



Brean Parish Council

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Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Annual Meeting held on 10th July 2023 at Brean Village Hall

Present

Chairman Cllr M Chatterton
Councillors Cllrs N McCoy, M Ford and N Hutchinson (after minute number 19/23)

Also present: the clerk and Somerset Council Councillors Tony Grimes and Bob Filmer

18/23 Apologies

None, all present.

19/23 Co-option

Resolved: that Niamh Hutchinson be appointed to Brean Parish Council. Cllr Hutchinson signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office in front of the clerk.

20/23 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

21/23 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2023 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

22/23 To respond to members of the public

No members of the public were present.

23/23 To hear from Somerset Council councillors and the police

Councillor Grimes reported on the following matters:

- The Local Community Network meeting due to take place at the Princess Theatre in Burnham in August
- Pontins – there were ongoing talks between local businesses, EDF and Pontins.

The Chairman noted that EDF were unlikely to fund the rebuild of the toilet block as they wished to leave a legacy and believed that toilet blocks should be funded by councils. He added that the upgrading of the hall may be a possibility with the EDF Community Fund. He noted that Berrow were looking at the funding of a crossing and that there was a resource support who could help with the completion of the necessary grant paperwork. Andrew Cockcroft would organise a meeting with EDF, Brean and Berrow Parish Council to discuss what would be possible to fund from the EDF Community Fund. In answering a query from Cllr Grimes, the Chairman noted that a Friends of St Bridget's group had been set up to support fundraising for the church.

Councillor Filmer reported on the following from Somerset Council:

- The shortfall in SC finances - £40m shortfall for 2024/25 and £100m for 2025/26 without remedial action being taken. Capital commitments undertaken by the now abolished district councils would be scrutinised. Avoiding an s114 notice was critical and work to avoid this was taking place.

Signed by Chairman.....

4th September 2023

- Waste Services Industrial Action – ongoing talks were taking place to avoid industrial action and residents would be kept updated.
- Highways surface dressing was now taking place.
- Investment in properties to ensure that Looked after Children would remain in the county and not be sent elsewhere.

Members asked questions on whether the emptying of the beach bins would be affected by the industrial action – no, as this was undertaken by an internal Somerset Council team; whether the beach management would be affected by funding issues i.e. whether it was a statutory service – no, the service was not statutory so may be affected; when broadband may be installed in the village – Cllr Filmer would check with Openreach whether they were coming out to Brean in respect of the broadband rollout; whether the ANPR camera was being used – no, it was believed it was not in use; who paid for the recovery of the vehicle stuck on the beach – unknown but likely to be the driver who was present at the recovery.

24/23 Representatives for Municipal Year 2023-24

Resolved: to appoint the following representatives

- Finance – Cllr McCoy
- Footpaths and water – Cllr Ford
- Police – Cllr Chatterton
- Emergency Plan – the clerk explained that a plan involved a great deal of work and that the parish council in any event would only be very first responders as it was down to principal authorities to provide support and resources in the event of an emergency. Agreed to not appoint a representative at this time.
- SALC – no appointee made
- Advertising/bus shelters – no appointee made but Jane Gauntlett willing to put up adverts for the moment
- Cycle/footpaths

25/23 Planning and premises licenses' applications

The current status of applications was noted:

Application No	Address	Decision
06/22/00014	Brean Farm, Brean Down Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RR - Change of use of land to use as a car park	Granted permission after referral to Planning Committee
06/22/00017	Warren Farm, Warren Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RP - Erection of 1no. dwelling with integral double garage, formation of new access and landscaping	Application under consideration
06/22/00007	Sea Mist, Grass Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2SE - Retrospective application for the erection of a bungalow, on site of existing bungalow (to be demolished) (revised scheme for 06/21/00002).	Granted permission under delegated authority
06/23/00001	Ocean Holiday Park, South Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RD - Erection of two storey	Application is under consideration

	extension to the West elevation, single storey extensions to the East and West elevation, to allow for 4no. tourist accommodation units	
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26/23 New planning and premises licenses applications.

There were no new planning and premises licenses applications to consider.

27/23 Finance Matters

- i. **Resolved:** to approve payments for the current month's expenditure as presented by the clerk. The clerk informed members of an additional payment to add to the list - £366.60 for HMRC quarterly payment.
- ii. **Resolved:** to note and agree the bank reconciliation for May and June 2023 as circulated by the clerk
- iii. **Resolved:** to note and agree the income and expenditure statement as at 30th June 2023 as provided by the clerk
- iv. **Amendments to council's bank signatories**
Resolved: that Cllr McCoy be added as a third signatory.

28/23 Matters of interest to the village

- i. **Toilet Block** – the clerk and Cllr Ford reported that nothing further could be done until the water was isolated by Bristol Water and that this had been requested by the clerk in January 2023. Water2business had sent an invoice for standing charges which the clerk was challenging. The clerk would contact Avon and Somerset Police to inform them that the ANPR camera would be removed. The Chairman reiterated that the HPC Community Fund was unlikely to fund the rebuild of the toilet block.
- ii. **Village Hall management** – the Chairman updated members on the following for the village hall:
 - a. Life's a Beach were arranging the purchase and painting of the external wall
 - b. The Chairman would cover the role of Secretary until a replacement for June Day could be found but a new Secretary was needed.
 - c. Bookings were still low.
 - d. Concern over the plant pots outside being a trip hazard for those accessing the defibrillator. The Chairman noted that they had been moved.
- iii. **Speed Indicator Device**
The clerk updated the members on the status of the project. Members asked whether the parish council had enough insurance cover as per the Somerset Council Memorandum of Understanding in relation to professional indemnity and public liability. The clerk informed members that the council had sufficient public liability but had asked the council's insurer about professional indemnity cover and when the unit was purchased, this would have to be covered as an asset. She also informed members that the council could use more than three locations and that these would need to be specified to the company which would be moving the device and downloading the data. Cllr Ford would provide the What3Words location for the ones which had been agreed when the clerk provided the finalised list to him.
Resolved: that the parish council agreed to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Somerset Council for the siting of a Speed Indicator Device in Brean.

The clerk would contact the Somerset Council Traffic Engineer, Elan Cite and Nichols to progress further.

The Chairman informed members that changes to the main entrance at Pontins for the EDF Hinkley Point C buses would be altered in the next 6 weeks to prevent the need for the buses to mount the kerb when using the site entrance as was happening currently.

29/23 Future agenda items

None.

Cllr Hutchinson asked whether the parish council would consider the use of plastic hoovers on the beach to clean up plastic waste. The Chairman explained the history of beach cleaning and beach management in Brean and added that the responsibility for beach cleaning now lay with Somerset Council.

The Chairman informed members that he would be attending the Burnham Local Community Network meeting on 9 August.

30/23 Date of next meeting

The next parish council meeting would be on 4th September 2023 at 19.00 at the Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.07.