



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 4th February 2019

Present

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

One member of the public was present.

184/18 Apologies

Apologies from Cllr Smith, District Councillor T Grimes and County Councillor B Filmer were received.

185/18 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

186/18 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 7th January 2019 were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

187/18 To respond to members of the public

Members heard from the applicant for the planning application discussed at minute 190/18.

188/18 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

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

189/18 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences –

- **06/18/00012 – Erection of extension at 2 Wesley Close, Brean** – application withdrawn
- **06/18/00013 – Change of use of ground floor flat at Justamere** – under consideration
- **Licence application at Sun Spot Café (variation of licence)** – under consideration

190/18 To review new Planning Applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration

- **06/18/00014/LE – Extension and alteration to existing garage. Erection of new detached garage and widening of existing access.**

Cllrs Legg and Wright reviewed the application and informed members of neighbours' concerns regarding the height of the proposed garage and the loss of a view. The applicant confirmed that

Signed by Chairman.....

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the neighbour's garden would not be disturbed when the foundation are dug. Cllrs Wright and Legg expressed concern that that the street scene would be changed because of the height of the new garage and that the height had been missed off the application. A difference in the levels of the walls would also affect the street scene as the old wall was being removed to make way for the new garage. Member resolved that they were broadly supportive of the application but would wish to see the garage built so that the street scene was maintained with the existing wall.

191/18 Reports on beach management

- **Filming on beach** – The Chairman confirmed that filming for a TV production would take place on the beach in the last week of February in the area of the Seagull. A fee had been proposed by the council and accepted by the TV company.
- **Go karting concession** – The Chairman explained that the council had been approached by a company interested in running a go kart concession on the beach. Councillors expressed interest in following this up and the clerk was asked to request that the company contact the beach manager in the first instance.
- **Sand Yacht Regatta** – this would take place on 3rd March.

192/18 To consider matters of interest to the Village

- **The Somerset Wood** – the clerk was asked to find out more details and bring the matter back to council
- **Seat maintenance** – Cllr Legg had provided council with a report in to the condition of the benches and had already repaired the one by the leisure centre. Members agreed to look into replacing the broken slats with a composite material one by one and aim to complete the repairs by the end of the summer.
- **Bus shelters** – Cllr Holland reported on the quotation obtained from Quicksign for new bus shelter advertising boards. Members unanimously agreed the quotation (proposed by Cllr Harris and seconded by Cllr Legg). Cllrs Legg and Holland would check to see what space was left for additional advertising. Cllr Hicks would look into refreshing the paint on the two noticeboards at the Village Hall and Southfield.
- **Toilet refurbishment** – Cllr Wright and the Chairman had firmed up the specification for a full refurbishment of the ladies and gents and a light makeover of the disable toilet. Two quotations had been obtained and the Chairman would speak with a third and report back.

193/18 To consider the budget for 2019/20 – members noted the proposed budget sent to them by the clerk and would consider it again in light of any new concession income and after agreement of the beach warden salaries. The clerk was asked to write to the clubs which use the beach to suggest that as the council's costs had risen considerably for the beach cleaning that the clubs' level of donations should be reviewed.

194/18 Approval of cheques and direct debits for the current month's expenditure – council unanimously agreed to approve the cheques and direct debits as presented by the clerk.

195/18 Financial matters

Members received and noted the bank reconciliations for January 2019 and the income and expenditure statement at 31st January 2019

196/18 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 – it was unanimously resolved to do so.

197/18 Beach warden pay – the hourly rate and summer hours were unanimously agreed for the beach wardens

198/18 Car park concession fee – members discussed the level of car park charge and associated concession fee and agreed to keep them at the same level for the 2019/20 season. The clerk informed members that for audit purposes all concession fees needed to be paid by cheque or directly into the council's bank account and she would write to the concession holders informing them of this.

199/18 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion

Cllr Legg suggested that the path by the Leisure Centre be designated as a litter pick area should any volunteers for beach clean ups come forward. He further suggested that two access to the beach signs were required; one for Southfields and one by the Leisure Centre. The parish council would put the posts in. Cllr Legg would arrange for quotations for the no overnight parking signs opposite the Post Office.

The Chairman would send the clerk the beach safety leaflet, the same clearance policy and a link to Discover Brean for the parish council website.

200/18 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 4th March 2019.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.55.