



Brean Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th October 2019

Present

Chairman Cllr T Hicks
Councillors J Augustus, M Chatterton, T Legg, McCoy, M Baker and A Noble
Clerk to the Council Hazel Brinton

District Cllr Grimes was also in attendance.

74/19 Apologies

Apologies from County Cllr Filmer were received.

75/19 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

76/19 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meetings dated Monday 2nd September and 16th September 2019 were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

77/19 To respond to members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

78/19 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

- Fencing at Old Rectory – the ongoing matter was noted together with SCC Highways requirement that any wall built under the planning permission for the property is built 2.6m away from the highway.

79/19 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences –

- **06/19/00006/LE** : Erection of workshop building for light industrial use partly on site of existing farm workshop building to be demolished – **Granted permission**
- **06/19/00007/LE** : Alterations and change of use of holiday let to independent dwelling at The Old Rectory Motel, Church Road, Brean TA8 2SF – **Awaiting decision**
- **06/19/00004/AGE** : Enlargement of first floor to include additional dormer windows to north and south elevations; alteration of fenestration to South elevation and erection of a detached double garage at Beachmount, Church Road, Brean TA8 2SF – **Withdrawn after registration**

80/19 To review new Planning Applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration

- **06/19/00008/LE** – Erection of detached dwelling and garage partly on site of adjoining garage to be demolished at Land to the North of The Highway, Warren Road, Brean TA8

Signed by Chairman.....

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Councillors noted that the only change to this re-submitted application is the addition of a staircase to the flood room. Councillors agreed to support this application unanimously. The comments of the SCC PRoW Officer were noted.

81/19 Reports on beach management

- **Abandoned vehicle** – Cllr Noble reported that another car had to be towed off the beach because of a pollution risk. Councillors discussed options to contract the removal of vehicles stuck on the beach.
- **Date of Brean Land Yacht Regatta** – councillors noted that the event would take place on 12th and 13th October. It was suggested that another beach clean was needed but the Chairman pointed out that the budget for this was already overspent. He suggested that the club be asked to come and speak with the parish council about the costs of cleaning the beach and the level of donation. It was additionally suggested that the beach warden could be trained to use a chainsaw to cut up the larger branches which people could then take away for free. The cost to do this and provide the necessary insurance could make this option cost prohibitive.

82/19 To consider matters of interest to the Village

- **Annual parish newsletter** – Cllr Noble gave out a suggestion for the format and asked that councillors read it before the item is considered formally in November
- **Powerlines being hit by birds** – the clerk would chase the matter again
- **Village Hall** – Cllr Chatterton reported that the committee had had its first meeting and the paperwork had now been sorted out. The Chairman would remind the handyman of the immediate maintenance needs at the hall.
- **Toilet block project** – Cllr Baker produced architect drawings for members to consider. The Chairman declared that he would declare an pecuniary interest in the project if a kiosk was incorporated into the design since his business had a shop on site. He would take no further part in the discussion if members wished to pursue this option.

The remaining councillors discussed the merits of including a kiosk within the design and agreed unanimously that they did not wish to pursue this option and that toilets only should be considered. Cllr Baker was asked to come back to the next meeting with drawings incorporating three cubicles only. He would also talk with prospective sponsors.

83/19 Approval of cheques and direct debits for the current month's expenditure – in addition to the list provided to councillors, the clerk reported that a payment was also required for £500.00 to Warren Farm for the beach entrance access. Council unanimously agreed to approve the cheques, online payments and direct debits as presented by the clerk.

84/19 Financial matters

Members received and noted the bank reconciliations for September 2019 and the income and expenditure statement as at 30th September 2019.

Members would look at areas for budget responsibility in November.

The clerk reported that the external auditor had completed their examination of the Annual Return and Accounts and found nothing to highlight.

It was requested that a line for the maintenance of the parish clock to include servicing and scaffolding be included in the budget.

85/19 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion

- Cllr Baker noted he had received a further complaint about water on the highway at Brean Court. The clerk reported that she had written to Liam Gill at SCC Highways and was waiting for a response. She would chase again to report that the issue was ongoing.
- Cllr Legg noted that car GPSs may be indicating the incorrect speed along Warren Road
- Cllr Chatterton reported an issue with a pothole. He would provide details and a photo to the clerk for her to report to SCC Highways.
- Cllr Augustus and the clerk would ask if ex-councillor Holland would lay the wreath on behalf of the parish council at the Remembrance Sunday service.

86/19 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 11th November 2019.

87/19 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 so resolved.

88/19 To review the beach concessions for the 2020 summer season

Councillors received information from Cllr Noble and the clerk on a potential pony concession and the food catering concessions.

The clerk was asked to respond to those who had expressed an interest in the food concessions to ask for their bid and inform potential concessionaires that council would expect to meet them if they were successful to affirm the award of the concession.

Councillors would review the car parking cost for 2020 at the next meeting.

89/19 Pension arrangements for staff

It was unanimously resolved that the NEST pension scheme would be offered to all employees including seasonal beach wardens and that the terms and conditions for the beach wardens be amended to reflect this.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25.