



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 6th January 2020

Present

Chairman Cllr T Hicks
Councillors J Augustus (19.04), M Baker, T Legg, N McCoy and A Noble

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

01/20 Apologies

Apologies from Cllr Chatterton were received.

02/20 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

03/20 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Thursday 12th December were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

04/20 To respond to members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

05/20 To hear reports form District and County Councillors

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

- SDC were looking to digitalise customer services as much as possible in the future with many services made available online
- The sad death of Barry Kew, previously Chairman and Councillor at Berrow Parish Council

County Cllr Filmer reported on the following matters from Somerset County Council (SCC):

- There would be another public consultation carried out on rural broadband provision as Gigaclear was no longer part of Connecting Devon and Somerset. The government would have to go back out for another contract and those areas not yet covered may have to wait another year for broadband provision.
- Social Services and the NHS have extended the pilot scheme (carried out in the Musgrove area so far) to support people in leaving hospital. The scheme has now been extended to include SCC social workers and the intention is to involve social services and other agencies in the roll out.
- There will be a joint strategic open day with SDC and SCC at Bridgwater House on 5th February in relation to the declared climate change emergency. There is an ambition to encourage greener development with planning changes.
- SCC is supporting children out of school due to long term sickness with robots that help them integrate into the classroom and teaching so that they are not left behind in their education.

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The Chairman asked Cllr Filmer whether the proposed dune survey would be carried out and Cllr Filmer confirmed that it was still on the horizon. The Chairman thanked both district and county councillors for their attendance.

06/20 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

The clerk's report as provided to members was noted. The clerk was asked to write to the owner of the vehicle abandoned in September after her correspondence to council.

Cllr Filmer offered to investigate who to contact at SCC in relation to the installation of a new bus shelter at Brean Court as the clerk had reported that First had offered no assistance in the matter other than to refer her to the county council.

07/20 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences –

- **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 – **Granted permission**
- **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 – **Referred to Planning Committee**

08/20 To review new planning applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration

No new applications had been received.

09/20 Reports on beach management

- **Abandoned vehicles** – the clerk had provided a written update on the second abandoned car. The clerk was asked to write to the owner of the second vehicle thanking her for arranging reimbursement to the council of the fee paid on her behalf.
- **Footpaths** – Cllr Noble reported that Northam Farm and Warren Farm had cleared footpaths near their property. The Chairman noted that Diamond Farm would clear footpaths near to them at the end of the season. Cllr Noble asked why the footpaths were cleared at the end rather than at the start of the season. He would talk through the matter with both Northam and Warren Farms.
- **Sand dune deposits** – the clerk had updated councillors on the letter sent and received back from owners of one of the beach front businesses in relation to removing sand deposits. The council notes that its policy requires the levelling of sand deposits on the beach. The clerk was asked to respond back to the business suggesting that when the beach is cleaned, any wood would be put back into the dunes and asking that the council be informed of the result of waiting for nature to take its course with levelling of the sand deposits. The council noted that it wished to work with beach front business owners.
- **Beach warden illness** – The council noted that the beach warden was currently too unwell to work and that a solution needed to be found during his absence.

The beach manager was proposing a solution. The clerk advised council that for any decision to be made lawfully, it needed to be on the agenda so that councillors knew in advance of the decisions they were being asked to make. As the matter was not on the agenda, council could still make the decision being

asked of them but it would not be lawful as they had had no prior warning of it via the agenda.

Cllr Noble advised members that a relief beach warden had been interviewed by him and that he had worked alongside the current beach manager on 5th January with a view to taking on the role during the beach manager's absence. Cllr Noble proposed taking on the relief warden on a one month probationary period. Members resolved to agree a temporary contract for the relief beach warden with a one month probationary period and all other terms and conditions remaining the same as the current beach warden.

Cllr Noble confirmed that the relief warden would be insured to drive the beach vehicle under Warren Farm's insurance and that it would be valeted before use.

- **RNLI** – no contact had been received from the RNLI in respect of costings for their services during the summer. It was agreed that Cllr Noble would make further contact and report back to council with costings if he obtained them.
- **Beach cleaning** – The Chairman asked how much wood had been deposited on the beach so far. Cllr Noble replied that there had been a lot together with lots of plastic and seaweed. It was agreed to leave the beach clean until March.

10/20 To consider matters of interest to the Village

- **Home Office consultation on strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments** – members agreed that the clerk and Chairman would work up a response on behalf of the parish council to the NALC consultation.
- **Community Road Safety Project** – members had been sent the information on this Avon and Somerset Police initiative by the clerk whereby grants of up to £5k could be requested to support community road safety projects. Members felt they wished to improve road safety in the area around Stardust and the clerk and Cllr McCoy were asked to liaise over a possible project.
- **Village Hall** – Cllr Augustus reported that there were still only a few bookings but the management committee were looking to put up a banner outside of the hall advertising the fact that it was available for hire. Cllr Augustus agreed to look into catering packages and whether the hall could be rented during the summer for parties for summer visitors.
- **Toilet block project** – Cllr Baker would report further progress at the next meeting.

11/20 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.

12/20 Financial matters

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

The costings of bus shelter adverts were discussed for 2020/21 and members agreed the following prices:

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| A0 size | £300 per annum |
| A1 size | £200 per annum |
| A3 size | £100 per annum |
| A4 size | £75 per annum |

13/20 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion

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- Cllr Augustus asked whether the parish council intended do anything for the VE75 Day Celebration. Members agreed that it would be best to join forces with Berrow and Cllr Augustus would bring something to the next meeting for discussion.
- The Chairman reported that there had been an increase in dog fouling on the pavements and that Sedgemoor Clean Surroundings has been notified.
- The clerk was asked to put the matter of beach signage on the following month's agenda.

14/20 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 3rd February. Cllr Legg tendered his apologies for the meeting in advance.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.10