



Brean Parish Council

Mrs J Manning (Clerk) 1 Hillside, Puriton, Bridgwater TA7 8AW

Approved Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6 February 2017

Present

Cllr T Hicks
Councillors

Vice-Chairman
Mrs J Jackman, Mrs J Smith, Mr M Chatterton, and Mr D Holland

In attendance:-

Cllr T Grimes Sedgemoor District Council

One member of the public

Jacqueline Manning Clerk to the Council

19/17 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Harris (away) and Cllr D Scott (holiday)

20/17 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Hicks informed the meeting that where members consider they may have a potential interest in any topic for discussion and decision they should declare an interest and withdraw from the discussion and decision making process.

21/17 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 9 January 2017 were approved without amendment and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

22/17 To respond to members of the public

No issues were raised.

23/17 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

Crown lease – Ashfords LLP were in the process of submitting the completed lease to the Land Registry. This matter was now completed – no further action.

Invitation to James Heappey to attend a parish meeting to discuss villlage issues – we were still waiting to hear from Mr Heappey's PA about a suitable date for a meeting in the parish.

Action: Clerk to follow-up with Mr Heappey's PA.

Winter bus service to Brean – the Clerk had received a further reply from First Group, advising that the summer service would start on 9 April 2017, and would continue until the end of October 2017. Members commented that some sites in the village opened on 1 March and most would open throughout the month. Residents as well as visitors would benefit from an earlier start to the service.

Action: Clerk to contact First Group again to explain the need for the summer service to start in March.

Maintenance of road signs and markings – Highways had commented that the 30 mph signs were now visible, and that some cutting back of vegetation had been carried out by landowners. Members commented that that some white lines needed replacing, and that some chevrons still needed straightening.

Action: Clerk to follow up.

Traffic congestion and lack of pedestrian crossings in Brean – we had contacted Cllr Denbee about the possibility of submitting an application to the small improvements scheme. He had advised that he would look into the process to follow. We were awaiting Cllr Denbee's response.

Action: Clerk to follow up with Cllr Denbee.

Cllr Hicks asked Cllr Grimes about the small improvements scheme and this led to a brief discussion about the Local Plan. Cllr Hicks queried the local tourism boundary as shown on the plan and it was agreed that we would ask Cllr Harris to write to Nick Tait at SDC.

Action: Cllr Harris to write to Nick Tait.

Signage for beach – dogs to be kept on lead at busy times. Cllr Scott was looking into appropriate wording for the signs.

Removal of damaged emergency phone – Graham Newing had advised that this would be removed and he would give us advance notice of when this would be done.

24/17 **Current Planning Applications**

➤ **Application No: 06/16/00044**

Proposal: Erection of detached triple garage and formation of paved drive area

Location: Beaumont Lodge, Warren Road, Brean, Burnham On Sea, TA8 2RP

Noted: under consideration by Sedgemoor District Council.

➤ **Application No: 06/16/00045**

Proposal: Use of land to site three lodge style static caravans (two to be used for permanent residential use and one to be used for holiday use) and variation of occupancy period from 1 March to 31 October to 1 February to 31 December for holiday unit, formation of access and parking and alterations to existing vehicular access.

Location: Wayside and Gadara, Warren Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2RP

Noted: withdrawn after registration.

➤ **Application No: 06/17/00001**

Proposal: Erection of a vehicle maintenance building

Location: Land to the West of the Bowling Green at Brean Leisure Park, Coast Road, Berrow, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2QY

Noted: under consideration.

25/17 **New Planning Applications for consideration by the Parish Council**

There were no new planning applications this month.

26/17 **Beach Management**

Schnauzer dog walk event – Cllr Hicks reported that we had received notice that the event was planned for Sunday 20 March or Sunday 23 April 2017. All agreed that there were no objections to the event.

Item received after the agenda had been circulated:

Cllr Hicks reported that a letter had been received from James Heapey MP. Mr Heapey had been contacted by Brean Land Yacht Club with regard to sailing times in May, June and September, following the recent decision by the Parish Council to keep the current bye-laws. The letter was on circulation for members to review and the matter would be on the agenda for the March meeting.

27/17 **Reports from Councillors on village issues**

- Footpath to Weston – Cllr Hicks reported that hedging was being cleared along Weston Road. The schedule was all approved and the next job was to reposition telephone and electricity poles. The footpath was still scheduled to open in early May, around the May Bank Holiday time.
- Village Hall management committee – we would ask Derek Petrie to contact Cllr Smith.
- Blocked drains – the Clerk had written to Highways, requesting that a representative meet with Cllr Harris so that he could show them the problems. A response was awaited.
- Methodist Church Clock- the Church Council Secretary for Brean Methodist Church had advised that the clock was currently running slow. We could either authorise a technician to undertake the necessary repairs, or wait to see if the clock corrected itself after the change to British Summertime in March. All agreed to wait until March.

28/17 **Approval of cheques for the current month's expenditure**

A schedule of cheques, direct debit and BACS expenditure for January 2017 is included at Annex 1 to the minutes.

29/17 **Financial matters**

Councillors received schedules of payments and receipts for the period 01/12/2016 to 31/12/2016.

The Chairman received and signed the bank reconciliation statements for 31 December 2016, together with schedules of payments and receipts for December 2016.

A report on income and expenditure for the period April to December 2016 was circulated to all members for information.

Members signed a direct debit form for future payments to Bristol and Wessex Water.

30/17 **Staffing matters – Clerk**

All agreed that any interviews would be delegated to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and that the Clerk would be in attendance.

31/17 **Adoption of Standing Orders**

A draft document, incorporating amendments as discussed at the January 2017 meeting, was on circulation for members' comments.

The Clerk had checked the matter of dispensations with SALC and had been advised that, since 2012, power to grant dispensations had been passed to Parish Councils.

32/17 Correspondence for review and circulation

- E-mail forwarded from SALC – police attendance at Parish Council meetings
The e-mail stated that parish councils should continue to inform their local beat officers when meetings were taking place. However, officers would not attend as a matter of course, as operational matters took precedence. Crime statistics published by Avon and Somerset Police were available online, with a breakdown of data for each area. Members agreed that a quarterly summary of crime statistics for Brean would be useful.
Action: Clerk to prepare quarterly summaries
- Meeting of the Joint Sedgemoor Parishes Cluster Wednesday 22 February 2017
Members noted that the agenda included Highways matters and the Local Plan. It was agreed that on this occasion, the Clerk would attend and feed back to Councillors.

33/17 To note the following correspondence on the circulation list

- LDF Newsletter January 2017
- SCC Press Release – new road deal pledges fewer potholes and more jobs
- PCC newsletter January 2017
- Hinkley Point C Look Ahead
- E-mail from Trading Standards – Avian influenza (bird flu) outbreak in the UK

Items added after the agenda was circulated:

- Letter from James Heappey MP – Brean Land Yacht Club
- Letter from Brean Land Yacht Club – notice of regatta at Brean Beach on 25 and 26 March 2017.

34/17 Members' comments on previously circulated correspondence

No comments had been raised for discussion at the meeting.

35/17 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion at the next meeting in March 2017

Cllr Smith queried the purpose of the works at the Old Rectory. The owner, who was present at the meeting, confirmed that the works were being undertaken to tidy up and enhance the appearance of the property.

Cllr Chatterton commented on the roadworks being undertaken in Stoddens Road.

36/17 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 6 March 2017, at 7.00 pm in Brean Village Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 07.50 pm.