



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Council meeting on Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr L White (Chair), Cllr H Brabazon, Cllr I Davies, Cllr M Groom, Cllr P Kenny, Cllr J Lake, Cllr L Mitchell, Cllr R Poncia, Cllr S Noyes, Cllr G Stoddart-Stones, Cllr M Sullivan

Officers: Julia Shorrocks (Clerk)

Public: There were 2 members of the public both of whom made observations and asked questions.

The cut-through by the bus stop to Harbour Strand has a set of steps that are very dark – could any lighting be installed? The PC noted this request.

The rubbish bin in the car park by the Palmer Memorial is often over-flowing. Please could there be a bigger bin here? The PC have tried before but note the need. It is IRs responsibility.

There appears to be drug dealing around Crossways, the cemetery, park and windmill all seem to be favoured locations. The local police officer is aware but the PC will reinforce this.

Can the RoW near Warner's Hotel and the boardwalk be improved and brambles cut back (Footpath BB42)? This is IRs again and our lengthsman are very busy right now but we will ask them to have a look and do the worst to make it clearer for pedestrians.

94/23. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Adams and it was:

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies

95/23. Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.

96/23. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council

The minutes were reviewed, and it was:

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes

97/23. Chair's Announcements

The Chair reported on the meeting with SW, EA and IoWC. She acknowledged there were several Councillors who had wished to join the meeting and she apologised that it was not possible for everyone to be present. She answered various questions that were outstanding from Councillors submissions. One really important message to come out of the meeting is that we must report everything so a picture is created of flood incidents and sewage incidents. If the water in a drain is not 24" below the grill it should be reported as it probably needs to be cleared.

98/23 Finance

98/23/1 To receive bank reconciliation and cash balances to 6th July 2023

RESOLVED: to receive bank reconciliation and cash balances of £350,822.82

98/23/2 To approve schedule of payments to 6th July 2023

RESOLVED: to approve schedule of payments of £16218.23

The Council wished to thank Mark Rochell for the clear way the finances are being displayed; it is easy to see what needs to be authorised each month.

99/23. Reports from other Authorities

Cllr Joe Robertson sent a report that was distributed to Councillors. Thanks go to Cllr Robertson for the report and all his work on behalf of Bembridge.

100/23. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr M Sullivan attended an Environment & Sustainability meeting. Carol Flux from Natural Enterprises gave a talk on invasive species. She would be happy to come and talk to the PC and she will send us some pictures of species to look out for.

101/23. Committee Minutes

Members considered the draft minutes of the following committees:

101/23/1 P&E Committee (17th May 2023). There are no recommendations for Council.

101/23/2 CM Committee (24th May 2023). There are no recommendations for Council.

101/23/3 F&G Committee (7th June 2023). There are no recommendations for Council.

101/23/4 F&G Committee (5th July 2023). Cllr G Stoddart-Stones introduced the one recommendation for Council and it was:

RESOLVED: to agree the Community Matters committee budget as £2500; and the Environment & Planning committee budget as £1000

RESOLVED: That the Council receives the draft minutes of the following committees and agrees the above recommendation:

- i) P&E Committee (17th May 2023)
- ii) CM Committee (24th May 2023)
- iii) F&G Committee (7th June 2023)
- iv) F&G Committee (5th July 2023)

102/23. Speed Watch

RESOLVED: to register for the Speedwatch initiative

103/23. EV charging

RESOLVED: to offer a space in the Steyne Park car park for a fast EV charge point.

104/23. Sustainability

RESOLVED: to buy two more boards but ask if there could be the addition of a weever fish as these are present off our shores and cause much distress if stepped on.

105/23. Street Naming

RESOLVED: to go back to the Council and say the PC would like their suggest (John Board Gardens) to prevail as the latest suggestion was felt to be too confusing with Steyne Road, Steyne Park and Steyne car park all in a very small area.

106/23. To note any further information items, correspondence received or requests:

There were no other items.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Rebecca White

20th September 2023