



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

### Present

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

Also in attendance Hazel Brinton (clerk) and District Cllr Grimes

### 15/20 Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs Chatterton, Legg and County Cllr Filmer were received.

### 16/20 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Augustus declared a personal interest in item 24/20 as the Chairman of the Brean and Berrow Residents Association.

### 17/20 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

### 18/20 To respond to members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

### 19/20 To hear reports form District and County Councillors

District Cllr Grimes reported on the following matters from Sedgemoor District Council (SDC):

- SDC was working on its budget for 2020/21
- A new logo for the district council had been commissioned and was intended to present a more “business-like” impression
- He was a member on the Development Control Committee, Corporate Scrutiny Committee, Tree Preservation Sub Committee and a member of the Somerset Building Preservation Trust

### 20/20 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

The clerk’s report as provided to members was noted. Cllr Baker would look further into the provision of a bus shelter at Brean Court. Cllr McCoy and the clerk would continue to explore options for a zebra crossing by Stardust.

### 21/20 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences –

- **06/19/00014 Proposal:** 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 – **Referred to Planning Committee and granted permission**

Signed by Chairman.....

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

## 22/20 To review new planning applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration

- **06/19/00015 Proposal:** Extension of existing swimming pool building at Brean Leisure Park, Coast Road, TA8 2QY for Brean Leisure Park

A number of councillors had visited the site and reported back on their findings. It was unanimously resolved to support the application on the basis that the extended pool would be an asset to both the local community and the tourist sector.

- **Application for a Full Variation to a Premises Licence**  
Ocean Holiday Park (formerly Lazy Days), South Road, Brean, Somerset TA8 2RD

Councillors discussed the application but had no comments or observations to make.

## 23/20 Reports on beach management

Cllr Noble had provided members with a report on beach management prior to the meeting. He further reported that he was due to meet the RNLI in April when more discussions on support that could be provided by them would take place.

Cllr Noble reported that various items missing from the beach vehicle kit including a new first aid kit had been purchased.

He reported that he had received an invoice for spoilt food from the beach entrance concessionaire as a result of freezers being turned off. Council agreed that it would pay the invoice and the clerk asked Cllr Noble to request that the invoice be made to the parish council and not him personally. The clerk was asked to write to Warren Farm to ask that the matter of electricity in respect of the beach entrance food concession be clarified with the concessionaires.

- **Beach signs** – Cllr Noble reported that new beach signs warning beach users of the dangers of driving on the mud would cost £285 plus VAT. Councillors discussed the options and asked Cllr Noble to investigate the cost of red flags as an alternative and report back in April. The decision regarding signage was deferred.
- **Beach clean** – Councillors had agreed at a previous meeting that the next clean would take place by the end of March in time for Easter. Cllr Noble was asked to let the clerk know of the date of the next clean.
- **Beach wedding** – councillors agreed this could take place on the understanding that the council would not guarantee that the area of the ceremony would not have other members of the public present. Further bio-degradable confetti was to be used and the event was not to take place near to residences. It was suggested that the applicant use the cove end of the beach.
- **Rugby mini tour** – council agreed that this could take place as it had done in 2018. The clerk would ask the organiser to provide a risk assessment as per council policy.
- **Ashes** – the request to spread ashes on the beach was granted but the applicant was asked not to carry it out near to residences.
- **Video shoot** – the council agreed to the video shoot on the understanding that the maximum speed of the car would be 15 mph as per the bye laws and a donation of £100 be made to the council.

## **24/20 To consider matters of interest to the Village**

- **Woodland Trust Tree Pack** – councillors felt the idea had merit but as the council had no land of its own, they did not feel the council could make use of one. The clerk was asked to put the information on the council website in case other landowners in the area wished to take up the offer.
- **Somerset County Council Chair's Awards** – members agreed a nomination which would be made by the clerk.
- **Fun Walk** – the event was noted.
- **Joan Jackman Legacy** – the clerk had made members aware of a legacy left to the parish council by the late Mrs Joan Jackman in the amount of £5000. The legacy was to be used for “the development of sporting activities on the beach and in the sea such as kite buggies, land yachts or wave jumping or an annual picnic at Brean Parish Hall (*sic*) for the youth (under 15 years old) of the Parish”. Members were grateful to the council's former colleague for her legacy. The clerk said that as it was a legacy, it would be ring-fenced in the accounts for the uses as defined in the Will. Members asked the clerk to invite the land yachts and kite buggy associations to the next meeting so that their needs could be understood.
- **BBRA VE75 Celebrations letter** – Cllr Augustus explained the background. Members agreed in principle to support the event but deferred the decision to March so that Cllr Augustus could confirm the details.
- **Village Hall** – Cllr Augustus reported on the following:
  - an outside light had been purchased
  - an application to the Somerset Fund was in progress to purchase a new noticeboard
  - the usual bookings for the year had been received
  - the Coastline Players had donated £230
  - a grant from Somerset County Council to support the setting up of coffee mornings at the Village Hall had been applied for
  - the Village Agent, Kim Willcox, had been contacted to attend the mornings so that she could signpost attendees to various services that provide community support
- **Toilet block project** – Cllr Baker would report further progress regarding the sponsorship of the project in April.

**25/20 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.

## **26/20 Financial matters**

Members received and noted the bank reconciliation for January 2020 and the income and expenditure statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

## **27/20 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion**

- The Chairman reported that Somerset County Council Highways had agreed to put a camera down the drain at Pinewood by the end of the financial year.

## **28/20 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Cllrs Baker and Noble tendered their apologies for the meeting in advance.

## **29/20 To resolve that members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the 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 and District Cllr Grimes left the meeting.

**30/20 Arrangements for beach warden cover**

The clerk updated members on the latest information she had relating to the beach warden and his illness and gave members the advice she had received from the employment law specialists contacted via SALC. Councillors discussed options available to cover the beach warden during his period of sickness. It was agreed that temporary cover would need to be appointed. The clerk and Cllr McCoy were asked to contact the second beach warden to ascertain when she may be available for work during the summer.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10.