



Brean Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Hazel Brinton 35 Hannah Drive, Locking, Weston s Mare BS24 7JS

Minutes of the Brean Parish Annual Council Meeting held on 26th July 2021 at Brean Village Hall

Present

Chairman Cllr T Hicks
Councillors M Chatterton, M Ford, P Wright

Also in attendance District Cllr Tony Grimes, County Cllr Filmer and five members of the public

24/21 Apologies

Clerk, Hazel Brinton

25/21 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

26/21 Co-option to the Council

It was resolved to co-opt Jane Gauntlett to the council. In the absence of the clerk, no Declaration of Acceptance of Office could be signed in front of her so this would be done at the next meeting to allow the new councillor to join.

It was noted that the council still has two vacancies and the Chairman urged residents to apply to join the council.

27/21 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2021 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

28/21 To respond to members of the public

A member of the public asked a question on overgrown vegetation on the footpath near to Brean Down Inn.

Questions were also asked on the provision of public toilets and a revamp of the bus shelter at the village hall.

It was requested that the parish council approach the National Trust to see if they would agree to keep their car park open longer given that the beach car park closed at 6pm.

29/21 To hear from the District and County councillors and the police

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

- The increase in Coronavirus cases in the county which appear to be linked in residents returning after being away rather than visitors to the county. He noted that the vaccination programme was going well.
- The Secretary of State has made the decision that there will be one unitary authority for Somerset.

Signed by Chairman.....

6 September 2021

- The situation of looked after children and out of county support for them. Due to increasing prices, SCC had decided to reintroduce in county support for looked after children.

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

- The return of face to face meetings for committees.

30/21 Planning and premises licenses applications

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

Granted permission under delegated authority to the planning officer

- **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.

Application is under consideration

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

Granted permission under delegated authority to planning officer

- **Licensing Act 2003**
Application for a New Premises Licence
Northam Farm Caravan Park Takeaway, South Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2SE

License agreed

- **Licensing Act 2003**
Application to Vary a Premises Licence
Brean Leisure Park, Coast Road, Brean, Somerset, TA8 2QY

License agreed

31/21 New planning and premises licenses applications.

There were none.

32/21 Beach Management

The Chairman and Cllr Wright updated councillors with the current situation regarding the management of the beach and the discussions with Sedgemoor District Council on the options for its future management.

Resolved: to formally request that Sedgemoor District Council work with the parish council to develop a proposal for the management of Brean Beach for 2022.

The Chairman noted that the beach was considered to be the jewel of the village and that the income generated supported village projects so care needed to be exercised as to the details of the management of the beach going forwards.

The Chairman reported an issue with the beach wardens' porta cabin which would be resolved by the council's handyman. He also noted an issue with the lack of water outside for the use by members of the public coming off the beach. He would ask for a quotation for the supply of an outside tap. A query had been raised on extending the opening hours of the beach but councillors felt that the current closing time of 6pm should remain to facilitate the clearing of the beach by 8pm and to reduce the anti social behaviour that had been experienced with the later closing time.

It was noted that the closure of the beach would potentially impact on the concession fee paid by the concessionaire for the car parking during 2021 as they had bid for the concession on the understanding that the beach was open until 8pm.

The Chairman would ask the clerk to clarify the item around the filming on the beach in September as she was not present to answer questions.

33/21 Village Matters

- Village Hall public toilets – Cllr Ford reported that he was awaiting revised plans as per the council's request which would be distributed as soon as they had been received.
- Village Hall – Cllr Chatterton reported that the hall had started to be used for other activities including RNLi training; the Knowle Park Residents AGM and a weekly community café on Thursday mornings between 1pm and 3pm. He noted that he was currently looking for volunteers to help him on the hall management committee.
- Free trees from SDC – **Resolved:** that the council decline the offer as it had no land on which to plant them. The Chairman would ask the clerk if the offer could be extended to residents.
- Bus shelters – the Chairman suggested a review of the state of the bus shelters be carried out. Cllrs Chatterton and Ford would report back.

34/21 Approval of cheques, online payments and Direct Debits for the current month's expenditure

Resolved: to approve the payments for the month.

35/21 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 30th June 2021.

36/21 Future agenda items

None noted.

37/21 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on 6th September at 7pm at the village hall.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:50.