



# Brean Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 via Zoom Virtual Meeting software**

### **Present**

Chairman Cllr T Hicks  
Councillors M Baker, M Chatterton, T Legg, P Wright

Also in attendance Hazel Brinton (clerk), Craig Marshall (Beach Manager), District Cllr Tony Grimes, County Cllr Bob Filmer

**Before the meeting commenced, a minute's silence took place in recognition of the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh.**

### **216/20 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Augustus.

### **217/20 Declaration of Interests**

The Chairman declared an interest in item 222/20 for Lazy Days application.

### **218/20 Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

### **219/20 To respond to members of the public**

The Chairman reported on emails from residents which he proposed to answer under the relevant items on the agenda.

### **220/20 To hear from the District and County councillors and the police**

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

- Covid case numbers were going in the right direction
- Lockdown was opening up and visitor numbers were increasing in the district
- The vaccine rollout was going very well with a good take up across all ages
- Nominations for recipients of the Somerset Medal were requested for those who had been involved in supporting their communities during Covid.
- Unitary debate – the deadline for comments was approaching. Comments to the Secretary of State were needed by the 19<sup>th</sup> April.

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

- An email from the new Highways area manager for Sedgemoor in respect of any requests from the parish to be added to a forthcoming Amendment Order for Sedgemoor
- Support from him as a councillor at SDC in respect of beach management

Signed by Chairman.....

5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The Chairman thanked Cllr Grimes for his support with beach management and liaising with SDC.

County Cllr Filmer and District Cllr Grimes were moved to the Waiting Room during discussion of the following matters.

### **221/20 Progress with on-going planning applications and applications for premises licences**

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

Members noted that the application had been amended and the council had been re-consulted. Consideration was deferred to a meeting later in April.

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

Application is under consideration

**Application No: 06/20/00013** for Mr J Wilkes at Sandmore, Warren Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RR for erection of a replacement dwelling, on site of existing (to be demolished).

Granted permission

### **222/20 To review new planning applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences**

**Application No: 06/21/00002** for Mr Tilley at Sea Mist, Grass Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2SE for erection of a bungalow on site of existing bungalow to be demolished.

**Resolved:** to support the application on the basis that it would improve the appearance of the site.

The Chairman was moved to the Waiting Room during the discussion of the next item.

**Application No: 06/21/00003** for Mr Parfrey at Lazy Days Holiday Park, South Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RD for retrospective application for the erection of a single storey building for use as an outdoor bar, confectionary shop and snack bar and the proposed erection of a 2m fence to the southern boundary (amendment and resubmission).

**Resolved:** The council resolved to remain neutral on the application, offer no observations or outright support and leave the decision to SDC's Planning Officer.

The Chairman and District Cllr Grimes returned to the meeting.

**Self-Build and Custom Build Supplementary Planning Document** – It was agreed that Cllr Baker would take a look at the proposed SPD.

### **223/20 Beach Management Update**

The Chairman noted that a number of emails has been received regarding beach related matters and reported that the issues raised had previously been covered in other meetings and it was already proposed that they form part of any safety report being considered by the

council. He added that SDC had already responded to one of the emails as it has been copied to them also.

The council agreed to review the need for a general beach clean at the beginning of June. Cllr Baker offered to liaise with the beach manager to remove any larger items on the beach.

The Chairman noted that an email had been received from a resident challenging the legal advice previously received by the council on beach matters. He reported that SDC legal team would be prepared to consider the points made and advise the council but would charge for this. Depending on the charge, this could have implications for the council's reserves and any precept that may be charged to residents the following year.

**Resolved:** to refer the residents' email to SDC legal team for an evaluation of the points made.

The Chairman reported that an email had been received from the RNLI in respect of an audit visit but also noting that it would not be possible to have lifeguards on Brean beach for 2021 due to lack of appropriately trained staff. A review would take place in 2022.

The Chairman gave members an update on the removal of the Portacabin from the Village Hall to the beach access. The structure had been moved with the generous support of a number of local businesses which had not charged in many cases and the council extended its formal thanks to the following:

- Cllr Baker and his building company
- Northam Farm
- Warren Farm
- Diamond Farm
- Quantock Transport
- Marcus Buncombe – electrician
- Ian Morgan fencing
- Alan Hicken
- Steve Beckett – plumber
- Lympsham Concrete
- Quicksign

### **Beach Manager's Report**

The Chairman welcomed Craig Marshall in his capacity of Brean Beach Manager to his first parish council meeting. The beach manager gave his report on beach management verbally. He noted his thanks to Chris Payne for separating the Portacabin into two working areas to provide the gate staff with a secure area to themselves.

The councillors expressed their thanks to the beach manager and his wardens for their work in managing the beach.

### **Permission to film**

**Resolved:** to grant permission for the filming on the beach in May 2021.

### **Running Event**

**Resolved:** to grant permission for the running event to take place on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### **Anti-social behaviour mitigation**

The Chairman noted the increased support from the police in handling anti-social behaviour in Brean and on the beach. Cllr Wright added that he would report further on the matter when consideration of the RNLI report has been finalised.

## 224/20 Village Matters

- Village Hall public toilets – Cllr Baker updated members on the project. Business owners had agreed to meet with Cllr Baker at the end of April in respect of financing. Cllr Baker would start to look at plans for submission to SDC for planning permission as soon as possible. As a temporary measure, it was **resolved** that two portaloos (one disabled) at the cost of approximately £2500 for the season would be installed.
- Village Hall – Cllr Chatterton reported that the hall would be used on 6<sup>th</sup> May for the election. He noted his thanks to villagers who had helped out with general maintenance in and around the hall.
- Amendment Order for Sedgemoor – the Chairman requested that all councillors look at the area local to them and inform the clerk of any requirements so that she could co-ordinate the response to Somerset County Council.
- Payphones – it was agreed that none of the payphones scheduled for removal needed to be kept due to little or no usage.

## 225/20 Approval of cheques, online payments and Direct Debits for the current month's expenditure

**Resolved:** to approve the payments for the month.

## 226/20 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The Chairman noted that whilst the outturn for the financial year had improved by an additional amount paid by one of the concessions, there had been a loss of £3000 for the year which had been taken out of the council's reserves.
- **Resolved:** that a donation of £550 be made to St Bridget's PCC to support the annual cost of grass cutting at the churchyard.

## 227/20 Disciplinary and Grievance Policies

**Resolved:** to approve the adoption of the policies as presented by the clerk.

## 228/20 Future agenda items

- Building materials being dumped in the dunes

## 229/20 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting would be 26<sup>th</sup> April for planning matters followed by 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 for the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

## 230/20 It was resolved 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

**231/20 Staffing Matters** – councillors received an update from the clerk and beach manager on staffing matters.

**232/20 RNLI Risk Assessment** – members received an update from Cllr Wright and the beach manager.

**233/20 Co-option arrangements** – next steps were agreed.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:20

Signed by Chairman.....

12<sup>th</sup> April 2021