



# 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 Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 via Zoom Virtual Meeting software**

### **Present**

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

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

### **85/20 Apologies**

None received

### **86/20 Declaration of Interests**

None declared.

### **87/20 Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

The Chairman noted that there were the following matters outstanding from previous meetings:

- Brean Land Yacht Club and SWATK to come back with a proposal to use the £5000 legacy from the late Mrs Joan Jackman
- Beach structures that have been erected without approval and maintenance of the dune system. Cllr Grimes will bring back an update
- Toilet block project
- Car Parking business rates even though closed during lockdown
- The removal of rates from public toilets – the clerk updated members on the current situation

### **88/20 To respond to members of the public**

None received. The Chairman noted the outstanding public meeting regarding beach management that will be held at the Village Hall when to face to face meetings can be held.

### **89/20 To hear from the District and County councillors and the police**

County Cllr Filmer reported on the following matters at Somerset County Council:

- Covid-19 – the “R” rate was well under 1 for Somerset but was being closely monitored. Issues had been raised with licensed premises and Licensing and Trading Standards have been monitoring. A joint SCC and Sedgemoor District Council Outbreak Management Plan has been constructed.
- SCC year end accounts were reporting an underspend of £5-6m which will be put to reserves. Central government had not covered the full cost of the Covid-19 outbreak.
- The Climate Change Working Group was now meeting again. There would be no further consultation as this was not felt to be needed but work would now commence on proposals.
- SCC Registration service was now back up and running.

The Chairman asked whether any of the central government funding re Covid-19 would filter down to parish councils. Cllr Filmer would try and establish whether any would be

forthcoming. Cllr Augustus asked whether the parishes would be consulted on the Outbreak Management Plan. Cllr Filmer would raise the matter.

District Cllr Grimes reported on the following matters at Sedgemoor District Council:

- A letter has been sent to a local premises from Licensing reminding them of their obligations under Covid-19 restrictions.
- He had raised the issue of the parish council still having to pay business rates when the beach car park was closed but the response was not positive.
- The district council would confirm the agreement to extend the site opening season by one month to help offset some of the impact of Covid-19 on local businesses.

The Chairman noted that the extended site season would mean the parish council would also have to keep the beach car parking open for longer which would have cost implications in terms of wardening for the council.

The clerk updated council on the removal of a porpoise from the beach that had been reported to SDC Clean Surroundings.

**90/20 Report from the clerk on declaration of interests and the conferring of dispensations to councillors**

The clerk outlined the requirements to councillors on declaring of interests and the conferring of dispensations to councillors. The report was noted by councillors and the clerk thanked for her work.

**91/20 Progress with on-going planning applications and applications for premises licences**

Application No: 06/19/00016 Krackers Bar - Refused at Sedgemoor District Council Development Committee

**92/20 To review new planning applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences**

None received

**93/20 Clerk's report on beach management**

The council noted the clerk's report and recommendations and debated the council's responsibilities for the health and safety of beach users.

**It was resolved to approve an additional hour for wardening at the start or end of the day to be agreed with the wardens.**

**It was resolved to keep the same locking up procedure until a longer term solution could be found.**

The Chairman would speak with Northam Farm regarding signage on the Kubota.

**It was resolved to purchase four new bins for the beach.**

The Chairman noted that Warren Farm had agreed to continue to issue beach parking permits to residents.

**94/20 Further food concession to be located on the beach at the footpath from Unity/South Road car park**

**It was resolved that further food concession would be granted.**

**95/20 Report from Cllr Chatterton on the Somerset unitary debate**

Cllr Chatterton reported on a webinar he had attended on the unitary debate. Councillors debated the matter and noted there would be implications for parish councils. Both Cllr Filmer and Cllr Grimes responded to members' questions.

**96/20 Approval of cheques and Direct Debits for the current month's expenditure**

The payments for the month were approved.

**97/20 Financial matters**

- The council considered the Internal Audit Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and noted the findings.
- The council approved the Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 which was signed by the Chairman and the clerk.
- The council approved the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 as previously signed off by the council's Responsible Financial Officer and the Chairman signed on behalf of the council.
- The council resolved that Derek Petrie be appointed to be the council's internal auditor for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The clerk thanked Mr Petrie for the quick turn around of the accounts under difficult circumstances.
- The council noted the bank reconciliations as presented by the clerk.
- The council noted the income and expenditure report from the clerk to 31<sup>st</sup> June 2020. The clerk answered members' questions on a number of areas.

**98/20 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 and County Cllr Filmer left the meeting.

**99/20 Fee and start date for the new food concession**

The matter was discussed and agreed by members. The clerk would communicate the decision with the concessionaires.

**100/20 Correspondence received from the holder of the beach entrance food concession.**

The correspondence was discussed and the clerk would report back to the concessionaire.

**101/20 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting would be 7<sup>th</sup> September at 19.00

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:50.