



Brean Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Hazel Brinton, 60 Worle Moor Road, Weston-s-Mare BS24 7EG

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th February 2018

Present

Chairman Cllr J Harris
Vice-Chairman Cllr T Hicks
Councillors Martin Chatterton (19.01) D Holland

There were no members of the public present. Cllrs T Grimes and B Filmer were present for district and county councils respectively.

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017/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Smith, Scott and Jackman.

018/18 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interests were received.

019/18 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 8th January 2018 were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

020/18 To respond to members of the public

No members of the public were present.

021/18 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

- Unity Farm – the clerk reported that the matter had been brought to the attention of SCC Highways. The drains had been inspected and were on the maintenance list for 2018/19.
- First Bus – the clerk has written to express council's disappointment at the change in last bus times and had received a stock reply that indicated the recipient had not read the clerk's email correctly and the response did not relate to the query. The clerk had written again but did not hold out much hope of receiving a proper response to council's query.
- Fencing at the Old Rectory – the clerk had written again but received no response. Members asked the clerk to write again and copy in Cllr Filmer so that he may chase up the matter also on council's behalf.
- Refurbishment of public toilets – the plans had been circulated to members by the Chairman. It was agreed that the Chairman would seek three quotations for unisex toilets.

022/18 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences

- Planning application 06/17/00010 and 06/17/00011 – Change of use at Wayside and Gadara. Council noted that permission had been given to alter the existing vehicle

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access and that the application for the siting of 3 no. static caravans had gone to the Development Committee.

023/18 New Planning Applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration

- Planning application 06/18/00001 – alteration of opening hours of existing beauty salon and change of use of lounge – members noted this application and asked the clerk to respond as per the previous Certificate of Lawfulness in that council had no objection and supported the application in providing local employment in Brean with no resulting inconvenience to neighbouring properties.
- Planning application 06/18/00002- Brean Leisure Park – erection of single story building to house biomass equipment. The Chairman asked Cllr Holland to review the application and report back to council in March.

024/18 Report on Beach Management

- The Chairman reported that a considerable number of large pieces of peat had been washed up on the beach. It is believed this was as a result of actions carried out by Environment Agency. District Cllr Grimes gave members more information on what he knew and there was discussion as to whether to ask for a donation from the agency towards the beach clean costs. The next beach clean would take place on 6th February.
- Councillors were informed that a change in beach cleaners would be required and the Chairman had the contact details of a contractor. The clerk was asked to check the council's Financial Regulations to find out the council's policy on on going work contracts that were of a more ad hoc nature.
- The Chairman informed members that there would be a group of mini rugby players at Unity Farm from 27-29th April. There would be approximately 220-250 children plus adults and they had asked if a BBQ could be held. Council felt that this was acceptable providing no nuisance was caused to residents or other beach users.

025/18 Reports on Village issues

- There were no reports to note

026/18 Approval of cheques for the current month's expenditure

A schedule of cheques and direct debit expenditure for January 2018 is included at Annex 1 to the minutes. Payments were unanimously approved by members.

027/18 Financial matters

- Councillors noted receipt of the bank reconciliation for December 2017
- Councillors noted the receipt of the income and expenditure statement as at 31st December 2017

028/18 To receive an update from the clerk on the new GDPR regulations

The clerk updated members on the new regulations coming into force on 25th May which would result in the council having to appoint a Data Protection Officer. She had been informed by SALC that there were ongoing discussions with the district councils to see if they would be able to act as the DPO for parish and town councils as neither the clerk nor a councillor could be appointed as such. The clerk will inform members as and when more information is known.

029/18 To consider changing the parish councils bank account from Santander to Unity Trust

The clerk informed members that she had been asked to investigate the use of on line banking to facilitate the paying of the council's obligations by the Chairman. The council's current bank, Santander does not offer this facility and does not make it easy to change signatories or correspondence addresses. The clerk told members that the charge for an account with Unity Trust would be £6 per month and that payments could be made into an

account at the Post Office with a dedicated card. Members agreed unanimously to change banks from Santander to Unity Trust and asked the clerk to commence the process of switching banks.

030/18 Members' comments on previously circulated correspondence

Members made no comments on the correspondence.

031/18 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion at the next meeting in March 2018

No issues for discussion were raised for the meeting in March 2018 but councillors noted the following matters:

Cllr Chatterton asked when the beach signage would be replaced. The Chairman reported that this would be done in March.

District councillor Grimes reported that he had no news in respect of business rates retention and that he had chased Liam Gill at Highways about the fence at the Old Rectory.

County councillor Filmer reported on a number of county council matters:

- There will be no revenue support grant from central government by 2020 and there is still no news on business rates retention leaving the council £10m short in funding. There are no problems at SDC with its budget since it has been budgeting for the cut for years.
- Childrens and Adult Social Services – demand for both has increased resulting in county having to increase the precept by 2.99% (capped) and a further 3% for social services.
- The Ofsted report on Children's Services is now in. Previously the service was rated as Poor and this has improved to Requires Improvement – whilst the grade is heading in the right direction there still remains much to be done.
- Adult Social Services – the issue of bedblocking is being addressed by the council working with hospitals. So far 80 bed spaces have been saved with joint working in enabling patients to go back into their communities.
- Capital budget – the worst case scenario is that county will require £120m and borrowing will therefore increase. 24 new schools are needed and both developer contributions and support from government is being investigated.
- Library consultation – there could be a change to the library service in Highbridge if it is not community led. The use of mobile libraries will potentially increase so parishoners need to use their local library.
- Small Improvement Schemes – Cllr Filmer's schemes include part funding for the Berrow Coast pathway. Members suggested that Cllr Filmer's future submissions under the scheme should include zebra crossings in Brean.

The Chairman thanked both councillors for their contribution.

The Chairman noted that he would obtain a quotation from a local company to clean the bus shelters.

032/18 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 5th March 2018.

Cllrs Grimes and Filmer left the meeting at 19.45.

033/18 It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda item by reason of the confidential nature of the item of business to be transacted.

034/18 To consider the tender applications for the beach concessions for 2018-19 onwards

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It was unanimously resolved to offer concessions for beach trading as follows:

- Mr and Mrs Bigwood – beach parking for three years from 2018-19
- Mr C Chianta – ice cream sales for three years from 2018-19
- Mr John Vowles – pony rides for three years from 2018-19
- Mrs Amanda Furber – food at beach entrance for one year from 2018-19
- Mr and Mrs Morton – food behind Seagull public house for one year from 2018-19
- Mr Paul Turner – bouncy castles at points to be determined on the beach for one year from 2018-19

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.20

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