



# Brean Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 via Zoom Virtual Meeting software**

### **Present**

Chairman

Cllr T Hicks

Councillors

J Augustus, M Chatterton, T Legg, N McCoy, A Noble

Also in attendance

Hazel Brinton (clerk), District Cllr Tony Grimes and County Cllr Bob Filmer

### **55a/20 Apologies**

None received

### **56/20 Declaration of Interests**

None received.

### **57/20 To respond to members of the public**

The Chairman noted that two members of the public had contacted the parish council in respect of parking on the beach. The statements has been acknowledged by the clerk but a full discussion of the matter was deferred until such a time as a face to face meeting with residents and business owners in Brean could take place in the Village Hall.

### **38/20 To review new planning applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration**

The Chairman and Cllrs Grimes and Filmer were placed in the "Waiting Room" whilst the application was discussed.

**Application No: 06/20/00004 at** Lazy Days Holiday Park, South Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RD for the erection of a single storey building for use as an outdoor bar, confectionary shop and snack bar

The Vice Chairman noted that the councillors had been unable to carry out any site visits due to lockdown rules. Members debated the application and whilst noting the residents concerns with the proposal, could not find any grounds on which to object to the plan. The issue of food smells and noise is one for Licensing as a nuisance and not a planning matter. He added that complaints regarding these issues had to be made direct to SDC by those suffering from them as the complaint could not be made by the parish council as the parish council was not being affected by the issues. Neither could an objection be made due to a loss of a view and the issue of the building line was a matter for the district council to rule on.

Members resolved to submit a neutral observation to the district council but ask that SDC recognise the concerns and objections of local residents and impose conditions as necessary.

The Chairman and Cllrs Grimes and Filmer re-joined the meeting.

**59/20 To consider a date for re-opening the beach car park and under what conditions**

The Chairman noted that members needed to consider the issue from a number of perspectives; the residents who had concerns over parking and the availability of toilets together with an influx of visitors; the beach wardens for whose health and safety the council was responsible and the concessionaires who were keen for the beach to re-open to parking and trading as soon as possible. There were a number of practical considerations before the beach could re-open to parking.

Members debated the issue at length and resolved that the beach should not re-open to car parking until the beach entrance toilets were re-opened by SDC.

**60/20 To consider and agree the long term strategy for the management of the beach**

Members noted that the re-opening of the beach was unsafe with wardens and that the beach should be wardened from the date the beach was re-opened to cars which would be in line with accommodation being provided by the caravan sites. This was anticipated to be July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Members agreed that there should be one shift per day for wardening as this would reduce the risk regarding the cleaning of the beach vehicle between wardens coming on duty. The timings of the shifts would be decided at a later date.

A question was raised as to whether the wardens should be cleaning toilets and emptying bins for health and safety reasons.

It was agreed to defer the decision as to whether to allow the concessions to start trading on the beach until the Chairman had consulted with them over the availability of wardens and toilets. It was noted that the concessionaires would be expected to carry out their own risk assessments before re-opening.

It was agreed that further discussion on maintenance of the toilets at the village hall and who would clean them was required. It was agreed that this was a separate role and that the wardens should not be asked to clean them even if this was an extra cost to the council.

Members debated the options between buying a vehicle or accepting a vehicle sponsored by a local business. Concerns were raised over the suitability of the vehicle offered by the local business and members agreed to defer the decision to allow time for the Chairman to arrange a trial of the facilities of the Kubota on offer.

Members agreed a budget of £400 for new and replacement beach signage. Cllr Noble would ask Warren Farm if they would still supply the beach safety leaflet and whether any Covid-19 related information needed to be put in.

The clerk would contact Cllr Baker regarding his contacts to enable the beach risk assessment to be updated in due course.

The next item was taken out of turn.

**61/20 To hear from the District and County councillors and the police**

Neither Cllr Grimes nor Cllr Filmer had anything to report and left the meeting at this point.

**62/20 Action regarding fallen perimeter fence**

It was noted that the fencing was in a poor state but was on private property. On that basis members agreed that no could could be taken by the parish council.

**63/20 Speeding along Warren Road**

Residents concerns over this matter were noted and the expense of other options to help control the issue were discussed. Members agreed that no action other than to let the police know of residents' concerns could be taken.

**64/20 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.

**65/20 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.

**66/20 Update from clerk on staff matters**

The clerk updated members on the current staffing matters.

**67/20 Implications of other car parking provision at Brean on council's income**

The matter was discussed and noted by members.

**68/20 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting would be agreed as necessary for council business.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15