



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 Thursday 12th December 2019

Present

Chairman Cllr T Hicks
Councillors J Augustus, M Chatterton, T Legg, N McCoy and A Noble

Apologies Cllr M Baker, District Cllr Grimes and County Cllr Filmer

112/19 Apologies

Apologies from Cllr Baker, District Cllr Grimes and County Cllr Filmer were received.

113/19 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

114/19 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 11th November 2019 were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

115/19 To respond to members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

116/19 To hear reports form District and County Councillors

There were no reports received due to purdah rules.

117/19 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

The clerk's report as provided to members was noted. The clerk was asked to write to Berrow Parish Council offering Brean Parish Council's RLT2/3 funding as Brean is unable to access the funds having no parish land on which to site a children's play area.

118/19 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences –

- **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 – **Granted permission**

119/19 To review new planning applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration

- **06/19/00013** : Demolition of existing lean-to and change of use of remaining agricultural barn to bicycle hire shop and cafe. Erection of an extension to rear (North) elevation of barn to form 2 no. holiday and let formation of parking and access at Diamond Farm, Weston Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RL

Signed by Chairman.....

6th January 2020

Cllr Hicks left the room whilst the planning application was debated. Cllr Chatterton gave members details of the application. It was unanimously resolved that council would support the application as it was another amenity for the village and would support the local economy and tourism of the area. Cllr Hicks returned to the room.

- **06/19/00014:** Erection of a single storey extension to east elevation and extension of pitched roof and flat roof over void area at Carefree Amusements, South Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RQ for J Holland and Sons Ltd

A number of members had been to see the property and proposed application. It was unanimously resolved to object to the application as submitted due to concern over pedestrian visibility. Members expressed concern that with Pontins directly opposite the site, the restricted space into which they could go once over the road could have an impact on their health and safety.

120/19 Reports on beach management

- **Abandoned vehicles** – the clerk had provided a written update on the second abandoned car. It was resolved that Cllr Noble would draft a letter to the owner of the second vehicle to try and secure the payment of the removal fee which the council itself had already paid.
- **Winter opening** – Cllr Noble had been asked why the council beach entrance could not be kept open during the winter season to help local people access the beach more readily. Members noted that the public could access the beach in any event from public rights of way and that there were dangers if the council beach entrance was kept open.
- **Dead animals on the beach** – the Chairman advised that the Environment Agency should be contacted for the removal.
- **Beach cleaning** – Cllr Noble had received a query from a resident as to why this had not been done at the end of the season as in previous years. The Chairman reiterated that the decision had been made not to clean the beach at the end of the season this year to see if it was needed or not. A judgement call would be made at the start of the new season as to whether this was the best decision.
- **Leisure centre path** – Cllr Legg reported that access to the beach via the Leisure Centre path was not sufficiently clear and suggested that the council purchase a pole and sign to indicate the way. He will work on signage with Cllr Noble for the coming year. Cllr Legg noted that Warren Farm had cleared the sand from the paths to the beach.
- **Abandoned vehicle protocol** – it was agreed that the beach warden would contact the beach manager in the first instance who would then ask the police to check the registration number of the car to establish if there were any issues. The clerk was asked to contact the PCSO to see if they would come and talk with council before the start of the next season.

121/19 To consider matters of interest to the Village

- **Home Office consultation** – members agreed to defer this item to the next meeting to allow councillors time to look at the documentation
- **RLT2/3 funding** – members resolved to offer the parish council's share of the funding to Berrow Parish Council as Brean does not own suitable land on which to site a children's play area. The clerk was asked to write offering the same to Berrow PC.
- **BT phone box** – members resolved not to purchase the phone box which would be removed in due course by BT.

- **Village Hall** – Cllr Chatterton updated members on the latest information and noted that policies would need to be written.
- **Toilet block project** – The Chairman reported that Cllr Baker was working to find out if sponsorship of the project could be obtained from the Brean business community. He also reported on the information he had obtained on the toilet block at the council beach entrance.

122/19 Approval of cheques and direct debits for the current month's expenditure - Council agreed unanimously to approve the cheques, online payments and direct debits as advised by the clerk.

123/19 Financial matters

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

Cllr Legg noted that a couple of the advertisers provided much larger adverts than other businesses and queried how much they were being invoiced. The clerk was asked to send a note of the charges to Cllr Legg for each advertiser so that fair charges according to advert size could be established.

124/19 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion

- Cllrs Chatterton and Augustus had attend the recent planning seminar run by Sedgemoor District Council
- The Chairman reported that he would meet Liam Gill from SCC Highways regarding the drainage at Pinewood on 17th December. He further advised members that Western Power had now put discs on some of the overhead power lines to deter bird strikes.

125/19 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 6th January 2020

126/19 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

No members of the public were present.

127/19 To consider the draft of the budget for 2020/21 including a review of the food concessions

The food concession tenders for the beach entrance and behind the Seagull Inn were discussed and two tenders, one for each, unanimously agreed. The term for the concessions was agreed at three years for each.

The bus shelter advertisements would be reassessed at the end of the year. The clerk was asked to send a list of invoicing and size of advert to Cllr Legg.

The clerk was asked to write to Northam Farm and Warren Farm to establish if they were happy for their sponsorship of the beach vehicle be advertised on the vehicle.

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Legg that an expenditure budget of £57998 be set with a budgeted excess of income over expenditure of £2k to go into General Reserves for village projects.

Cllr Legg proposed and Cllr Chatterton seconded that no precept be set for the year.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40.