



Brean Parish Council

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Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting held on 13th November 2023 at Brean Village Hall

Present

Chairman

Cllr M Chatterton

Councillors

Cllrs M Ford, K Ford (after item) and N Hutchinson

Also present: the clerk and Somerset Council Councillors Tony Grimes and Bob Filmer.
Four members of the public attended.

31/23 Apologies

None, all present. Somerset Council Councillor Bob Filmer was attending another parish council that evening.

32/23 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

33/23 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2023 were approved as a correct record of the meeting after noting a correction to the date of the next meeting.

34/23 To respond to members of the public

There was an offer of help from a member of the public in organising a children's party as per the Joan Jackman legacy.

Concerns were raised over the untidiness and blocked pavement and car park around a parade of shops in the village. The clerk would write to the retailers but advised that blocked pavements were a matter for Somerset Council Highways as the parish council had no jurisdiction in this area. Complaints about rubbish generated by the shops would be a matter for either the retailers themselves or Clean Surroundings as again, the parish council had no jurisdiction in these matters. Cllr Tony Grimes would bring the matter up with officers at Somerset Council.

The clerk would put information about small business and rural grants to support the tourism industry on the parish council's website which would be forwarded by a member of the public to the parish council. It was noted that there was an EDF employee who had been tasked with supporting businesses in the area with grant applications. A meeting was due to be held in Berrow to advise small businesses about how to access grants available from EDF.

A member of the public mentioned the grant for the provision of a water station.

35/23 To hear from Somerset Council councillors and the police

Councillor Grimes reported on the following matters:

- Somerset Council finances about which there were increasing concerns. Reserves would be needed in 2023-24 to meet its budget.
- Subsidised bus services in Somerset
- Covid autumn booster programme – vaccine had been brought forward by one month.

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- Soft plastic recycling – trial in collection of these items.

Members asked questions around how serious the situation was with Somerset Council's finances and the impacts this was likely to have on services and cuts to services. It was noted other councils were in challenging financial circumstances.

Members asked whether Somerset Council would also trial blister pack collection. There were no plans to do so. Councillor Hutchinson would investigate the possibility of a local community collection initiative for blister packs and report back.

36/23 Planning and premises licenses' applications

The current status of applications was noted:

Application No	Address	Decision
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
06/23/00001	Ocean Holiday Park, South Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RD - Erection of two storey extension to the West elevation, single storey extensions to the East and West elevation, to allow for 4no. tourist accommodation units	Application is under consideration – going to Planning Committee 12 September
06/23/00010	A G Hicks Ltd Location: Southfield Farm Park, Weston Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, Somerset, TA8 2RL Proposal: Change of use of existing touring field to site 30 static caravans (revised scheme).	Application is under consideration. Brean PC comments submitted under delegated authority after consultation with members: “Brean Parish Council supports this application as it believes it will enhance the location and offering. The parish council notes however that there is very little provision for EV charging given the number of units to be located in the field and believes more will be required with the forthcoming ban on the sale of new diesel and petrol cars. This would future proof the site.”

37/23 New planning and premises licenses applications.

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

38/23 Finance Matters

- Resolved:** to approve payments for the current month's expenditure as presented by the clerk.

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- ii. **Resolved:** to note and agree the bank reconciliation for July and August 2023 as circulated by the clerk
- iii. **Resolved:** to note and agree the income and expenditure statement as at 31st August 2023 as provided by the clerk
- iv. **Legacy from Mr C Hatherell**
Resolved: to note the receipt of £2000 from the estate of Mr C Hatherell in respect of the upkeep of St Bridget's Church, Brean
- v. **Insurance**
Resolved: to note and agree the insurance renewal from BHIB – 2nd year of 3 year agreement as circulated by the clerk.

39/23 Matters of interest to the village

- i. **Toilet Block** – the clerk reported that Bristol Water had now disconnected the water so the demolition of the block could now proceed. The clerk would send the disconnection confirmation to Cllr Ford who would progress the matter. The clerk was waiting on the police to confirm whether the ANPR camera was still required.
- ii. **Village Hall management** – the Chairman updated members on the following for the village hall:
 - a. A water leak had been fixed
 - b. A meeting of the management committee was imminent.
- iii. **Speed Indicator Device**
The clerk updated the members on the status of the project. Somerset Council had confirmed the numbers of the lampposts locations. One of the sites required an extension pole at a cost of £50. The clerk would send back the Memorandum of Understanding to Somerset Council and arrange to order the device and contact Nichols who would manage the relocating of the unit on a bi-weekly basis.
- iv. **Local Community Network**
The Chairman reported on the recent Local Community Network meeting which had been well attended. Both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman had been elected. The minutes had been circulated by the clerk. Attendees had been asked to consider the area's priorities for Somerset Council. Highways, speeding, lack of public transport, lack of infrastructure on new estates, lack of contact with the police over speeding and fines, concern around travellers and illegal encampments, fly tipping, transport and the safety of young people re county lines and gangs were considered to be the main issues. Concern was expressed about lack of funding for initiatives such as CCTV. It was agreed that the LCN would meet bi-monthly. Consideration was to be given to joint working groups where more than one LCN expressed the same priority. A discussion was held around the idea of LCNs and Brean Parish Council's priorities for the village.
- v. **Joan Jackman legacy**
The Chairman recapped the previous attempts to allocate the legacy from the late Joan Jackman including a children's party for the Coronation and interest from the kite buggies and land yachts in setting up a Joan Jackman cup event. Both the organisations were still communicating over setting up a joint event which was likely to be the following year.

Members of the public who attended the meeting presented ideas for the use of the funds including a children's picnic which could be self-perpetuating with fund raising and activities on the beach to introduce children to sporting activities; boxing where training could take place on the beach with funds used to purchase equipment and use by the Sea Cadets who bring children to the beach. The Chairman asked that two members of the public set up a working party for the children's picnic idea and specific proposals and costings were requested from the boxing club and Sea Cadets which were to be sent to the clerk so that ideas could be evaluated by the parish council.

40/23 Future agenda items

Joan Jackman legacy as a standing item; communications including the use of social media. The clerk advised members that those producing the Coastline magazine would be asking for a grant from the parish council

41/23 Date of next meeting

The next parish council meeting would be on 6th November 2023 at 19.00 at the Village Hall
(subsequently changed to 13th November at 19.00 to avoid the Burnham Carnival).

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.16.