



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 12th June 2019

Present

Chairman Cllr T Hicks
Councillors M Chatterton, T Legg and P Wright
Clerk to the Council Hazel Brinton

There were nine members of the public in attendance.

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking all of the residents who had attended that night and for showing an interest in the parish council. He hoped that their attendance would explain how the parish council and its meetings worked and that some of those present may wish to join as councillors.

26/19 Apologies

Apologies from District Cllr Grimes and County Cllr Filmer.

27/19 Co-option of Mr John Augustus to the parish council

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had met with Mr Augustus and both recommended his co-option to the parish council. It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Mr Augustus. He joined councillors at the table.

28/19 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

29/19 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 13th May 2019 were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

30/19 To respond to members of the public

There were no matters raised by the members of the public present.

31/19 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

- Fencing at Old Rectory – No update had been received by the clerk from Liam Gill from SCC Highways.

32/19 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences –

There were no ongoing applications

33/18 To review new Planning Applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration

Signed by Chairman.....

1st July 2019

- **06/19/0002/LE:** Extension and alteration to existing garage at 4 Church Road, Brean, Burnham on Sea, Somerset, TA8 2SF – Cllr Wright reported that the garage as proposed would be very big and out of place but he could not see any planning grounds for recommending refusal. The height of the garage would be increased by 50% but this had not been shown on the plans. Cllr Augustus suggested that any recommendation for support be sent with a request that the building remain as one storey only and no mezzanine floor to be installed at a future date. The parish council unanimously agreed to support the application with the caveat that it remains one storey and the height be put on the plans.

34/19 Reports on beach management

Cllr Wright reported that he was working alongside the retired Chairman of council to take over the responsibilities in the short term of the beach manager role. He would report back in the future with a view to council deciding how to manage the role long term.

- **Filming on the beach** – both Sanditon and a Triumph advert had recently been filmed on the beach for which the parish council had received a location fee.
- **Litter pick** – there would be a litter pick by volunteers on 22nd June. The council had arranged for the rubbish to be disposed of by the beach wardens.
- **Environment Agency undertaking** – Wessex Water had been subjected to an undertaking by Environment Agency for the issue of the split sewage pipe in August 2017. Wessex Water had agreed to pay £10,000 to the parish council as a result with the monies to be spent at the council's discretion on improving the beach facilities
- **Beach posts** – Cllr Legg reported on beach posts that had come out and passed his thanks on to the beach management for the quick replacement
- **Accident on beach** – thanks were passed on to the beach warden Dave Furber for his support and help with a recent accident on the beach. A member of the public had written thanking him.

35/198 To consider matters of interest to the Village

- **Toilet block** – The Chairman and Cllr Wright were advising that the disabled toilet have a light refurbishment and then be opened up. It was unanimously agreed to ask Alan Hicken to do the work to a maximum of £500. Cllr Wright suggested that signs were put on the male and female toilets advising they were closed pending refurbishment and that a unisex sign is put on the disabled toilet. Cllr Legg expressed his wish that the toilet block work be progressed with no further delay. Cllr Wright reported that he had been speaking with Kewstoke Parish Council in relation to the income it generates from its toilet block which incorporates a kiosk. It was agreed that proposals need to be firmed up before prices were obtained for the work.
- **Village Hall** – the Village Hall Committee had stood down with effect end of May 2019. Cllr Chatterton reported on the current administration procedures for the management of the hall but he was still working through the detail. Some maintenance would be required and the committee would have to have a Chairman, booking clerk and Treasurer as a minimum. Cllr Augustus offered to help with the marketing and advertising of the hall. Cllr Chatterton is the current contact for hall bookings and Cllr Augustus offered to help him out with this. The Chairman proposed that a management plan for the Village Hall was drawn up as it was a valuable asset for the village. Cllr Legg suggested that in the short term, the outside needed to be cleaned up as it was not a good advertisement currently. He felt perhaps £500 could come from the Village Hall accumulated funds to tidy up the hall in the interim.
- **“No overnight parking signs”** – Cllr Legg reported on the costs for various sign sizes and he offered to install the signs for reimbursement of the materials only. It

was unanimously agreed that two signs for a total of £298.80 be bought and installed by Cllr Legg.

- **AutoSpeedWatch** – the clerk informed members of what she had been able to find out about the system which had been trialled by Avon and Somerset police. She would try and find out more information and come back to council.
- **VE Day Celebrations May 2020** – Cllr Augustus offered to make contact with the Brean and Berrow Residents Association to see if they were planning an event and the report back to council.

36/19 Approval of cheques and direct debits for the current month's expenditure – council unanimously agreed to approve the cheques, online payments and direct debits as presented by the clerk. Cllr Legg thanked the clerk for sending out the letters to residents asking for help with the parish council and the management of the Village Hall. Thanks were also given to the handyman for the refurbishment of the bus shelter

37/19 Financial matters

Members received and noted the bank reconciliations for May 2019 and the income and expenditure statement as at 31st May 2019.

38/19 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion

It was confirmed that residents could get passes to park free on the beach and would need to apply for them at Warren Farm reception. The clerk was asked to put a notice regarding free parking on the council website.

The clerk was asked to enquire if Mr Petrie wished to continue to be the council's internal auditor going forwards as he has now retired from the Village Hall Management committee.

Cllr Chatterton noted that the sink hole at the roundabout had been fixed by SCC Highways.

Cllr Legg thanked SCC for the quick clearance of the beach path that had been blocked. He noted the poor publicity that Brean had recently attracted due to Pontins and the poor quality of the bathing water at Weston and Burnham even though Brean had confirmed excellent quality water.

Cllr Wright asked whether the parish council website could be used more to publicise Brean. The clerk replied that she was happy if items for the website were submitted to her but the fundamental aim of the council website was to comply with statutory requirements to inform residents of the parish council activities.

Cllr Chatterton offered his apologies for the July meeting.

39/19 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 1st July 2019.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.15.