



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 18th January 2021 via Zoom Virtual Meeting software

Present

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

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

166/20 Apologies

County Cllr Bob Filmer

167/20 Declaration of Interests

The Chairman declared an interest in item 172/20.

168/20 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

169/20 To respond to members of the public

The Chairman reported five emails from residents which he proposed to answer under items 174/20 (precept) and 173/20 (beach access).

170/20 To hear from the District and County councillors and the police

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

- Budget preparations for 2021/22

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

- Covid19 update
- Vaccine roll out – 700 staff redeployed to assist
- Three suppliers had been chosen for the high speed broadband roll out under the Connecting Devon and Somerset scheme

171/20 Progress with on-going planning applications and applications for premises licences

Application No: 06/20/00010 for Hudson Leisure Ltd at Lazy Days Holiday Park, South Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RD

Proposal: Replacement extract vent (part retrospective) to kitchen and covered seating area over existing rear patio.

Approved by delegated authority of planning officer

Signed by Chairman.....

1st February 2021

Application No: 06/20/00008 for Hudson Leisure Ltd at Ocean Bar, Ocean Holiday Park, South Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8

Proposal: Alterations to existing caravan park to include a reduction in the number of caravans from 10 to 5 for the eastern portion of the site, a revised car parking layout, associated pedestrian access and an enclosed bin store, for occupation of caravans all year round.

Approved by delegated authority of planning officer

Both decisions were noted

172/20 To review new planning applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences

The Chairman and District Cllr Grimes left the meeting whilst the following were discussed. Cllr Chatterton took the chair.

- **Application No: 06/20/00009** for Mr Smith
Location: 4 Church Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2SF
Proposal: Retrospective application for the erection of a wooden lodge with chimney to house internal BBQ.

Resolved: to defer the decision until February meeting

- **Application No: 06/20/00011** for Hardacre Investments Limited
Location: Krackers Bar, South Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RD
Proposal: Erection of a first floor extension.

Resolved: to recommend refusal of the application based on:

- Overshadowing of neighbouring properties
- Over dominance of the neighbourhood
- Loss of light to neighbouring properties
- The impact on the character and appearance of the local area due to its prominence
- Highways safety concerns regarding the pedestrians crossing the road from the existing car park opposite
- Highway safety concerns regarding deliveries

The Chairman and District Cllr Grimes re-joined the meeting.

173/20 Beach Management Update

The Chairman updated the meeting on his conversations with the police regarding the temporary closure of the beach access; the conversation with the council's landlord around this and emails received regarding the closure. The landlord understood the need for a temporary closure providing it was kept under review. The decision would be reviewed after two weeks at the council's next meeting in February.

The Chairman updated members on a conversation he had had with Sedgemoor District Council regarding their review of the beaches at Brean, Berrow and Burnham. Cllrs McCoy and Augustus updated members on their review of the RNLI report on Brean beach carried out on behalf of SDC. It was noted that signage needed to be accurate for beach users but that the council had no responsibility towards beach users other than this as anyone using it had to assess any risk in doing so for themselves.

The Chairman noted he had been in communication with the Assistant Director for Environment and Regulation at SDC who had advised the RNLI would do a more in depth

report on the beach at Brean especially in relation to signage. The RNLI were in preliminary discussions with SDC on the provision of a summer lifeguard for Brean operation out of Berrow funded initially by SDC. SDC would clean the toilets at the beach entrance during the summer season. Cllrs Wright and Baker would look into sponsored litter bins. The Chairman reported that SDC had funded additional emergency cleansing cover for the summer season should Brean again receive additional visitors as a result of Covid restrictions on foreign travel.

The Chairman thanked the beach warden for his report.

174/20 Budget setting and precept 2021/22

The Chairman provided responses to questions received from residents on the precept and budget setting for 2021/22. He clarified that the beach had never been run by SDC so could not be handed back to them to run and that the beach income subsidises the running costs of the council. The residents do not subsidise the running costs of the beach. Without the income from the beach, the precept would be considerably more for residents. He also clarified that the Village Hall was run by a separate management committee, not the parish council.

Resolved: to set the budget for 2021/22 as circulated to members

Resolved: to set the precept for 2021/22 at £5,000

175/20 Village Matters

- Village Hall public toilets – Cllr Baker was having a meeting with mid January with local businesses and would report back at the meeting in February.
- Village Hall – Cllrs Chatterton and Augustus gave members an update on the hall which was still closed due to Covid-19.

176/20 Approval of cheques, online payments and Direct Debits for the current month's expenditure

Resolved: to approve the payments for the month.

177/20 Financial matters

- **Resolved:** to note the bank reconciliations as presented by the clerk.
- **Resolved:** to note the income and expenditure report from the clerk to 31st December 2020.

178/20 Future agenda items

- Closure of beach access review; bus stop adverts; new lease for beach entrance; concession agreements; process for moving portacabin; process for beach manager recruitment; RNLI update with particular reference to required signage

179/20 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting would be 1st February 2021

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:42