



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 1st November 2021 at Brean Village Hall

Present

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

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

70/21 Apologies

The clerk, Cllr Wright, County Cllr Filmer

71/21 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

72/21 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2021 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

73/21 To hear from the District and County councillors and the police

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

District Cllr Grimes updated those present with the latest on the possible management of the beach by Sedgemoor District Council. He confirmed that the process was still on track for a decision at the end of November by SDC. He reported on the position of the forthcoming unitary authority and issues at Berrow beach which was now open four days per week. Cllr Chatterton asked a question regarding the recent fatal accident on Burnham beach.

County Cllr Filmer had sent a report through which the clerk had forwarded to the Chairman. It covered Somerset's Covid19 infection rates; vaccination programmes rollout; major infrastructure investment in Somerset and major investment in decarbonisation projects.

74/21 To respond to members of the public

A member of the public raised questions on resident consultation on the proposal for beach management from SDC.

75/21 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

- **Application No: 06/21/00008**
Applicant: Brean Leisure Park
Location: Bay Of India, South Road, Brean, Burnham on Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RD

Signed by Chairman.....

6th December 2021

Proposal: Erection of 4no. first floor residential flats to the West and South elevation.

Application is under consideration

76/21 New planning and premises licenses applications.

- **Application No: 06/21/00010**
Applicant: B .D.F Partnership
Location: Brean Down Farm, Brean Down Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RS
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural yard cover.

The Chairman and Cllr Grimes left the meeting to allow discussion.

Members debated the application but had no observations to offer.

77/21 Beach Management

The Chairman noted the earlier verbal report from District Cllr Grimes and the imminent Executive meeting at SDC. A decision would be likely at the December meeting after receiving feedback from residents.

Cllr Chatterton reported that the entrance gates were closed as resolved at the council's last meeting.

78/21 Village Matters

- **Village Hall public toilets/bus shelter project** – District Cllr Grimes left the meeting at this point as planning permission was likely to be needed for the building and he was part of SDC Planning Committee.
Resolved: to progress the refurbishment of the Village Hall toilet project and submit the plans as drawn up by Minister Architecture to the local planning authority for approval.

The Chairman informed members that the likely running costs of the refurbished block would be in the region of £12-15k per year. He noted that whilst it was likely that the council could raise the capital cost of the refurbishment from local business donations; possible grant funding from SDC and the council's own reserves, the ongoing repairs, maintenance and running costs also needed to be covered. He added that if SDC took over the management of the beach, the only income for the parish council would be via the precept on local residents or a grant from SDC.

- **Bus shelter repairs**
Resolved: to accept the quotation from Alan Hicken to effect the repairs to the council's bus shelters.
- **Village Hall** – Cllr Chatterton informed members that the Village Hall had been awarded two grants via SALC from the Opening Up and Reconnecting Communities Fund. Part would be used to install Wi-Fi in the hall. He encouraged residents to come along to the Community Hub which took place in the hall every Thursday between 1pm and 3pm. An additional £5k would be used to part fund the upgrade of the boiler and ladies toilets. He noted that the burger van would remain at the hall over the winter for storage purposes only.

Cllr Chatterton further reported that he would be picking up a free bag of bulbs courtesy of SDC to be planted around the village and that bike racks would be installed at the hall in due course.

He asked residents to step forward to help with the management of the Village Hall as he was currently the only member of the hall committee.

- Highways – Cllr Chatterton reported that the clerk was trying to arrange a meeting between himself, the clerk, County Cllr Filmer and a county Highways engineer to see what could be done with the roads in Brean

79/21 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on 6th December at 7 p.m. at the village hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19:51.