

Satisfaction with Parish Council services

Satisfaction with Parish Council services		Answers	Very	Mostly	Occasional	Def. not	N/A
Q37			%	%	%	%	%
	37.1 Planning control	630	10	36	13	8	33
	37.2 Roadside seats	632	13	43	15	4	24
	37.3 Bus shelters	632	11	37	16	7	27
	37.4 Cemeteries	626	18	35	8	3	35
	37.5 Keeping you informed	542	16	46	2	15	21

- ✿ 62% satisfied with the way they are kept informed
 - ✿ but 15% Definitely Not
- ✿ 56% satisfied with Roadside Seats & 53% satisfied with Cemeteries
- ✿ Less than 48% satisfied with Planning & Bus Shelters

Satisfaction with Parish Planning Control : by age

Dissatisfaction with Parish planning controls - by age		25-54	55-74	75+
Q37.1		%	%	%
37.1	Very satisfied	6	12	8
37.1	Most of the time	38	40	33
37.1	Occasionally	14	13	10
37.1	Definitely not	9	8	5
37.1	No opinion	33	28	44

- ☼ Views polarised across all age groups
- ☼ 75+ less involved
- ☼ 55-74s most involved, most satisfied and most dissatisfied

Satisfaction with Bus Shelters : by age

Dissatisfaction with bus shelters - by age		25-54	55-74	75+
Q37.3		%	%	%
37.3	Very satisfied	6	7	10
37.3	Most of the time	35	42	39
37.3	Occasionally	19	15	16
37.3	Definitely not	11	6	6
37.3	No opinion	29	31	30

- 25-54 group most dissatisfied – 11% Definitely Not
- 75+ most satisfied

Satisfaction with being kept informed : by age

Parish Council keeping me informed - by age				
Q37.5		25-54	55-74	75+
		%	%	%
37.5	Very satisfied	8	13	19
37.5	Most of the time	34	42	44
37.5	Occasionally	20	18	10
37.5	Definitely not	16	12	9
37.5	No opinion	21	14	18

- ✿ 25-54 group least involved – 21% no opinion
- ✿ But 25-54s still least satisfied – only 42%
 - ✿ compared to 55% for 55-74s
- ✿ 75+ most satisfied

How do you find out about events in the Village

Learning about events in the Village				
Question 31	Percentage of total responses			
	Total	25-54	55-74	75+
	%	%	%	%
Parish Magazine	58	47	63	73
Village notice boards	60	55	66	63
Posters in shops	59	71	65	53
C P Village Talk	65	64	73	64
Bembridge.com	13	14	16	9
Other (mainly word of mouth)	7	10	7	3

- 25-54 posters, then CP Village Talk
- 55-74 CP Village Talk, followed by posters & Notice Boards
- 75+ Parish Magazine, followed by Notice Boards & CP

Bembridge.com

Use of Bembridge.com						
Question 32						
	Answers	Total	25-54	55-74	75+	
	686	%	%	%	%	%
Regularly		5	8	5	2	
Sometimes		24	28	25	16	
Never		24	27	25	20	
Not aware		10	18	8	7	
No internet		37	19	37	55	

- 81% of 25-54s and 63% of 55-74s have internet access
- 30% of under 74s visit Bembridge.com
- 8% of 25-54s visit it regularly

Agenda

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- ✓ Response levels
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Frequency of use shops & amenities

How often do you use?		Answers	Total%	Daily/week	Month/less	Never
Question 18						
18.1	High Street shops	698	94	86	13	1
18.2	Lane End shops	696	94	85	15	0
18.3	Post Office	703	95	72	26	1
18.4	Bank	680	92	39	25	36
18.5	Library	676	91	34	50	16
18.6	Pubs & Restaurants	666	90	32	57	11
18.7	Village Hall	672	91	26	53	21
18.8	Steyne Park rec	663	89	6	33	61
18.9	Community Centre	651	88	4	26	70
18.1	Beaches	680	92	68	28	5
18.11	Harbour	652	88	40	42	18
18.12	Boating suppliers	661	89	10	41	49

How important if they were to close?

How important would it be if they closed?						
Question 19	Answers	Total%	Very	Slightly	Not importa	
19.1 Food shops	701	94	84	13	3	
19.2 Newsagents	702	95	81	14	5	
19.3 Hairdressers	670	90	43	21	36	
19.4 Electrical & hardware	670	90	45	34	20	
19.5 Shoes or Laundry	664	89	30	33	37	
19.6 Pubs & Restaurants	665	90	50	29	20	
19.7 Library	685	92	64	20	16	
19.8 Bank	705	95	56	13	31	
19.9 Steyne Park	643	87	25	30	45	
19.1 Village Hall	620	84	59	30	11	
19.11 Boating suppliers	663	89	21	25	54	

Steyne Park improvements

Steyne Park: would you use it more often if						
Question 27						
	Answers	% Total	Yes %	No %	N/A %	
Better Lighting						
Total	602	81.1	26.2	27.7	46.0	
Families + Under 16s	101	82.8	40.6	30.7	28.7	
Better children's playground						
Total	622	83.8	35.5	20.9	43.6	
Families + Under 16s	108	88.5	63.9	16.7	19.4	
Centre is refurbished						
Total	622	83.8	39.4	22.0	38.6	
Families + Under 16s	107	87.7	61.7	18.7	19.6	
Centre open in school holidays						
Total	612	82.5	31.0	23.4	45.6	
Families + Under 16s	104	85.2	57.7	19.2	23.1	
Centre open more evenings						
Total	609	82.1	31.0	25.8	43.2	
Families + Under 16s	105	86.1	50.5	25.7	23.8	

☼ Relevant for those with children under 17

Number of people 5 – 23 years old likely to use Steyne Park more if it were improved

Steyne Park: very/quite likely to use it more often					
Families with 5-23 year olds - household not individual answers					
Question 27 Actual responders - not percentages					
		5-23 yrs	5-10 yrs	11-16 yrs	17-23 yrs
No. homes responding		105	37	41	50
Better Lighting					
	Very	16	3	4	12
	Quite	6	3	3	1
Better children's playground					
	Very	18	5	5	12
	Quite	14	7	6	4
Centre is refurbished					
	Very	24	7	6	13
	Quite	14	7	8	5
Centre open in school holidays					
	Very	15	5	4	8
	Quite	8	2	3	5
Centre open more evenings					
	Very	5	5	5	6
	Quite	4	4	3	5
How many more evenings (18 homes x no. of evenings)		38	9	16	20

☼ Answered by family – not individuals

☼ Actual responses – not percentages

☼ Average 2.1 more evenings a week

Village Hall improvements

Village Hall: use it more if refurbished						
Question 29						
	Answers	Total %	Total	25-54	55-74	75+
	653	88				
Yes			37	37	36	35
Maybe			42	39	42	44
No			21	24	22	21

* Only 21% will not use the Hall more when it is improved

Better mobile library services?

To improve Library service, would you be interested in the mobile library									
		Answers	% Total	Very	Quite	Not	N/A		
Q 26				%	%	%			
26.1	Stopping more places	614	83	14	21	35	30		
	75+	127	81	20	23	31	27		
	No car	122	72	25	23	25	28		
26.2	Coming to your home	598	81	12	11	43	33		
	75+	124	79	22	12	37	29		
	No car	120	71	20	17	33	30		

- Not an issue for the majority
- 75+ and people without a car would like it to stop in more places

Healthcare in the Village

Health services in the village: would you be interested in?				
Question 28				
	Answers	At all %	Yes %	
More GP surgery time	604	81	82.0	
Nurse led surgery			69.4	
Blood tests			80.1	
Well-person clinic			54.5	
Screening clinics			52.0	
Other			8.3	

☉ More GP surgery time and Blood tests were the main needs

Schools

Schools - how happy are you with the facilities at		Actual responders - not percentages			
Question 20		Very happy	Slightly	Not at all	Definitely not
Bembridge Primary					
	Total	131	22	0	4
	Families + Under 16s	44	13	0	1
Foreland Middle					
	Total	100	36	3	8
	Families + Under 16s	28	18	2	3
Windmills Nursery					
	Total	86	21	1	3
	Families + Under 16s	12	2	0	0

- NB: actual number of responses – not percentages
- Very few not happy with the facilities at schools

School buses

School buses - is the service adequate?					
Question 23		Actual responders - not percentages			
		V. happy	Slightly	Not at all	Definitely not
Schools in Bembridge					
	Total	39	27	4	6
	Families + Under 16s	10	10	1	1
Schools outside Bembridge					
	Total	46	31	7	12
	Families + Under 16s	17	18	1	3

- Only a few unhappy with the school bus service
- Mainly for schools outside Bembridge

Windmill Nursery in Steyne Park

Windmills Nursery: How acceptable is a permanent home in Steyne Park?	
Question 21	Total%
Very happy	45.9
Slightly	12.5
Not at all	4.2
Definitely not	5.4
N/A	32.0

- ☼ Only 10% not happy with the idea
- ☼ Over 60% happy

Childcare facilities

Would you use childcare facilities?					
Question 25		Actual responders - not percentages			
		Daily	2/3 pw	5 pw	Never
Before school					
	Total	12	12	3	401
	Families + Under 16s	6	7	3	66
During school hours					
	Total	7	11	2	389
	Families + Under 16s	2	7	2	68
After school hours					
	Total	9	17	6	377
	Families + Under 16s	4	10	6	61
School holidays					
	Total	8	18	0	409
	Families + Under 16s	5	8	0	67
Baby units					
	Total	7	8	3	406
	Families + Under 16s	1	3	0	73

⚠ NB: actual responses – not percentages

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What should be developed?

What needs developing		Answers	Very/slight	Not/definitely not
Q 8			%	%
8.1	More tourist attractions	635	29	65
8.2	More tourist accomodation	634	26	67
8.3	More second homes	634	4	90
8.4	Small businesses/shops	664	88	8
8.5	Marine businesses	597	70	18
8.6	Working from home	569	47	22
8.7	More job information	564	57	18
8.8	Other	82		

- No more second homes – 90%
- Do develop shops & marine businesses – 88%
- Preferably no more tourist attractions – 65%

What should be developed? – by age

What needs developing - by age		Answers	25-54	55-74	75+
Q 8			%	%	%
	8.1 More tourist attractions	Not/definite	64	67	63
	8.2 More tourist accomodation	Not/definite	69	69	62
	8.3 More second homes	Not/definite	88	91	94
	8.4 Small businesses/shops	Very/slight	90	87	88
	8.5 Marine businesses	Very/slight	74	72	61
	8.6 Working from home	Very/slight	55	38	38
	8.7 More job information	Very/slight	69	57	52
	8.8 Other				

✿ No difference between age groups

What would make the biggest difference?

	Number of answers
Maintaining and improving the Harbour Sewage, silting, access, visual appeal	105
Controlled development planning strategy for the village Less infill, retain envelope, sufficient infrastructure (Including specifically affordable housing	115 14)
Maintain rural 'village' character including specifically no more second homes /second home owners should contribute	73 21)
Improve traffic flow Avoid congestion/less speeding	73
Improve car parking Central car park/ accessible/parking outside shops	59
Improved facilities & activities for youth and younger age groups Including improving Community Centre	49
Encourage usage/maintain village infrastructure shops, library, banks, businesses, Village Hall	48

Index of New Housing priorities

New Housing priorities in Bembridge						
Question 38		Index of 100 is the most important				
		Amount above 100 compares the level of importance				
		Total	25-54	55-74	75+	
1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice				
Family Homes		109	100	112	118	
Housing Association homes		192	215	207	167	
Affordable homes for young famil		100	110	100	100	
Bungalows		158	169	163	149	
Flats		197	225	209	175	
Sheltered accomodation		184	210	191	170	
Retirement homes		192	222	196	163	

- Affordable homes for Young Families is the priority
- Followed closely by Family Homes

Interest in Broadband

Interest in Broadband						
Question 34	Answers	Total	25-54	54-74	75+	
		625	%	%	%	%
Yes			25.9	44.6	26.1	5.2
Maybe			30.7	33.7	30.1	26.7
No			43.4	21.7	43.8	68.1
Total Yes/maybe actual responses:			354			
(350 registrations to BT to trigger exchange upgrade)						

- 26% positively want Broadband
- Mainly under 75s
- Enough specific responses to exceed BT's 'trigger' target

Clubs & Societies

Clubs & Societies: is the Village well catered						
Question 30						
	Answers%	Total	25-54	55-74	75+	
		%	%	%	%	
Very	89	46	36	52	50	
Slightly		31	36	29	25	
No		8	13	6	8	
N/A		15	15	13	17	

- ☼ 55-74 & 75+ well catered for
- ☼ 25-54 feel less so, especially for youngsters

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Willing to get involved

Willing to help		Actual responses - not percentages	
Question 43		Yes	Maybe
Q43.1	Beach cleaning	149	84
Q43.2	Bembridge in Bloom	78	81
Q43.3	Clearing footpaths	75	79
Q43.4	Voluntary driving	34	59
Q43.5	Lobbying with VB	35	83

* NB: Actual responses

31 How do you find out about what events are happening in the Village?

- Parish Magazine
- Village Notice Board
- Posters in shop windows
- County Press Village Talk
- Bembridge.com
- Other

32 Have you visited the Bembridge.com website on the internet?

- Regularly
- Sometimes
- Never
- Not aware of it
- Do not use internet

SERVICES AND THE COUNCILS

33 Thinking about other services in the Village, how satisfied are you with the

	Very	Slightly	Not at all	Definitely not	No opinion
Level of policing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level of Fire Brigade cover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of paramedics and ambulances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile phone coverage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Digital TV coverage (not SkyTV)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

34 If Broadband internet access was available, would you subscribe to it?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

35 Thinking about the services provided by the Isle of Wight Council, how satisfied are you with

	Very	Most of the time	Occasionally	Definitely not	No opinion
Refuse collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning permissions and control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you are not satisfied, what would make the biggest difference?

36 A Tetra communication mast is sited in Bembridge Parish, a long way from housing, how much of an issue is this for you?

- Very concerned
- Slightly concerned
- Have reservations
- Not worried
- No opinion

37 Now thinking about the Bembridge Parish Council, how happy are you with the way they manage their responsibilities?

	Very	Most of the time	Occasionally	Definitely not	No opinion
First stage of planning controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roadside seats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bus shelters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cemeteries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keeping you informed of what is happening in the Parish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

38 If there were to be more housing in Bembridge, what do you think the priorities should be. Please number from 1-7 in order of importance

- Family homes
- Housing Association homes
- Affordable housing for young families
- Bungalows
- Flats
- Sheltered accommodation
- Retirement homes

39 Finally, what do you feel are the two most important issues for Bembridge to tackle to make sure you are happy with the way Bembridge develops in the years ahead.

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To help us analyse your answers, please would you tell us:

40 How many people live in your household in the following agebands, or if you live in a retirement home

0-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	17-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	55-65	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	25-40	<input type="checkbox"/>	65-75	<input type="checkbox"/>
11-16	<input type="checkbox"/>	41-54	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over 75	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retirement home	<input type="checkbox"/>				

41 How many vehicles does your household have

- Cars
- Vans
- Motorbikes
- Bicycles
- Caravans

42 Where do you normally park?

- Own garage or drive
- On the road
- Rented garage
- Off the road

Other (please write in)

Your opinions will remain anonymous, but it would help us analyse the results if you would let us know your name and address

In case we need to contact you to follow up any of the points you made, would you give us your telephone number.

43 To make some of these improvements happen, would you be happy to help with:

	Yes	No	Maybe
Beach cleaning sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bembridge in Bloom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keeping footpaths clear	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car sharing/voluntary driving	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lobbying by joining the Viewpoint Bembridge steering group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

THE FUTURE OF BEMBRIDGE IS IN YOUR HANDS!

Thank you for your help

Do you have any further comments? if so please write them here:

What do YOU think should happen to BEMBRIDGE in the next few years?

The Government want each rural village to develop a plan to say how they want their village to develop in the next few years.

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE COLLECTED TOMORROW

Please leave this completed questionnaire on your doorstep or in an envelope marked 'Viewpoint Bembridge'. It will be collected.

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Next steps

There will be an exhibition, of the issues people are raising and some of the findings, in the in the Methodist Church Hall on Easter Saturday, 10th April, all day from 11.00am. Do come along to see what is happening and discuss the issues further.

There is also a Discussion Forum about the Viewpoint Bembridge plan on Bembridge.com. So have a look and add your views to the debate.

If you would like another copy of the questionnaire, have any questions or would like to talk to one of the Steering Group about an issue not covered in the questionnaire, please contact the Chairman, Vince Whelan on 01983 874055 or Vice-Chairman, David Cheek 01983 872067.

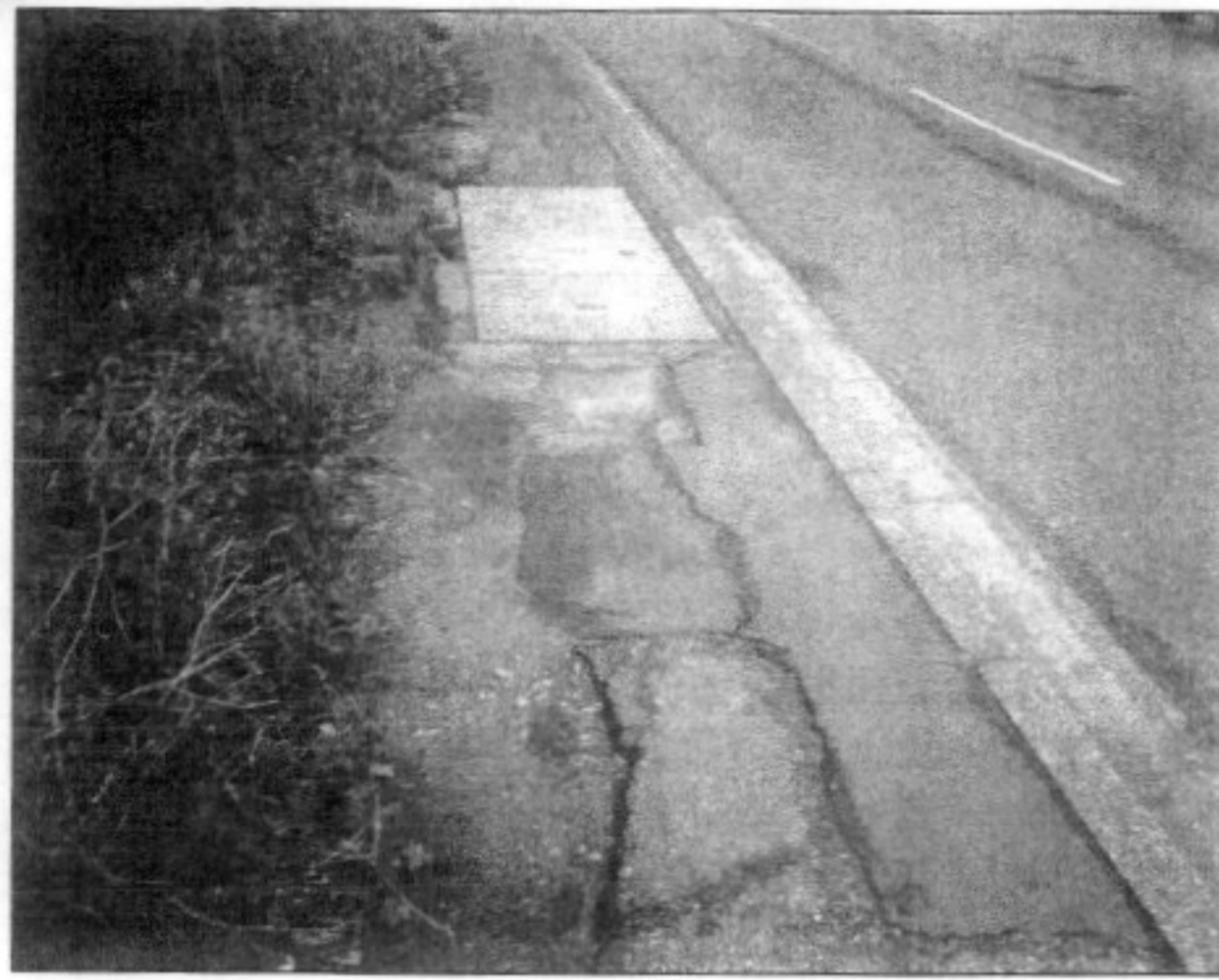
Our plan, called Viewpoint Bembridge, will be developed to reflect the wishes of the residents of Bembridge. What you like. What you feel needs protecting. What needs improving.

It is independent of the Parish Council and Isle of Wight Council, but will provide them both with guidance about what is important to us all as a community.

So please take a few minutes to give your views by answering this questionnaire.

From everyone's answers, the Viewpoint Bembridge steering group will develop the plan, and then publish the results. There will also be an exhibition of the issues being raised, in the Methodist Church Hall on Easter Saturday, 10th April, all day from 11.00am, so you can come and discuss it further. (Plenty of parking)

It is important that your thoughts and issues are taken account of in the Viewpoint Bembridge plan. So please spend a few minutes answering the questions over the page. The Questionnaire will be collected tomorrow.



of the pavements and other related matters. Considering the high population of older residents in the village Bembridge should be a high priority of pavements repairs. The Parish Council will continue to fight for a zebra crossing despite earlier refusal from the IWC.

SHOPS

Over 90% were concerned about losing shops and the remedy here is in the residents' own hands. Use them or lose them is the answer, even if it means spending a few pennies more, the cost could be far greater if they disappear.

HEALTHCARE SERVICES

80% requested that blood tests be made available at St Helens Surgery Representations have already been made and the Parish Council understand that they may be available in the near future. Residents also wanted more surgery hours in the village. This will be highlighted.

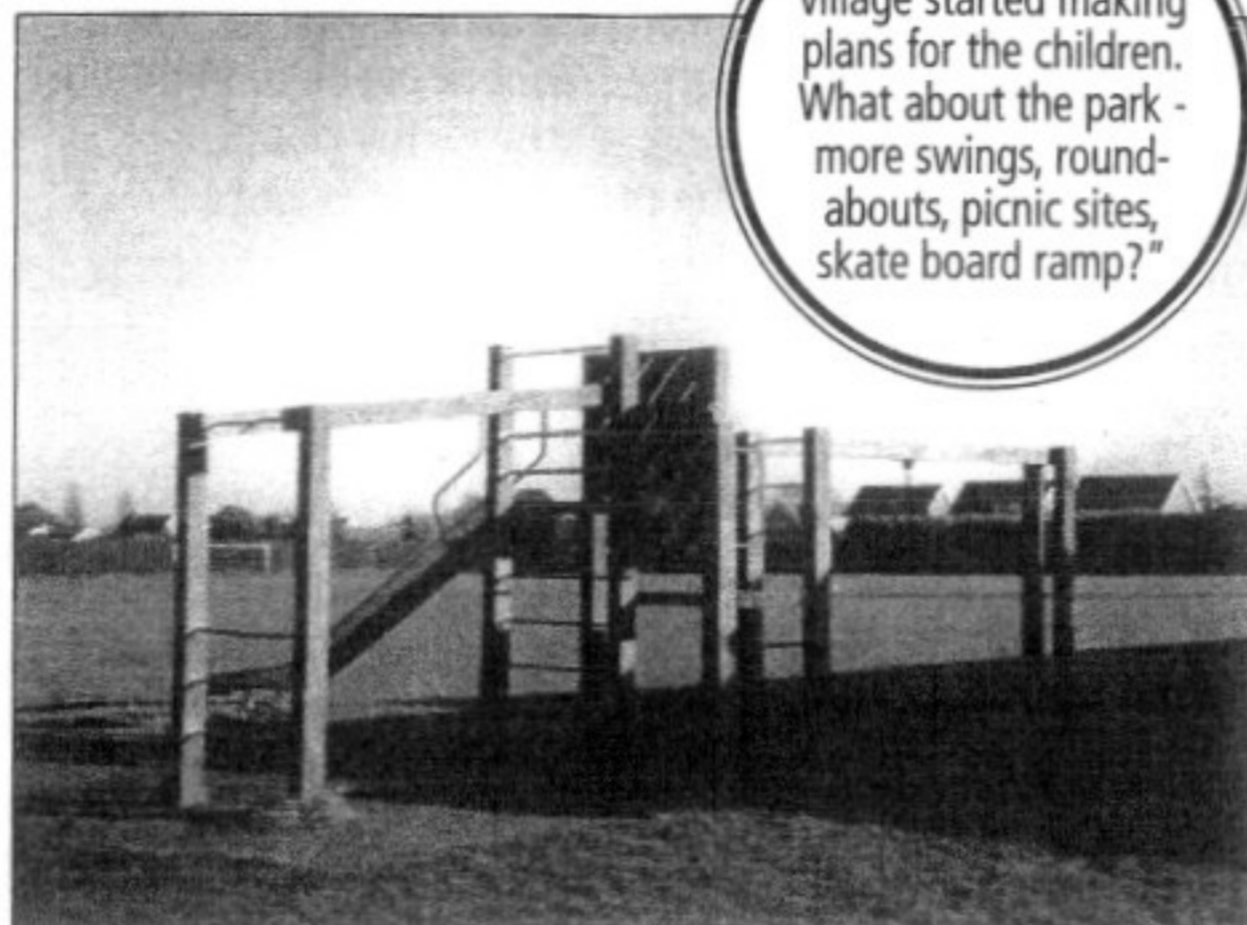
VILLAGE HALL

There was overwhelming support for the re-development of the Village Hall. The work is now underway after support from many in the village including the Parish Council.



STEYNE PARK

Steyne Park is potentially one of the most valuable assets being the largest open space in the village. The Parish



"About time the village started making plans for the children. What about the park - more swings, roundabouts, picnic sites, skate board ramp?"

Council has resolved to maintain sporting facilities and improve the parks visual and recreational amenities.

BEMBRIDGE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

61% were in favour of using the Centre more if it was



refurbished. The Management Committee has developed the refurbishment project and grant applications have been submitted. The Parish Council has approved allocated funding in previous years and this will be made available when needed.

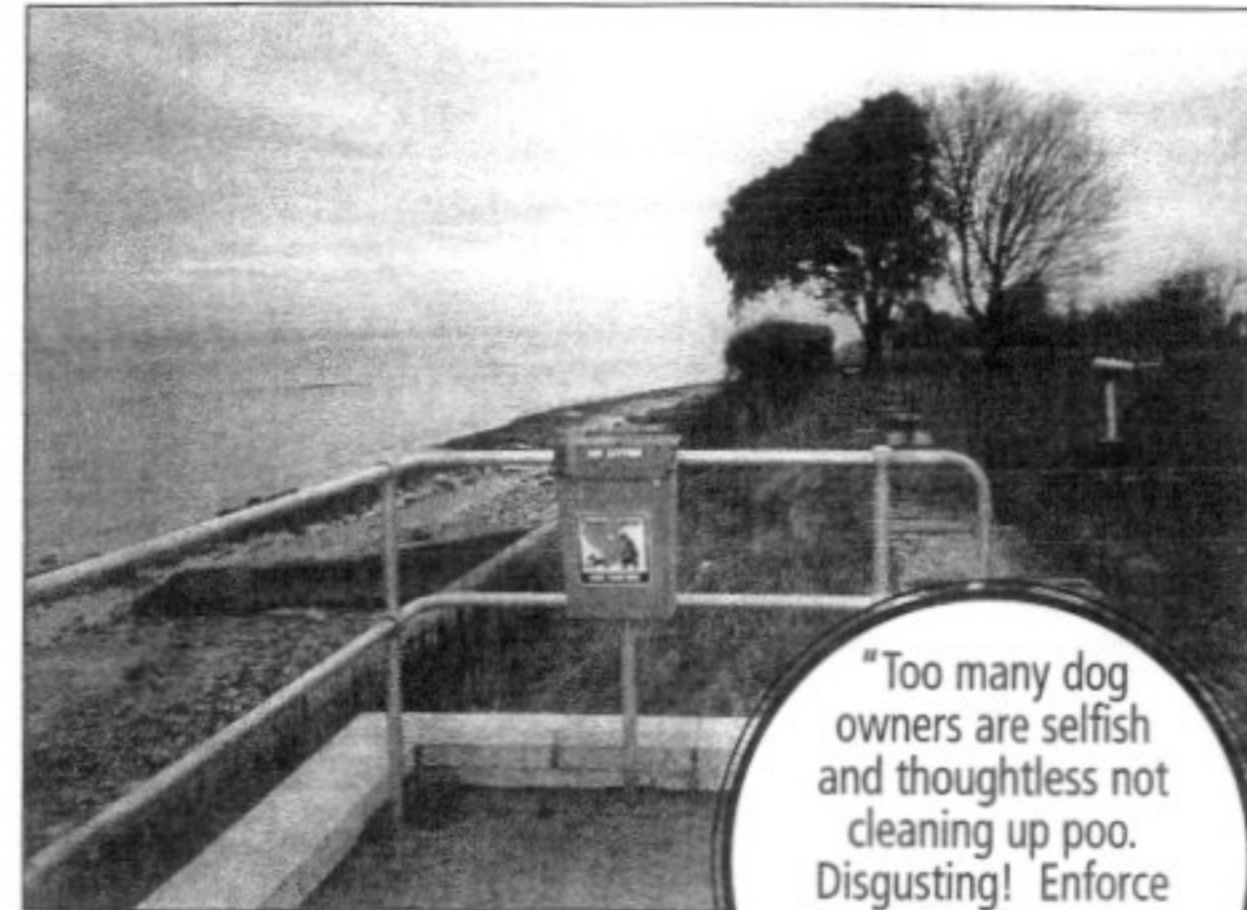
"I would not allow my children to play at Steyne Park - it is sinister. Community Centre needs total rebuild."

PLANNING AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Most people felt it important to maintain the character of the village, and that any building development should reflect that. The Parish Council is only able to act in a statutory advisory capacity on any planning applications, the final decision resting with the IWC. Whilst the majority of the village were against large developments or inappropriate infill a need was recognised for Affordable Housing for young Bembridge Residents to allow them to stay in the village.

TOILETS

There was a demand for public toilets to be cleaner and open in winter, and coincidentally, more dog bins. The cost



issues of achieving this will be investigated and sponsorship for dog bins may be sought.

"Too many dog owners are selfish and thoughtless not cleaning up poo. Disgusting! Enforce the £1000 fine! (Lots of young kiddies in the village.)"

AND THE GOOD NEWS...

Everyone was happy with the Refuse Collection service and with the Ambulance and Fire Brigade cover. The quality of the police cover was acceptable, but many would like to see a greater police presence. Parents were very happy with our schools.

OTHER MATTERS

These have been covered in full document that is held in the library or can be viewed on-line at bembridge.com.

Any comments on the report can be notified to the Clerk of the Parish Council Mr P Collyer on (01983) 874160.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO TOOK PART IN THE SURVEY.

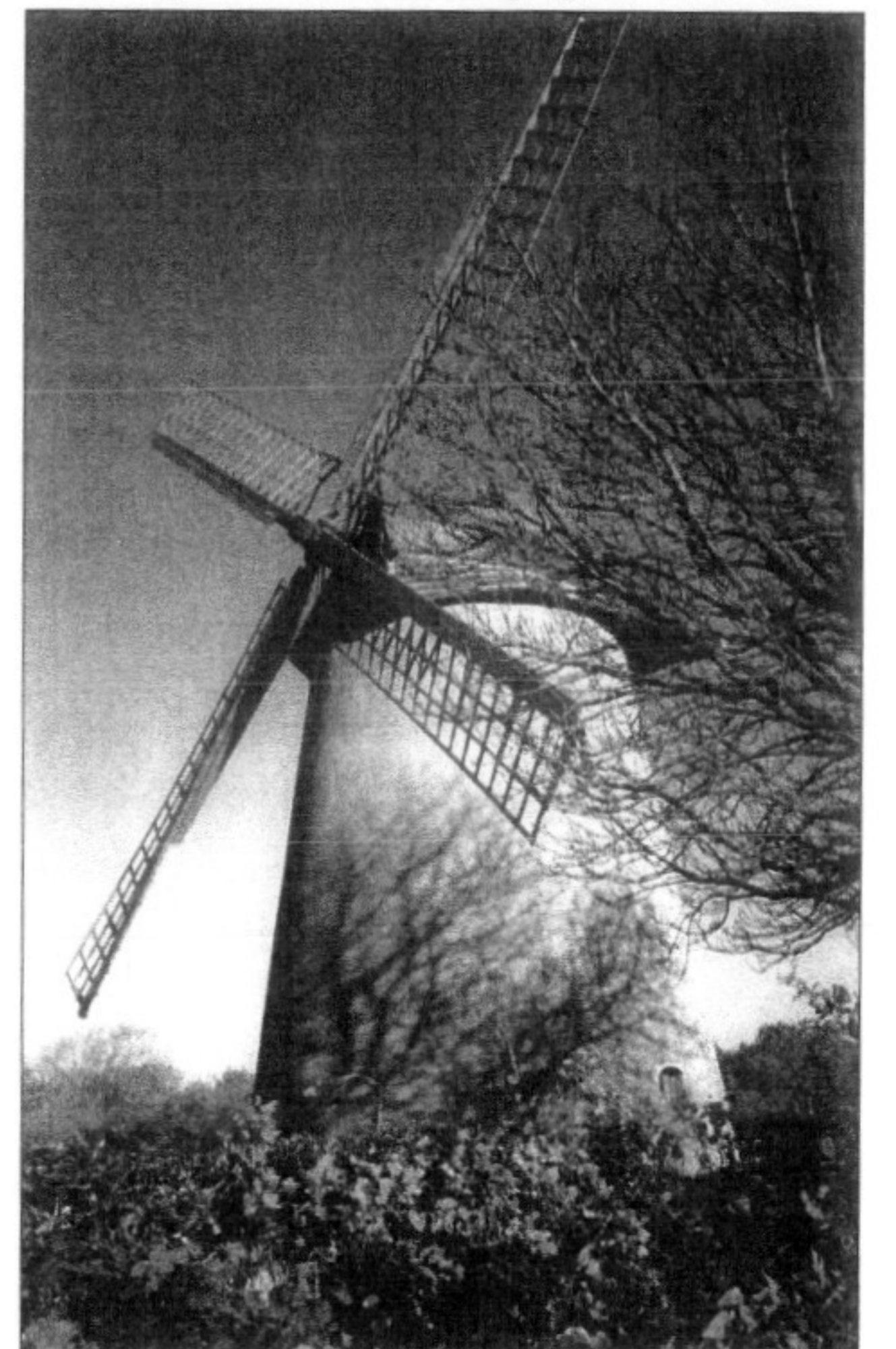


WHAT YOU THOUGHT SHOULD HAPPEN TO BEMBRIDGE

IN THE

FUTURE

Last year residents were asked how they would like their village to develop over the next 10 to 15 years. This leaflet sets out the result of the consultation that was held in the village during 2004 to see how residents wished the village to develop over the next 10 to 15 years. The research highlighted concerns of



villagers and also their aspirations for Bembridge. The funding for the project came from the Countryside Agency and they also provided suggested Guidelines for the consultation.

A Committee was formed of residents from the village and their task was to take the plan forward. The project was to be named Viewpoint Bembridge.

The Parish Council has approved the main content of the plan and will be acting upon many of the points raised over the next few years. Some of the work is already in hand.

Each home was sent a questionnaire to be completed and 742 of these were returned it is from these questionnaires that the report has based its findings. A copy of the full report can be found in Bembridge library or a PDF file can be downloaded from www.bembridge.com.

Two exhibitions were held during the summer where residents and visitors could see the progress being



made and also put additional views. Over 700 people attend these exhibitions.

Progress was posted on bembridge.com and articles also appeared in the County Press and in the Parish Magazine.

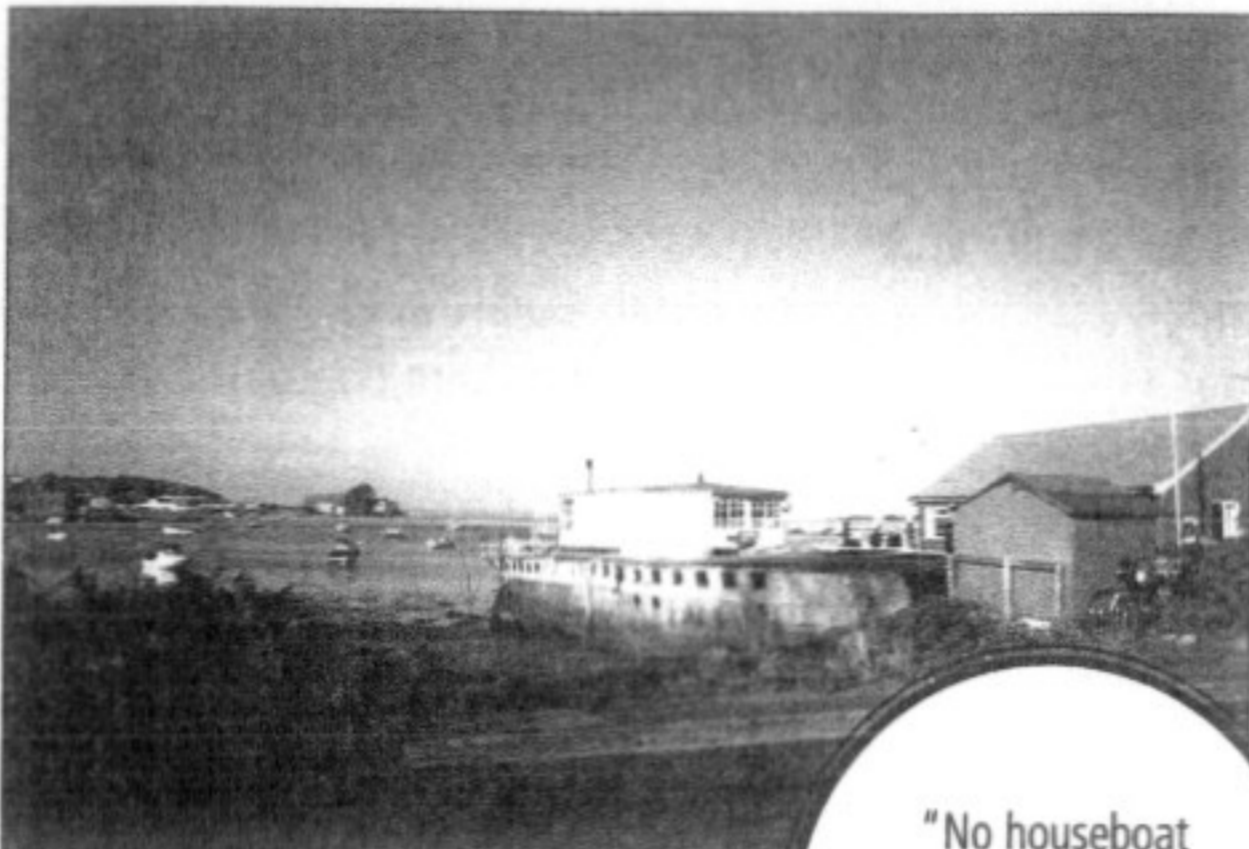


ENVIRONMENT AROUND BEMBRIDGE

96.4% answered this question. Residents said the thing they most valued about the village was the community, countryside and beaches. This was closely followed by the Harbour.

They felt that the balance of village life and tourism should be maintained.

They also believed that there needed to be a controlled



"No houseboat effluent into harbour please - or from visiting yachts."

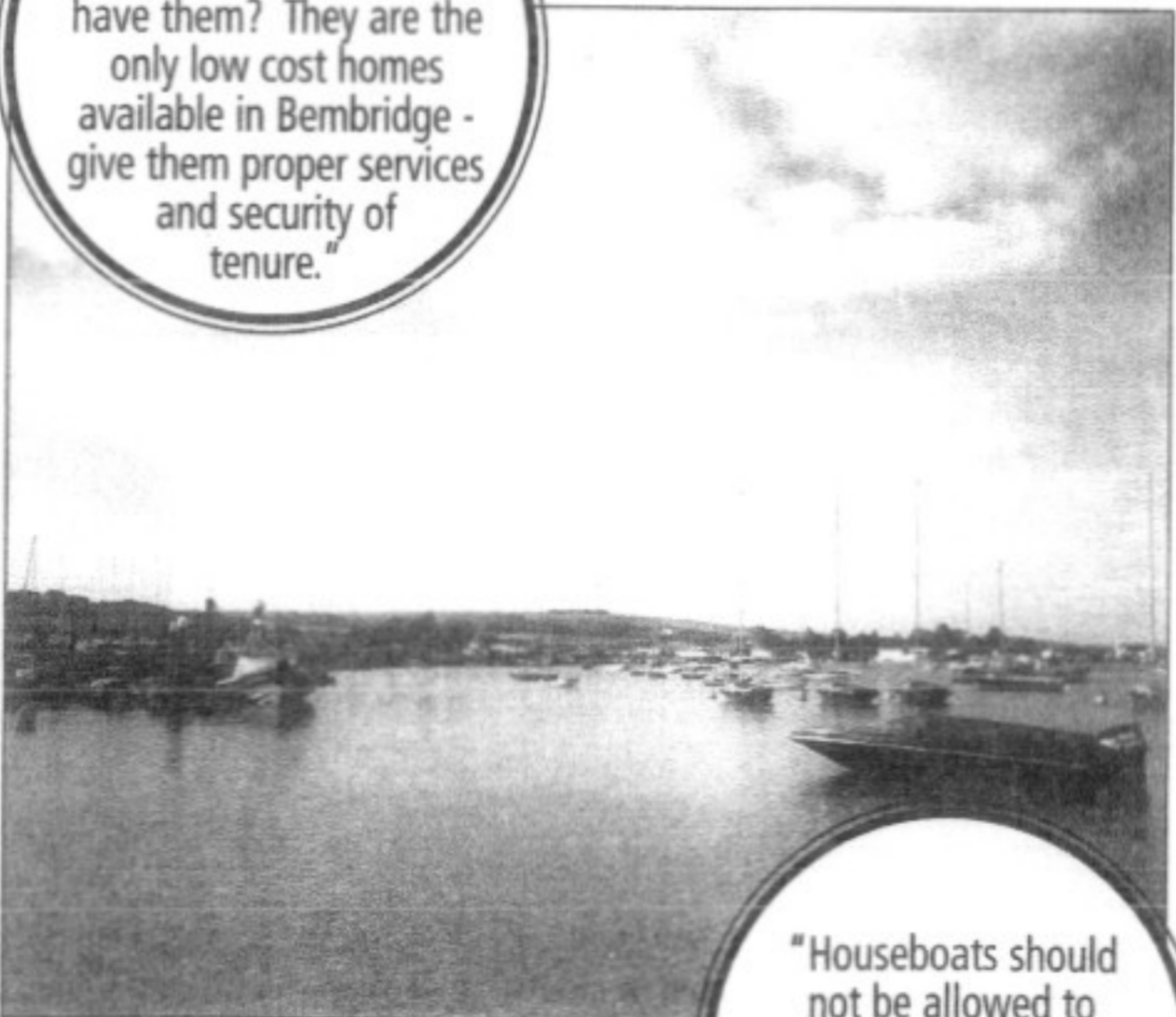
development and planning strategy in order to maintain the rural character of the village.

Facilities for youth and younger age groups of the village need to be improved.

BEMBRIDGE HARBOUR

90% of respondents were very concerned about sewage in the harbour. It is not unlawful for boats to discharge raw sewage

"The houseboats are part of our heritage - how many other places have them? They are the only low cost homes available in Bembridge - give them proper services and security of tenure."



"Houseboats should not be allowed to dump neat sewage into harbour - plumb them in!"

in to the harbour. The action is to approach Southern Water and Isle of Wight Health & Safety Officers to conduct water tests from inside the harbour and if necessary request the MP to reactivate a bill to make it illegal for boats to discharge sewage in to the harbour.

Whilst houseboats are floating they are not subject to control and regulation. However anything land based or fixed is.



THE POINT AND BEACHES

85% of respondents were very concerned about beach litter, some of this comes from use of the beaches whilst other litter is washed ashore. The core problem is that all beaches are privately owned, although the public is permitted to use them. The IWC therefore is not



authorised to supply items such as litterbins, toilets or to arrange for beach cleaning. Whilst it is appreciated that BASHHA does arrange two litter cleaning sessions a year, this can only be done on a voluntary basis. More than 200 respondents in the survey offered to help with beach cleaning.

A meeting of landowners will be arranged to explore ways that would allow the provision of litterbins and litter cleaning and to investigate the possibility and viability of a boardwalk around the point.



HARBOUR SILTING AND BEACH EROSION

Over 90% were concerned about the harbour silting and sand levels eroding from the beaches. The Harbour Company is only required to remove sufficient silt to keep

the channel open, which it adheres to. Groynes that protect the beach are the responsibility of individual landowners.

There will be on going dialogue with the Bembridge Harbour Improvements Company and landowners. The issue will also be raised with the Isle of Wight Coastal Defence Team and the team coordinating the East Yar Valley Survey.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

73% of respondents were concerned about traffic flow in the village centre. Accessible parking was wanted by 59%



"Parking problem in village is caused mainly by shopkeepers and businesses parking outside of their own shops all day - also table top sales in Village Hall."

near shops. Many wanted a central car park but this is not a possibility. More than two thirds thought that more yellow lines are

acceptable and 78% of car drivers think that a two-hour waiting limit in the village centre would be beneficial. Public transport around the village was a concern and this will be examined and a Transport Survey maybe carried out.



PAVEMENTS AND CROSSINGS

80% of residents were concerned about the state of pavements and 75% would like more dropped curbs. 83% stated that there was need for a zebra crossing near the Post Office. The older residents requested more roadside seats on routes in to the village.

The IWC and Parish Council will make strong representation to the Highways Dept concerning the state

"Bad parking causes much of the congestion in the village centre. Increase yellow lines in Foreland Road and in the High Street up towards the Grange Gardens."

Viewpoint Bembridge

The Government has asked each Parish to put forward their views about where they live and how they want it to evolve over the next years. So we are in the initial stages of asking opinion, and these will all be collated into a plan called Viewpoint Bembridge.

Could you spare a few minutes of your time to give your Viewpoint on Bembridge? Do you

live in Bembridge? No - thank you, but this survey for residents of Bembridge (close)

Yes - thank you

So, in your own words, what three things do you like about living in Bembridge?

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What three things annoy you the most?

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What are you most concerned about or would like to see changed or introduced in terms of:

Transport & traffic.....
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Health & safety.....

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The shops, restaurants, pubs and hotels.....

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The amenities.....

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Education.....

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The area, landscape or environment

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Visitors to the area.....

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Council involvement.....

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Any other important concerns to you, or wishes, that you have not mentioned so far

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If Bembridge could get the funding, on what would you most like to see the money spent?

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To help analyse the answers, could you tell me if you have any children living at home?

How old are they? Under 10 under 20 over 20

Also, could you tell me if you have any older adults living with you at home? Yes No

What age group are you? 20 - 40 40 - 60 60 - 80 over 80

Thank you for helping formulate Viewpoint Bembridge. We plan to hold a display of the main views around Easter, and then publish the full plan next September.