



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 7th September 2020 via Zoom Virtual Meeting software

Present

Chairman Cllr T Hicks
Councillors M Baker, M Chatterton, T Legg, N McCoy

Also in attendance Hazel Brinton (clerk), District Cllr Tony Grimes

102/20 Apologies

Cllr Augustus and County Cllr Filmer sent their apologies.

103/20 Declaration of Interests

None declared.

104/20 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 27th July were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

105/20 To respond to members of the public

No statements on agenda items had been received.

106/20 To hear from the District and County councillors and the police

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

- The council is working on a business plan for an alternative unitary proposal together with the other Somerset district councils
- He had been liaising with Adrian Gardener from SDC regarding the toilets at the beach entrance

The Chairman had a question for Cllr Filmer who was not present at the meeting regarding the Somerset County Council grants to encourage walking and cycling in the county as he felt the Brean/Berrow area missed out. Cllr Grimes would bring the matter up with Cllr Filmer.

107/20 Progress with on-going planning applications and applications for premises licences

None to note.

108/20 To review new planning applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences

Planning application number: 06/20/00006/AGE

Proposal: Erection of a two storey extension to the front (East) and rear (West) elevations and erection of a detached garage.

Location: Sandmore, Warren Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RR

District Cllr Grimes left the meeting whilst the application was discussed.

The application was discussed and the council resolved to recommend approval but noted that there were already issues with parking and exiting properties along Warren Road.

It was noted that a local business owner had agreed to make land available for a footpath along part of Warren Road in the past.

District Cllr Grimes returned to the meeting.

109/20 Clerk's report on beach management

The council noted the clerk's report. The Chairman reported that the beach had been busier than ever over the summer.

The council noted the positive comments that the council's wardens had received from visitors to the beach.

It was agreed the clerk would check with the council's insurers regarding the liability cover for the wardens aiding the towing and jump starting of members of the public's vehicles. District Cllr Grimes would find out what happens in respect of the same on Berrow beach.

The decision to purchase a tow strap and jump pack was deferred.

The clerk was asked to write to Warren Farm and the car park concessionaire asking whether they would be prepared to facilitate the exit of late leavers for a fee.

The Chairman reported on a meeting he had with Adrian Gardener from SDC regarding the management of the beach at Brean and the closing of the beach entrance toilets at the end of the season which will be reviewed at the end of September. He added that a further meeting regarding the future management of the beaches at Berrow and Brean would take place between representatives of SDC and both Brean and Berrow Parish Councils.

Councillors debated the VW meet proposal but could see no reason to refuse it as the vehicles could access the beach privately in any event. Council agreed that the usual PKA event could take place on 10/11th October.

110/20 NALC consultations

The council agreed not to submit formal responses to the consultations on: Changes to the current planning system; Planning for the future white paper or Transparency and competition (land control)

111/20 SDC consultation on Taxi licensing policy

The council agreed not submit a response to the consultation.

112/20 SDC consultation on PSPOs

The council agreed not to submit a response to the consultation.

113/20 Village Matters

- Beach management meeting with residents. Cllr Chatterton as part of the Village Hall Management Committee would measure up the hall to see how many could be accommodated for a physical meeting. The clerk was asked to email all councillors for their view on a socially distanced meeting in the hall. The meeting would be publicised to allow any resident to attend with more than one meeting being held as necessary to comply with government legislation as advised by the clerk.
- Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr Chatterton as part of the Village Hall Management Committee reported on the status of the village hall which had been closed since end of March. The committee had received a £10k grant to support it as a result of the loss of income due to Covid19. Cllr Chatterton thanked all those who helped in obtaining the grant which was very welcome.

114/20 Approval of cheques, online payments and Direct Debits for the current month's expenditure

The payments for the month were approved.

115/20 Financial matters

- The council noted the bank reconciliations as presented by the clerk.
- The council noted the income and expenditure report from the clerk to 31st August 2020. The clerk answered members' questions on a number of areas. Cllr Legg noted that the income from beach related concessions supported the council's expenditure in other areas. The Chairman agreed and added that if they council did not receive income from the concessions, a precept against residents would have to be levied.
- It was agreed that the nationally agreed pay award of 2.75% would be applied to the clerk's salary and backdated to April 20.

116/20 Future agenda items

- Concessions and beach management
- Future village projects

117/20 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting would be 5th October at 19.00

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:15.