



# Brean Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Hazel Brinton, 35 Hannah Drive, Locking, Weston s Mare BS24 7JS

## Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### Present

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

No members of the public were present.

### 156/18 Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs Smith and Wright and County Councillor B Filmer were received.

### 157/18 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interests were received.

### 158/18 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

### 159/18 To respond to members of the public

No members of the public were present

### 160/18 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

- Fencing at Old Rectory – The clerk had received nothing further from Liam Gill at Somerset CC but District Cllr Grimes confirmed that County Cllr Filmer was still chasing the matter.

### 161/18 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences –

- **06/18/00008/DT – Retention of side extension at Sea Holm, Warren Road – permission granted**
- **06/18/00009/LE - Wayside and Gadara for permanent residence – permission granted**

### 162/18 To review new Planning Applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration

- **06/18/00011/LE – Erection of free standing ground mounted solar array at Land to the south of Diamond Farm, Weston Road, Brean**

Cllr Hicks declared an interest and left the room together with District Cllr Grimes who is on Sedgemoor DC's Planning Committee.

Signed by Chairman.....

1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

Cllr Holland reported to the remaining members that he could not see any negative impact in planning terms of the proposal. Cllr Legg felt that the panels were placed well out the way with a hedge going around them. Cllr Holland confirmed that the panels would be below eye level. Councillors unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the application by the planning authority.

Cllrs Hicks and District Cllr Grimes returned to the room.

**163/18 To discuss and agree the council's revised planning process.**

The clerk explained that with the changed in SDC's method of publicising planning applications, the parish council/s planning process which she had drafted for approval, also needed to be updated. With an amendment, members agreed the revised planning process.

**164/18 Reports on Village issues**

- **Response to Somerset CC's consultation on footpath management.** The clerk had previously sent SCC's communique relating to ongoing footpath management for their information. She explained that SCC was asking local councils to review the list of, status and management of the footpaths with its parish. Changes to the times that a footpath was cut back could be made but only at the expense of a reduction in management of other footpaths either within the parish or in another parish with the agreement of that local council. Cllr Legg agreed to be the newly designated Footpath Liaison Officer for the parish council and collate information to pass on to the clerk in respect of the footpaths in Brean and for submission to SCC.  
**Action:** Cllr Legg and clerk
- **Representation at SALC AGM** – it was agreed to send no representative this time

**165/18 Approval of cheques and direct debits for the current month's expenditure**

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

**166/18 Financial matters**

Due to the clerk's house move, the bank reconciliation and income and expenditure report were not available for November but would be made available to councillors at the next meeting together with December's papers.

**167/18 To resolve that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda items by reason of the confidential nature of the items of business to be transacted, in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – so resolved unanimously**

**168/18 To consider the clerk's salary and contract from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019** – the clerk left the room whilst members discussed the matter of her contract and salary from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

It was agreed that council would adopt the job description and model contract as provided to members by the clerk who would make the necessary arrangements for it to be signed by the Chairman and herself. Members further agreed the clerk's new salary with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 and that this would be reviewed annually in December.

**169/18 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion**

Cllr Legg asked whether the parish council should supply grit bins and salt when required outside of the church as an improvement for the village.

Cllr Holland asked whether, after the previous weekend when a child was stuck in the mud on the beach outlying area, council should put a line of posts on the beach to demarcate areas of danger. The Chairman replied that whilst the idea had some merit, posts then

present a danger to other beach users and that as there was three miles of beach to cover, it would be very expensive.

District Cllr Grimes reported that the cluster meeting arranged by SDC had been very poorly attended and noted that a presentation had been made by CAB. The planning training however had been very well attended as usual.

Cllr Grimes informed members that someone in Brean had been fined for cutting down a tree which had a Tree Preservation Order on it. He also explained that after taking advice from Melanie Wellman, SDC's in house solicitor, that parish and town councillors can sign passport applications.

**170/18 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.00.