



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 2nd November 2020 via Zoom Virtual Meeting software

Present

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

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

134/20 Apologies

County Cllr Bob Filmer

135/20 Declaration of Interests

None declared.

136/20 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 5th October were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

The Chairman noted that the request for residents to join a Speedwatch group for the village had been placed in Coastline.

137/20 To respond to members of the public

The Chairman noted emails received on behalf of the Warren Road Residents Group. He welcomed points of view being sent to the council but reminded residents and councillors that the views of all the residents of Brean had to be considered. He added that questions asked in the second email would be sent on to outside bodies and if the answers received did not cover the points made, they would be referred to the council's solicitors, the costs of which the council had not budgeted for this year. He also noted the request for another open meeting but members felt that this should be held in abeyance unless it was required.

The Chairman highlighted requests for clarification on access to the beach for residents and SWATK during the winter which would be taken under item 141/20.

The Chairman also noted emails received from residents concerned at having to potential pay a precept for facilities used by visitors. The Chairman reiterated the need to take into consideration the views of all residents.

138/20 To hear from the District and County councillors and the police

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

- Berrow beach – the gates to the beach were now closed and there had been a change in personnel for the beach management at Burnham and Berrow.

- Key for access to beach at Brean for resident – SDC would not be prepared to give a give out for access to the beach at Brean but this was actually a matter for Brean Parish Council as it manages the beach.

The Chairman noted the report received from County Cllr Filmer on the following matters from Somerset County Council:

- Covid-19 in Somerset including survey to be sent out
- 20/21 primary school places application deadline -15 January 2021
- Winter gritting routes in Somerset
- Climate Emergency Strategy
- Proposals for unitary authority for Somerset

The Chairman thanked Cllr Filmer for approaching SCC Highways regarding an ongoing flooding complaint at Brean Court.

139/20 Progress with on-going planning applications and applications for premises licences

Planning Application 06/20/00007/DD: Change of use of land and restructuring to provide lower density tourist accommodation over a larger area and the erection of 2 amenity blocks and additional landscaping at Diamond Farm Caravan Park, Weston Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RL

Decision awaited from SDC.

140/20 To review new planning applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences

None received.

141/20 Beach Management Update

The Chairman thanked Dave Furber for the background information on the beach and the running of it that he had put together for members.

The Chairman explained the background to a number of requests for access for vehicles to the beach during the winter season (November to March) from various sources for a variety of reasons including the landlord’s wish that the access be open as per the council’s lease agreement with him.

It was resolved that the beach entrance would remain open during the winter months for access to the beach by residents and other users and that the Chairman and the clerk would make arrangements for gate management with the landlord.

The clerk reported that the temporary beach wardens had now left the council’s employ and she wished to record her thanks publicly to them for the way they had carried out their duties. The Chairman recorded the council’s thanks to them both also.

The Chairman noted that Sedgemoor District Council was carrying out a risk assessment of the beach at Brean, Berrow and Burnham in conjunction with the RNLI and that the parish council had been promised a copy. The beach warden/s would be involved with the outcome of any risk assessment which would be tailored to requirements at Brean. The clerk would provide an aggregated number of incidents per type from 2020 to SDC if requested by SDC.

142/20 Village Matters

- Village Hall public toilets – Cllr Baker agreed to update members as part of the confidential budget discussions at the end of the meeting.
- Village Hall – Cllrs Chatterton and Augustus gave members an update on the hall which has been closed again due to Covid-19.
- Wessex Water liaison – it was agreed the Chairman would undertake this role and would provide Wessex Water's number to the clerk to publicise on the website.

143/20 Approval of cheques, online payments and Direct Debits for the current month's expenditure

The payments for the month were approved including an invoice for £94.74 to Brean Seasonal Caravanners to replace the out of date pads on the Village Hall defibrillator.

144/20 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 October 2020.

145/20 Future agenda items

- Co-option

146/20 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting would be 7th December at 19.00

147/20 To resolve that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during 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.

148/20 Draft budget discussions

A confidential discussion took place on matters relating to next year's budget. It was agreed to send a letter to all residents informing them of the potential to raise a precept for 2021/22.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:12.