pm on **Thursday 24th March 2022** at the Village Hall (Small Hall)

Present: Cllr R Poncia (Chair), Cllr M Groom, Cllr L White, Cllr A de Trey, Mrs C Behan, Mr A Robinson, Mr I Graham, Mr K Cook.

Public: No members of the public

Public Forum: No questions

In the absence of BPC Clerk due to illness, Cllr Poncia requested a nomination for a member to take the Minutes.

Cllr Groom proposed that Cllr White should take the Minutes, Cllr De Trey seconded the proposal which was agreed unanimously.

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from:

Steve Warburton, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Brabazon, Nick Thornton,

Non Attendance:

Cllr Lake, Verena Sparrow.

Apologies unanimously accepted by Committee

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

To approve the minutes of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee held on 27th January 2022

RESOLVED: Approved the minutes of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee held on 27th January 2022

Proposed by Cllr Groom, Seconded by Cllr de Trey For 7, Abstain 1

3. Budget

To receive an update on the budget.

Ian Graham asked if there was a large copy of the Bembridge Map which could be displayed in the Library. It was agreed to ask the Clerk if this could be done as well as some map leaflets.

4. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

• To receive an update on The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event

Cllr Brabazon had circulated an update of arrangements for the Jubilee. The Committee noted that although Jay Chapman had resigned as a Cllr he had agreed to continue organising the

Street Fayre. The Committee expressed its gratitude to Jay for work done so far with assisting Cllr Brabazon to put together the Jubilee Programme and for being willing to continue.

The Council had just received information from Island Roads re Street closures for Street Parties. This information has come out from IWC very late and applications for Street Closures need to be submitted by April 7th. It was agreed to upload the information to BPC website and Fb page also BCNB Fb page and ask Steve Warburton to upload on to rolling screen in Coop if possible as a matter of urgency. Encourage those proposing to hold Street parties for the Jubilee to also let Clerks know.

Appendix A

• To discuss and consider the purchase of pins and umbrellas Much discussion was had on the proposals put forward by Cllr Brabazon.

The Committee agreed **not** to purchase

Union Jack Touchable Bubbles

Union Jack High Bounce Balls

Umbrellas

The Committee agree to purchase

Union Jack Biff Bats $2 \times 30 = £60$

Bembridge & St Helens Badges 400 x = £625 It was agreed to sell 200

Baseball caps (not union jack but B & St H logo if possible x 50

Proposed by Cllr Poncia, seconded by Cllr Groom

All in favour

• To discuss the purchase of 3 trophies for inter-parish competitions
The Committee agreed to purchase 3 trophies (silver plated cups) as per the example shown to be
awarded by BPC to Football Club, Bowls Club, and Cricket Club for a Queen's Platinum Jubilee
competition. Cost for 3 cups to be £160 and then engraving.

Proposed by Cllr Groom seconded by Cllr de Trey

All in favour

NB WI have agreed to organise goodie bags for the Care Home residents. Christine Behan emphasised that the bags should not contain edible products. She agreed to liaise with WIs.

5. Beach Cleans/Litter Pick

To discuss and agree the dates for the Beach Cleans 2022 Dates had been circulated but October date should be 15th October not 3rd October

26th March 23rd April 21st May 18th June 16th July 20th August 17th Sept 15th Oct 19th Nov 17th Dec

Proposed by Cllr White seconded by Cllr Poncia All in Favour

6. Forward Plan

To review the updated forward plan

Cllr Poncia took the Committee through the Forward Plan

It was agreed to hold **Dragons Den** in October but improve advertising of event

Tree planting is still under consideration Cllr Groom and Cllr Sullivan to get together re trees for Cemetery.

Lights of Love needs to be added to the **Forward Plan** this was agreed at the last meeting. More publicity is required for **Lights of Love** and communication with Holy Trinity Church to be more welcoming - Christine Behan agreed to take this up. Speak to Bembridge Business Association.

Star Competition to be expanded into a **12 Days of Christmas** theme and better advertised. Need to simplify entering. Forms need to be online and readily available in village outlets e g Coop etc. not just in Parish Office.

7. Sustainability Action Group

To receive update

Since the last meeting Cllr de Trey has set up a Working Group of interested residents. The group of 6 has met for a brain storming session which was very productive.

Items discussed included

Community Gardens, Importance of Biosphere, Planting trees to prevent flooding, Communications

Cllr Poncia thanked Cllr de Trey for the huge amount of work that had gone in to setting up this group and achieving such a positive start.

The ownership of Peacock Pond was discussed. Ian Graham said it had been closely looked into in the past unsuccessfully.

Grants or funding as nothing in this year's budget?

Notes from start-up meeting attached Appendix B

8. Bembridge in Bloom

To decide a date and a format for this year's event

Proposal to hold event in mid -July week beg 11th July Cllr de Trey had spoken to Andrew Nightingale who had agreed to judge Categories:

Front Gardens – Large & Small Best Sustainable planting Hanging Baskets

Need to seek more information re the event from Clerk

9. Date of next Meeting

To confirm date and venue of next meeting.

Meeting Closed: 7.00pm	
Signed:	Dated

Date of next meeting to be Thursday 26th May at 5.30 in Village Hall