



Brean Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting held on 4th October 2021 at Brean Village Hall

Present

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

Also in attendance District Cllr Tony Grimes and four members of the public

55/21 Apologies

County Cllr Bob Filmer

56/21 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

57/21 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2021 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

58/21 To hear from the District and County councillors and the police

This item was brought forward at the request of the Chairman.

County Cllr Filmer had sent a report through which the clerk had forwarded to members. It covered Somerset's Covid19 infection rates; vaccination programmes rollout; local government reorganisation; Somerset Local Government Re-organisation Conference and the school application process for 2022.

District Cllr Grimes updated those present with the latest on the possible management of the beach by Sedgemoor District Council. He read out a statement from SDC and noted that the decision is to be made at the end of November. The Chairman added that any proposal would come back to the parish council for a decision by councillors as the views of the whole village had to be considered. He thanked Cllr Grimes for his help in working with the parish council to consider options for the management of the beach.

Cllr Grimes added that he had made a site visit to Northgate entertainment centre in Bridgwater but noted that most of the district council's time was being taken up by the local government reorganisation.

59/21 To respond to members of the public

There were no questions or comments.

60/21 Planning and premises licenses applications

- **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

Signed by Chairman.....

1st November 2021

61/21 New planning and premises licenses applications.

- **Application No: 06/21/00008**
Applicant: Brean Leisure Park
Location: Bay Of India, South Road, Brean, Burnham on Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RD
Proposal: Erection of 4no. first floor residential flats to the West and South elevation.

The Chairman declared an interest in the application and left the meeting as did District Cllr Grimes.

Cllr Chatterton took the chair.

Resolved: that the parish council was neutral on the application but would make observations regarding the loss of parking spaces and the overlooking of adjacent buildings to the south.

The Chairman returned to the meeting.

62/21 Beach Management

The Chairman noted that Cllr Grimes had provided the latest update and reconfirmed that it would be a decision for the parish council once a proposal has been made. He added that there were concerns over funding for future village projects including the refurbishment of the toilet block as the beach income had historically been used to these.

- **Sanditon filming – Resolved:** request for four days filming agreed
- **Band video filming – Resolved:** request for filming agreed with a donation of £75 towards the beach management costs
- **Cop26 filming – Resolved:** request for filming agreed at £150 donation
- **Winter hours –** a discussion was held around whether the beach car parking should remain open during the winter. Matters considered included the terms of the lease with the landowner; the concessionaire agreement which was for 12 months opening; the byelaws allowing land yachts and kite buggies on the beach; disabled residents and the proposal for SDC to manage the beach.
Resolved: that the beach would be closed during the week in the winter (from 1st November) and open 11-4 during the weekends. The warden would be available during opening hours and residents were asked to give 48 hours notice of needing access for work to their houses. The opening hours would be placed on the website and Cllr Wright would contact the sand yachts and the clerk would contact the kite buggy organisation.

63/21 Village Matters

- **Village Hall public toilets/bus shelter –** Cllr Ford reported that the architect was currently away and would update the drawings when he was back. It was agreed that Cllr Ford would speak with the architect to ask if he would manage the project management process. It was noted that under the council's Financial Regulations, a tender process would have to be run due to the value of the works involved. Concern was expressed over the source of the funds for the ongoing running costs once built. The clerk reminded members that they were not advised to build a budget based on donations from local businesses as this was too unpredictable.
- **Village Hall –** Cllr Chatterton thanked the clerk for her help with a grant bid to the Opening Up Safely and Reconnecting Communities Fund. He noted that usage was increasing and that his request for a grant for bike racks had been approved. He added that the management committee still required a Treasurer, Secretary

and Bookings Manager and that he was looking for assistance. He advised that the damaged wall would be repaired via insurance.

The Chairman noted that an email had been received from SARI which Cllr Chatterton would pass on to the organiser of the Community Café.

64/21 Approval of cheques, online payments and Direct Debits for the current month's expenditure

The clerk reported an additional payment of £17.50 to reimburse Cllr Wright for a repair to the beach buggy.

Resolved: to approve the payments for the month.

65/21 Financial matters

- i. **Resolved:** to note the bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk.
- ii. **Resolved:** to note the income and expenditure report from the clerk to 30th September 2021.

66/21 Future agenda items

- Highways, speed bumps/reducing speed limit in village. The clerk advised members that Cllr Filmer had offered to accompany a Highways engineer from SCC to consider options and that dates for the visit were being looked into.

67/21 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on 1st November at 7 p.m. at the village hall.

The Chairman declared the public part of the meeting closed at 20.20.

68/21 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.

69/21 Complaint

Resolved: the clerk to write to both parties.