



# 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 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Present

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

District Cllr Grimes and one member of the public were also in attendance.

### 94/19 Apologies

Apologies from Cllr McCoy and County Cllr Filmer were received.

### 95/19 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Noble declared an interest in minute 104/19 as two payments were to him for beach expenses.

### 96/19 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meetings dated Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

### 97/19 To respond to members of the public

The member of the public present spoke to council about the importance of attracting visitors to the beach and that new ideas were needed to generate income on the beach.

### 98/19 To hear reports form District and County Councillors

District Cllr Grimes had nothing to report due to the General Election purdah rules.

### 99/19 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising from previous minutes.

### 100/19 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences –

- **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 – **Granted permission**
- **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 – **Granted permission**
- **06/19/00009** : Demolition of existing dwelling. Erection of a replacement dwelling, new access, garaging and associated works at Sunny Corner, Grass Road, Brean, TA8 2SE – **Awaiting decision**
- **06/19/00010** : Notification for Prior Approval for the installation of Solar Photovoltaics equipment (400 kW) on the roof of Brean Splash Waterpark for Brean Leisure Park, Coast Road, TA8 2QY - **Approved**

### 101/19 To review new planning applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration

Signed by Chairman.....

12<sup>th</sup> December 2019

There were no new planning applications to consider

### 102/19 Reports on beach management

- **Winter rota** – the warden winter beach rota was unanimously agreed.
- **Abandoned vehicles** – members received an update from the clerk on the current situation with both vehicles. She was asked by members to check with Weston Recovery Services to see if they still had the vehicle and whether storage liabilities were being incurred. A question was raised as to why the ANPR camera did not pick up an unregistered vehicle.

The clerk was asked to pay the invoice in respect of the second abandoned car whilst waiting for registered keeper details from the DVLA.

- **Beach clean** – it was agreed that the next beach clean would not take place until the new year.

### 103/19 To consider matters of interest to the Village

- **Bus shelter** – the clerk informed members of a request she had received from a member of the public that a bus shelter be provided outside of Brean Court as many elderly and those with young children used the stop. The clerk was asked to check with County Cllr Filmer to see if Somerset County Council will look into it.
- **Community projects and SCC Members Supporting Lives Grant** – Brean and Berrow Residents Association had put forward a request for a grant to hold coffee mornings in Brean Village Hall which would also be used as a community hub for information and signposting for residents.
- **RLT2 funding for children's play area and outdoor activities** – members noted that it had historically been difficult for the parish council to access the funds not having any land on which to site facilities. The clerk suggested that if the porta cabin at the Village Hall was removed, there may be space for a piece of play equipment. The clerk was asked to send the information to councillors who would give the matter some thought.
- **Annual parish newsletter** – consideration of the item was deferred to the next meeting.
- **Powerlines being hit by birds** – the Chairman updated members on the meeting he had held with a representative from Western Power who had agreed to put up discs on the powerlines with Southfield and Diamond farms being completed initially. Residents were asked to contact the parish council if they knew of other locations which would require the deterrence.
- **Village Hall** – Cllr Chatterton reported that the gutters had now been cleared out; the necessary charity documentation had been submitted; a quotation had been received for fencing which would be completed in the new year and that the committee had received a request for a dog grooming parlour to use the porta cabin for one day a week in the summer.
- **Toilet block project** – Cllr Baker was asked to investigate sponsorship of the toilet block. ***Cllr Legg proposed that up to £20k be committed by the parish council for the project. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Augustus and carried by a majority vote.***

Councillors discussed ownership of the toilets at the beach entrance which were considered to be better used than the ones at the Village Hall. The Chairman would check with Jon Harris as to who provided the electric for the beach entrance food concession and arranged for the toilets to be cleaned.

- **Pinewood drainage issue** – The Chairman would be meeting Liam Gill from SCC Highways in mid November to discuss a solution to the issue.

**104/19 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 £23.02 to Cllr Noble for the beach entrance access. Council agreed by majority vote to approve the cheques, online payments and direct debits as presented by the clerk.

**105/19 Financial matters**

Members received and noted the bank reconciliation for October 2019 and the income and expenditure statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

Members would look at areas for budget responsibility in December when the budget would be considered further.

Members agreed to keep the costs of the bus shelter adverts the same for 2020-21.

The clerk was asked to send letters of thanks to the proprietors of Northam Farm and Warren Farm for their generous support towards the beach expenses.

**106/19 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion**

- Cllr Chatterton asked that the availability be publicised of six 25kg bags of salt to the public on a first come first served basis at the Village Hall .

**107/19 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.

**108/19 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.

**109/19 To consider the beach wardens' end of season bonus**

Councillors agreed that the bonus be paid for the 2019 season and that the payment for toilet cleaning be reduced as the number of toilets open for the season had been reduced by half.

**110/19 To consider the clerk's request for an increase in hours by one hour per week**

The clerk left the room whilst the matter was discussed. Councillors agreed to the clerk's request.

**111/19 To consider the first draft of the budget for 2020/21 including a review of the beach concessions and car park charges and whether to raise a precept**

The budget was discussed at length. It was agreed to raise the car park charge to £4.00 from £3.50 for the 2020 season.

The clerk was asked to make some adjustments to various items and carry out other activities in relation to the budget which would be considered again at the December meeting.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.35.