



Brean Parish Council

Hazel Brinton, 60 Worle Moor Road, Weston Village, Weston-s-Mare BS24 7EG

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018

Present

Chairman Cllr J Harris
Vice-Chairman Cllr T Hicks
Councillors J Smith, D Scott, J Jackman, D Holland

One member of the public and Cllr T Grimes were present

Hazel Brinton- Clerk to the Council

001/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr M Chatterton

002/18 Declaration of Interests

No declaration of interests were received

003/18 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 4th December 2017 were approved with minor amendments to Cllr Holland's name by council and signed by the Chairman.

004/18 To respond to members of the public

No comments or questions were made by the member of the public present.

005/18 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

- Fencing at the Old Rectory – the clerk had received notification from Liam Gill, SCC Highways that he was unaware that the fencing had not been moved as promised by the householder and would pursue the matter again with him. The clerk was asked to continue to provide updates to members.
- Refurbishment of public toilets – The Chairman explained that the tentative plan drawn up was for unisex toilets with the entrance being from the existing men's toilet entrance. However, members could if they wished retain male and female toilets. He would circulate the plans for comments.
- Grant to Coastline Players – the clerk gave a verbal update. Councillors reiterated that the grant would only be linked to Brean Village Hall and for nowhere else.

Signed by Chairman.....

5th February 2018

006/18 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences

- Planning application 06/17/00009 – Certificate of Lawfulness at Landsdowne. Members noted that permission had been refused and that planning permission was required as the additional use was not considered to be ancillary.
- Planning application 06/17/00010 and 06/17/00011 – Change of use at Wayside and Gadara. The Chairman, Cllr Hicks and Cllr Grimes declared an interest and left the room. Cllr Holland gave the remaining members an update to the background of the application and said that having spoken with the neighbours, they would prefer to have the lodges as permanent residential due to the noise that holidaymakers can cause. Members considered the application details and noted that they did not feel it was in an area prone to flooding as per the Environment Agency’s report. On the basis of no historical evidence of flooding, the need for permanent residences in Brean and no neighbour objection, members were unanimous in recommending approval based on these reasons.

007/18 New Planning Applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration
None to consider

008/18 Report on Beach Management

- The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the National Trust announcing a run at the cove on a monthly basis.
- Members were informed that signage had been washed away in the storms and this needed to be allowed for in the budget. Other than that there had been very little storm damage.
- Members noted the advert for the re-tendering of concessions would go in the local press.

009/18 Reports on Village issues

- Cllr Holland noted the recycling left around on roads after collection day and that there had been flooding at the roundabout near to Unity Farm. The clerk was asked to report to SCC.

010/18 To consider whether the parish council wishes to purchase its now Speed Indicator Device with the discontinuance of the SDC scheme

District councillor Tony Grimes informed members that Berrow has its own SID and a councillor trained in its use. This caught traffic coming into Brean anyway. Councillors were convinced that there would be effective use of one in Brean and unanimously resolved not to purchase the council’s own SID.

011/18 To consider and agree the budget and precept for 2018/19

Members discussed the requirement to allow £500 for signage in beach expenses to replace those blown away. They agreed to use reserves to refurbish the toilets under village projects. The budget was unanimously set at a net income of £1403.00. Members unanimously resolved to set the precept at zero for the forthcoming financial year proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Smith.

012/18 Approval of cheques for the current month’s expenditure

A schedule of cheques and direct debit expenditure for December 2017 is included at Annex 1 to the minutes. Payments were unanimously approved by members.

013/18 Financial matters

- Councillors noted receipt of the bank reconciliation for November 2017
- Councillors noted the receipt of the income and expenditure statement as at 30th November 2017

014/18 Members' comments on previously circulated correspondence

Members made no comments on the correspondence.

015/18 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion at the next meeting in February 2018

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

Cllr Jackman asked whether the beach wardens should be opening up the toilets and said the cleaning of them seemed to be a bit of an issue which gives a poor impression of the village. Cllr Scott acknowledged that this was food for thought and suggested that the issue is looked at again with a view to raising the payment for the cleaning once the refurbishment had been done.

Cllr Scott noted that the last bus from Weston is once again 18.05 on Friday night and thought that it had been agreed with the bus company that it needed to be extended to 19.00 last year. The clerk was asked to contact First Bus to raise the issue.

Cllr Holland noted the pot holes at Lympsham were an issue. District Cllr Grimes said he would speak with County Cllr Bob Filmer on the issue.

District Cllr Grimes said that he too had had some difficulty in contacting Liam Gill as SCC Highways regarding the Old Rectory fencing but had now received a response also. He added that the Local Plan was still being consulted on.

Cllr Scott gave his apologies for the February meeting.

016/18 Date of next meeting

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

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.45.