



# Brean Parish Council

## **Approved Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4 July 2016**

### **Present**

Cllr J Harris	Chairman
Cllr T Hicks	Vice-Chairman
Councillors	Mr D Holland, Mrs J Jackman, Mrs J Smith, Mr M Chatterton

### In attendance:-

Cllr T Grimes, Sedgemoor District Council  
Five members of the public

Jacqueline Manning, Clerk to the Council.

### **108/16 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr David Scott.

### **109/16 Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Harris informed the meeting that where members consider they may have a potential interest in any topic for discussion and decision they should declare an interest and withdraw from the discussion and decision making process.

### **110/16 Approval of draft minutes**

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 6 June 2016 were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

### **111/16 To respond to members of the public**

One resident informed the meeting that a planning application had just been submitted to Sedgemoor District Council. This was for a separate annexe at West Beach.

### **112/16 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes**

Crown lease – Cllr Harris reported that the lease was being amended and would then be sent back to us.

WW2 memorial – in progress.

Parish notice-board – the Clerk reported that the price for a red vinyl covering for the header would be an extra £90 + VAT. This would bring the total cost of the notice-board to £897.60. Councillors decided against this extra expense and all agreed to keep to the original silver header.

Revaluation of rates for Weston Road toilets – we had received void relief of £224.98 for the five months that the toilets had been closed in 2015-2016. An appeal form had been sent to the Valuation Office regarding rates payable on Parish toilet blocks.

Maintenance of the fingerpost at the junction of Weston Road – Mr Hicken had phoned to say he had not started the work due to volume of other work, but was hoping to start within the next two weeks.

Update from Cllr Denbee about discussions with the road closure team – Cllr Denbee had informed Cllr Harris that buses would still run, but would be diverted through Lympsham. Cllr Hicks queried a possible road closure later this month.  
Action: Clerk to check with Highways.

Update on insurance policy - Zurich had confirmed that a separate schedule of business carried out was unnecessary. The Parish was automatically covered for all activities by public liability cover and all limits of the cover were set out in the “To Whom it may Concern” schedule included with the insurance policy.

Update on timetable for SALC area meetings – SALC had advised that an area meeting would be taking place at the end of July and details would be circulated to members nearer the time.

Update from Cllr Holland on visual obstruction near Brean Down – Cllr Holland had visited the area near The Down, but had been unable to identify any obstruction. No further action needed.

## 113/16 **Current Planning Applications**

**Licensing Act 2003. Application for a New Premises Licence** - National Trust Brean Down Cove and Café.

**Noted** that the application was still under consideration by Sedgemoor District Council.

**Reference: 06/16/0005/RER**

**Proposal:** Temporary change of use of the lodge to be used for residential use for the lifetime of R Davis and S Davis, after which, to revert back to holiday accommodation, as varied by Planning Permission 06/09/00014.

Location: 3 Diamond Meadow Lodge Park, Diamond Farm Caravan Park, Weston Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2RL.

**Noted:** Approved.

**Reference: 06/16/0008/EC**

**Proposal:** Temporary change of use of the lodge to be used for residential use for the lifetime of S Ashfield, after which, to revert back to holiday accommodation, as varied by Planning Permission 06/09/00014.

Location: 8 Diamond Meadow Lodge Park, Diamond Farm Caravan Park, Weston Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2RL.

**Noted:** Approved.

**Reference: 06/16/00037/RER**

**Proposal:** Temporary change of use of the lodge to be used for residential use for the lifetime of Mr P Meads and Miss C Locking, after which, to revert back to holiday accommodation, as varied by Planning Permission 06/09/00014.

Location: 32 Diamond Meadow Lodge Park, Diamond Farm Caravan Park, Weston Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2RL.

**Noted:** Approved.

#### 114/16 **New Planning Applications**

One planning application had been received after the agenda had been circulated:

**Reference 06/16/00039/DD**

**Proposal:** Erection of extension and pergola seating area, to front (East) elevation, partly on site of existing (to be demolished).

**Location:** Justamere, South Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2RD.

#### 115/16 **Beach Management**

Update on concession holders – we still had no concession holder for the site near the Seagull.

Seasonal caravan pitch holders – the pitch holders had cancelled their proposed event, feeling that it could not be organised well and safely in the time available. They had asked if they could reapply for the 2017 season.

Cllr Harris reported on his meeting with Nicola Davis from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI). The RNLI was trying to identify problem areas locally and Cllr Harris had identified problems arising from the Down and mud on the beach. The RNLI had been very impressed with our beach safety leaflet.

Staffing – Cllr Harris advised that Kevin Williams, Beach Warden, had left on 29 June, and Amanda Furber had been appointed to the position, starting as Beach Warden on 1 July 2016.

#### 116/16 **Request for double yellow lines in Wesley Close, Brean**

Cllr Smith had circulated a survey form to all residents in the estate around Wesley Close. The form had asked respondents to answer Yes or No to the question “Would you like double yellow lines in your area?” Cllr Smith had brought the forms to the meeting to be opened and counted. Twenty-six of these had been returned, resulting in nine forms for “Yes” and seventeen for “No”. Cllr Smith explained that she had talked to residents personally and had found that most did not want double yellow lines in the estate. Comments on some of the forms reinforced this view. At this point, members of the public requested to speak on this item and were invited to do so by the Chairman. Views were expressed by those both for and against the double yellow lines. To sum up, the Chairman concluded that the Council was unable to progress the request, as we would need all residents to be in favour before we could take any action.

#### 117/16 **Reports from Councillors on village issues**

Cllr Hicks - Footpath to Weston. Cllr Hicks reported that the footpath was still progressing. Natural England was to fund part of the fencing across the sluices, which would be designed so that birds would not be able to see people using the path. North Somerset was planning to complete the route across the sluice this summer. Three grants had been applied for, and John Grimshaw was hoping that the footpath would be ready to open by Easter 2017.

Cllr Harris - Brean bus shelter adverts. Cllr Harris had identified two potential new advertisers; the Discover Brean website and Ocean Drive apartments in Warren Road. Discover Brean was a new website and its owners had asked if they could put the website address under the “Welcome to Brean” sign.

Cllr Harris asked if councillors would object. All were in agreement for the address to be included, but stressed it must look tidy. Councillors also suggested that the website could have a link to the Brean Parish website. All agreed that the price of displaying A4 size adverts would be £25 for the three shelters.

Cllr Harris – public seats in the Pontins area. These had become very overgrown with vegetation. Could we get someone to cut it back? It was suggested we ask Mr D Welland to do the work.

#### **118/16 Approval of cheques for the current month's expenditure**

A schedule of cheques and direct debit expenditure for June 2016 was circulated for information and approval. Details are included at Annex 1.

#### **119/16 Financial matters**

The Chairman received and signed the bank reconciliation statement for 31 May 2016, together with a payments and receipts report for the period 01/05/2016 to 31/05/2016.

A report on income and expenditure for the period May 2016 was circulated to all members for information.

Auto-enrolment. The Clerk reported that a scheme had now been set up with National Employment Savings Trust (NEST), in preparation for our staging date of 1 October 2016. A declaration of compliance was due to be completed by 28 February 2017.

#### **120/16 Adoption of Standing Orders**

The Clerk had prepared a draft document to be circulated to members for their consideration. Minor changes had been made to the model document to adapt it for the Parish. Some sections would need more extensive rewriting in consultation with members.

#### **121/16 Correspondence for review**

1. Listening, Learning and Changing Survey, Devolution Proposals Report and Vision for Somerset –circulated by Somerset County Council.

Parishes were invited to participate in a survey similar to the one undertaken last year on budget priorities. There was also another survey with additional questions such as the Vision for Somerset, but this appeared to apply to individuals. The closing date for responses was 30 September 2016.

Action: Clerk to check which survey was intended for Parish Councils.

#### **122/16 To note the following correspondence on the circulation list**

1. Draft Standing Orders
2. Local Plan (Core Strategy) News Update
3. The Stream Newsletter – Progress Update June 2016
4. Hinkley Point C Look Ahead July 2016

Items received after the agenda was circulated:

5. SCC Press Release – 3D printing now available to all to Somerset
6. Letter from a visitor expressing concern – incident on Brean Beach caused by a dog

The Local Plan news update was noted and Cllr Harris asked Cllr Grimes when the final consultation document was due to be published. Cllr Grimes explained that many parishes had commented, and therefore additional consultations were still underway.

**123/16 Members' comments on previously circulated correspondence**

Cllr Jackman had commented favourably on a previous Route 60+ driving course she had attended and suggested that one could be held in the village.

**Action:** Cllr Jackman to make enquiries to identify possible attendees  
Cllr Holland to submit an item to Coastline.

**124/16 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion at the next meeting in September**

Cllr Jackman raised the issue of licensing for Brean Down Cove and café. Members commented generally that alcohol was now routinely served in premises which welcomed children.

Cllr Chatterton reported that a local residents website leaflet had come through the door. He would find out more about it.

Cllr Chatterton also commented on the issue of sand blowing around this year, and asked if a bulldozer was being used to clear it. Cllr Harris confirmed that we were using the bulldozer.

Cllr Holland commented on the amount of rubbish in the roads. This was getting worse, and seemed to be due to recycling lorries regularly losing material.

**125/16 Date of next meeting**

There would be no meeting in August.

The next meeting would take place on Monday 5 September 2016.