



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Bembridge Environment and Neighbourhood Committee held at 6pm on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021** in the Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr R Poncia (Chair), Cllr L Mitchell, Cllr L White, Cllr M Sullivan, Cllr H Brabazon, Mr K Cook, Mrs V Sparrow, Mr I Graham and Mr M Pink (Clerk)

**Public:** There were no members of the public in attendance

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr M Groom and Mrs B Clough  
Non-Attendance – Cllr J Chapman

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

To approve the minutes of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were agreed and Duly signed by the Chair.

### 3. Budget

To discuss letter received from the Community Gardeners

A letter was received from the community gardeners requesting a donation and the siting of a shed at the rear of the Village Hall. The matters were discussed separately with the following outcomes.

- a) It was agreed to donate the sum of £250.00 to the Community Gardeners from the Environment and Neighbourhood budget
- b) It was agreed that the purchase and siting of a shed should be deferred until after a meeting between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee has taken place.

### 4. Green Town Steering Group

- a) To ratify Green Town Steering Group and members be absorbed into Bembridge Environment and Neighbourhood Committee

**Resolved:** It was agreed that the Green Town Steering Group be absorbed into the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee.

- b) To approve the minutes of the Green Town Steering Group held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 were agreed and duly signed by Cllr Marianne Sullivan.

### 5. Dragons Den

To discuss and agree running of the event

It was noted that the event will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at the BYCC. There is a budget allocation of £2500 and there will be 5 dragons. The Clerks' will convene a

meeting of the dragons at the beginning of October to review any applications. It was agreed to add Mr Keith Cook to the Dragons.

#### **6. Have Your Say Day**

To discuss results from Have Your Say Day

The members agreed that the day had been very successful. A date will now be agreed to have an informal meeting with all Councillors to consider the points raised by residents and formulate a forward plan. It was also agreed that it may be worthwhile holding a Have Your Say Day every 3 months in conjunction with the Friendship Circle coffee morning.

#### **7. Queens Jubilee 2022**

To receive update from working group on Queens Jubilee event

Cllr Brabazon reported back to the members. It was noted that a stage and a marquee will be required, the scouts may possibly be able to provide a marquee. The Clerk was asked whether the PC has cancellation insurance to cover any expenditure should the event be cancelled. This will be investigated. It was agreed that the Jubilee emblem was a good idea. Verena Sparrow confirmed that the heritage society would have input into the flower festival. Cllr Brabazon stated that she was trying to establish contact with people who may be of assistance.

#### **8. Star Competition**

To agree to continue the Star Competition for 2021

The members agreed to continue the Star Competition for 2021 and the format can revert to the 2019 event

#### **9. Woodland Trust**

- a) To receive an update on delivery of trees

The trees are scheduled to be delivered during the first week of November.

- b) To discuss and agree locations and planting of trees

Some of the members of the committee had met with a tree planting expert to discuss this issue. It was agreed that Steyne Park should be the main beneficiary with the trees being used to reinforce some of the boundary. There was also discussion about the creation of a Jubilee glade on the mound in the NE Corner perhaps with the addition of picnic benches. The Scouts field could also benefit from the addition of some trees. The school and the church mice have expressed an interest in being involved in the planting process.

#### **10. Beach Cleans/Litter Pick**

- a) To note next beach clean will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Noted

- b) To note next beach clean/ litter pick will take on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, for beach and footpaths

Noted

#### **11. Forward Plan**

To discuss and agree Forward Plan

The members went through the Forward Plan. The Clerk reported that the work had been carried out at Coastguard Green to make the cliff slip safe and further work on reinforcement is being considered. The safety rail at Lane End has been repaired to an

acceptable standard. The Clerk reported that they have attempted to contact the IW Council about a replacement but there has been no response. It was reported that the notice boards have been repaired and are being systematically replaced. There are also more large village maps to erect and the Clerk will report their exact locations to the next meeting.

## **12. Date of next Meeting**

To confirm date and venue of next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 6pm in the Village Hall

**Meeting Closed: 7.18pm**

**Signed:**

**Dated:**