



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 3rd September 2018

Present

Chairman Cllr J Harris
Councillors T Hicks (Vice Chairman) M Chatterton, D Holland, J Smith, T Legg (from agenda item 116/18) and P Wright (from agenda item 116/18)
Clerk to the Council Hazel Brinton
District Councillor T Grimes

Two members of the public were present together with District Cllr Grimes and County Cllr Filmer.

114/18 Apologies

No apologies were received.

115/18 Co-option of new councillors

It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Tony Legg and Peter Wright. Both councillors signed the Declaration of Office in front of the clerk and took their places at the council table.

116/18 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interests were received.

117/18 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 2nd July 2018 were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

118/18 To respond to members of the public

Tanya Cox, the Litter Free Coast and Sea Coastal Officer from Severn Estuary Partnership, together with a colleague gave a presentation on their role to councillors. The project was jointly set up and is funded by Severn Estuary Partnership, Wessex Water, Cardiff University, Environment Agency and Sedgemoor District Council and aimed initially to look at water conditions at Burnham-on-Sea. The project remit has grown and now includes public outreach campaigns with groups, schools and businesses with the aim of improving water quality. The project includes a business award scheme and dog fouling campaign. Ms Cox informed members that they now wished to start working in and with the community and have started work with the new dog warden at Sedgemoor. Part of the work involves installing "no feeding to the seagulls" signs along the Esplanade at Burnham on Sea and joining up the dots with inland cleaning as the rubbish from inland areas end up on the beaches. Members asked a number of questions of Ms Cox and the Chairman thanked her for a very informative presentation. Ms Cox asked that her contact details be passed on to councillors by the clerk.

Action: Clerk

119/18 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

- Highways issues
 - Fencing at Old Rectory – Cllr Filmer has pressed Liam Gill and is waiting for a response but had nothing further to report at that time.

Signed by Chairman.....

1st October 2018

120/18 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences – no planning applications were on-going.

121/18 To review new Planning Applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration

- **06/18/00007/LE – Warren Farm Caravan Park Variation of Conditions to permit fields 3 and 4 to be used for 12 months of the year for tourism purposes** – The Chairman gave members further information on the application as it was for his holiday park. Primarily it would allow for a uniform site licence rather than different conditions applying to different parts of the site and mean that the park would not have to move the seasonal tourers into storage as currently. There would be no residential use of the fields and the season would still be 7 months as currently. Cllr Legg asked what if the application was turned down. The Chairman replied that it would remain as before with the previous conditions of use. County Cllr Filmer added that the change to Sedgemoor’s policy came out of a Planning Inspector’s appeal decision – the three months’ condition prevented a permanent dwelling on the site.

Cllrs Harris and Hicks together with District Cllr Grimes and County Cllr Filmer then left the room to allow members to discuss the application.

After discussion, members resolved to support the application as it brought the site into line with current regulations but stipulated that it must be for tourism/holiday purposes and not residential.

Cllrs Harris, Hicks, Grimes and Filmer re-joined the meeting.

122/18 Report on Beach Management

- Organised beach clean on 17th September – the Chairman advised that the Marine Conservation Society was organising this and expect to have up to 200 people attending. They will be picking up even small pieces of plastic from the beach.

123/18 Reports on Village issues

- Overnight camping – the Chairman reported that he had obtained permission from the landowner to erect no overnight camping signs which would be installed over the winter. Cllr Holland felt that there should be no parking at all on the grass verge as the vehicles straddle the footpath. Cllr Hicks felt the sign wording should be consistent with those at Burnham-on-Sea.
- Burger Van – District Cllr Grimes reported that SDC Enforcement were still taking action as a tree has also been cut down. The owners of the van have been invited to put in for planning permission.
- Footpath/cycleway adoption – the clerk reported that she had not had the time to follow this up as she had received two approaches from separate individuals at TATA and did not know if they were working to the same agenda. The matter was deferred until the following meeting but in principle the council is happy for a footpath to be adopted by the group.
Action: Clerk
- EDF Workgroup update – Cllr Hicks reported that the clean up by the group would take place in mid-September. Cllr Hicks will co-ordinate the activities. Cllr Legg added that a risk assessment had been completed by the company. Cllr Hicks brought up the matter of recycling crews not putting the flaps down on their vehicle whilst it was moving causing rubbish to be strewn across the highway. County Cllr Filmer asked that the issue be reported to SDC and at

the same time gave members an update on the new waste collection contract with SWP.

- Bleadon Post Office offer – members were informed of the offer of a roving Post Office which would be run by Bleadon PO but as there was still a post office further up in the village, members did not feel it appropriate at this time to take up the offer.

124/18 To consider the provision of a new website for the parish council – the clerk had supplied members with a report on the matter for their consideration which included her recommendations. She briefly explained the choices facing members. It was unanimously resolved to accept the clerk’s recommendation to set up a parish council only website with a new domain name of “breanparishcouncil.org”.

Action: Clerk

125/18 Approval of cheques and direct debits for the current month’s expenditure

The schedule of cheques and direct debit expenditure for July and August 2018 were unanimously approved by members.

Action: Clerk

126/18 Financial matters

- Councillors noted receipt of the bank reconciliation for July and August for Unity Trust and June and July for Santander
- Councillors noted the receipt of the income and expenditure statement as at 31st August 2018
- It was agreed that Cllr Chatterton be the third online signatory to the Unity Trust bank account. The clerk would arrange for the mandate to be sent to him.

Action: Clerk

127/18 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion

Cllr Smith asked for a timescale for the puddle at the end of Pinewood to be sorted out. Cllr Hicks replied that a contractor had been appointed and the jetting should take place in the next two weeks.

Cllr Hicks asked for an update on the new defibrillator. The Chairman replied that it would be commissioned during the following week.

The Chairman reported that he would give an update on the refurbishment of the toilet block in October.

Cllr Hicks reported that a new cycle path could be installed between Brent Knoll and Unity Farm if funding could be obtained. He added that over 100,000 people had used the Brean to Weston cycle path in the last year.

County Cllr Filmer reported that Hinkley Point C was moving ahead well and that they had caught up with the programme. The jetty should be operational in quarter two next year meaning less road transportation of materials. County Highways would soon be using a Dragon Patcher to do road repairs. This could be operated by one person to fill and repair the carriageway and pot holes. Highways were also looking into the possibility of using recycled plastic to repair roads. Cllr Filmer informed members of County’s Financial Imperative Team which was looking at the £12m shortfall in this year’s budget and the £20m projected overspend by Children’s Services. The cabinet was looking at savings and cut backs which must deal with the issue in the next two years to avoid a Northampton County Council situation.

District Cllr Grimes had nothing further to report.

The Chairman noted the issue with the traffic around Pontins and a 30 minute wait to get past which seems to indicate issues with their booking system. He would speak further on the matter with the police.

The Chairman explained for the benefit of the clerk and new members that whilst the parish council has historically cleared the footpaths to the beach of sand, it does so on a voluntary basis as no one can find out who is legally responsible for the footpaths. The clearance during the winter months would continue on a voluntary basis only with no legal commitment.

128/18 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 1st October 2018.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.35.