



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 2nd July 2018

Present

Chairman Cllr J Harris
Councillors T Hicks (Vice Chairman) M Chatterton, D Holland, J Smith
Clerk to the Council Hazel Brinton
District Councillor T Grimes

One member of the public was present.

100/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from County Cllr Filmer

101/18 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interests were received.

102/18 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 5th June 2018 were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

103/18 To respond to members of the public

There were no questions from the member of the public present.

104/18 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

- Highways issues
 - Grass verge cutting – the clerk informed members that Liam Gill from SCC Highways had assured her that the grass verge cutting would be complete in Brean before the start of the summer holidays.

105/18 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences – no planning applications were on-going.

106/18 To review new Planning Applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration -none to consider

107/18 Report on Beach Management

- Update on Defibrillator – the payment had been made by Warren Farm for the hire of the new defibrillator for which the parish council had agreed to pay half. The ambulance service contact had confirmed that the delivery would be 6-8 weeks direct to Warren Farm. Members were informed that money had been raised by Brean seasonal people to fund more defibrillators for the village and £1500 had been raised so far.
- Volunteer beach clean ups – members noted their thanks to Surfers Against Sewage for the recent beach clean up but were not sure that the planned clean up by Canopy and Stars had taken place in the end.

Signed by Chairman.....

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- Kite Festival – The Chairman reported that this took place on 9/10th June with another one planned for September 8/9th. The organiser has been informed and understands that no kite buggies or their own traders can be on the beach during the festival.

108/18 Reports on Village issues

- Overnight camping – the Chairman informed the meeting that he had been to see the landowner at Southville Farm who is in agreement for the erection of signs on the verge. Three signs would be installed and it was agreed that the Chairman would pursue the costings and arrangements for these.
- Litter thrown from vehicle – Cllr Hicks reported that a vehicle had been spotted where the occupant was throwing shredded paper out of the window. Cllr Hicks thanked SDC for clearing up part of the problem and Warren Farm cleared the rest. CCTV has been checked and the vehicle registration obtained and reported to the police. The Chairman reported that there was the same issue last year when for five mornings running, someone driving a 4x4 had been throwing out strips of newspaper mostly along the Weston Road. Members thanked Warren Farm for its clear up operation also.
- Co-option – the clerk gave members an update and informed them that provided no election had been called for, they were free to co-opt for the second councillor vacancy from 5th July. She would watch for confirmation from SDC and the co-options could take place at the September meeting.
- HPC team building day – the member of the public present who worked for HPC explained to members the idea behind the team building day and asked that he be contacted with any ideas for a project that members may have. Ideas put forward included a clear up around the village hall; clearing the cycle path of rubbish and cutting back vegetation; clearing rubbish from along Weston Road; clearing the footpaths of overhanging vegetation. It was agreed that either the Chairman or the Vice Chairman would liaise with Mr Legg from HPC.
- Parish council website – the clerk explained that the council needed to look at a revamp of its current website and how they would like it to be run in future with either a parish council only website or as currently with general parish business also. She explained that she had recently built a very simple one for another parish council where she was clerk but which fitted the bill for Transparency Code objectives and it was very easy to update. The Chairman reported that the current website was becoming increasingly difficult to manage and storage space was now an issue due to the amount of archived material kept. The clerk advised that two to three years of documents would be fine for transparency purposes as members of the public always had the right to ask for older minutes. Members agreed that the clerk would look into the provision of a new domain name for a new parish council only website that would have links to useful previous information. The clerk was asked to place the matter on the September agenda.

Action: Clerk

109/18 Approval of cheques and direct debits for the current month's expenditure

The schedule of cheques and direct debit expenditure for June 2018 were unanimously approved by members. Members also unanimously agreed that a third signatory to be decided at the September meeting be set up.

Action: Clerk

110/18 Financial matters

- Councillors noted receipt of the bank reconciliation for June for Unity Trust and May for Santander

- Councillors noted the receipt of the income and expenditure statement as at 30th June 2018.

111/18 To review and adopt documentation.

- Financial Regulations – it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Hicks that the Financial Regulations as submitted by the clerk be adopted. It was unanimously resolved to do so.

112/18 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion

Cllr Smith asked for an update on the flooding at Pinewood. Cllr Hicks replied that the drains would be jetted to clear blockages.

Cllr Chatterton asked whether members would consider reducing the number of meetings. The Chairman thought that this may lead to lengthier meetings with items held over and issues with planning applications. Members agreed to see what was likely to be on the agenda month by month and make a decision depending on the amount of business.

Cllr Holland reported that a number of vehicles had been parked opposite the Post Office recently due to a fishing contest.

District Cllr Grimes had nothing more to report from SDC.

113/18 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 3rd September.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.55.