



Brean Parish Council

Approved Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6 June 2016

Present

Cllr J Harris	Chairman
Cllr T Hicks	Vice-Chairman
Councillors	Mr D Holland, Mr D Scott, Mrs J Jackman, Mrs J Smith, Mr M Chatterton

In attendance:-

Cllr T Grimes, Sedgemoor District Council
Cllr John Denbee, County Councillor, Brent Ward
Two members of the public

Jacqueline Manning, Clerk to the Council.

90/16 Apologies

No apologies had been received.

91/16 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Harris 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.

92/16 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 9 May 2016 were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

93/16 To respond to members of the public

A resident of Brean raised the issue of parking problems in Wesley Close. Cars had been parked so that residents' drives were blocked, people were sleeping in cars overnight, and litter was left on residents' properties and on the path and road. The resident was requesting that double yellow lines were put on the road to prevent the problems. Cllr Harris confirmed that this issue would be discussed in detail later in the meeting (agenda item 98/16).

94/16 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

Crown lease – Cllr Harris reported that the schedule and map with the lease needed amending to show posts dating from 2010 and 1954 and three cables. He had written to Ashford LLP listing the details required.

WW2 memorial and WW1 memorial – covered as one item. Marion Kerby had contacted the Archdeacon, who had instructed that the WW2 memorial should go ahead as planned, as the WW1 memorial had been listed after the order for the new WW2 memorial had been placed.

Parish notice-board – we had received proofs for the header for the new notice-board and were looking into changing the colour of the header from silver to red to match the Brean Parish Council letterhead. The NoticeBoard company were contacting the printers to find out if a vinyl covering in the required colour could be wrapped around the header.

Revaluation of rates for Weston Road toilets – we would receive void relief of £224.98 for the five months that the toilets had been closed in 2015-2016. A discussion took place concerning whether toilets should be subject to rates – noted that we do not receive any income from use of the toilet block.

Communities for Renewables Wick Solar Farm community owned project – Councillors had requested a visit to the solar farm. Awaiting response from the Development Manager of the project.

Maintenance of the fingerpost at the junction of Weston Road – Cllr Hicks had received a quote from Mr Hicken. This amounted to £149.70 to remove the flaky paint, paint with primer, then paint the post with white gloss metal paint and paint the numbering and lettering with black gloss metal paint. All agreed to go ahead with this quote.
Action: Clerk to contact Mr Hicken.

95/16 Current Planning Applications

Reference 06/16/00002/STP – Erection of single storey extensions to North and East elevations. Location: Hideaway, Brean Down Road, Brean Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2RS.
Noted that this application had been granted permission on 16/05/2016.

Licensing Act 2003. Application for a New Premises Licence - National Trust Brean Down Cove and Café.

Noted that the application was still under consideration by Sedgemoor District Council.

Reference - Planning applications received in respect of Diamond Lodge Meadow Park – temporary change of use for specified lodges to be used for residential use for the lifetime of the current occupants, after which, to revert back to holiday accommodation, as varied by Planning Permission 06/09/00014. Please see Appendix 1.

Noted that these applications had been granted permission.

Reference: 06/16/0005/RER

Proposal: Temporary change of use of the lodge to be used for residential use for the lifetime of R Davis and S Davis, after which, to revert back to holiday accommodation, as varied by Planning Permission 06/09/00014.

Location: 3 Diamond Meadow Lodge Park, Diamond Farm Caravan Park, Weston Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2RL.

Noted: under consideration.

Reference: 06/16/0008/EC

Proposal: Temporary change of use of the lodge to be used for residential use for the lifetime of S Ashfield, after which, to revert back to holiday accommodation, as varied by Planning Permission 06/09/00014.

Location: 8 Diamond Meadow Lodge Park, Diamond Farm Caravan Park, Weston Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2RL.

Noted: under consideration.

Reference: 06/16/00037/RER

Proposal: Temporary change of use of the lodge to be used for residential use for the lifetime of Mr P Meads and Miss C Locking, after which, to revert back to holiday accommodation, as varied by Planning Permission 06/09/00014.

Location: 32 Diamond Meadow Lodge Park, Diamond Farm Caravan Park, Weston Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2RL.

Noted: under consideration.

96/16 New Planning Applications

No new planning applications had been received this month.

97/16 Beach Management

Update on concession holders – we still had no concession holder for the site near the Seagull. The concession at the beach entrance was progressing well. It had been noted, however, that the concession holder had made use of a “beach warden” sign in her car to deliver food and this would be looked into.

Seasonal caravan pitch holders – on behalf of the members of the Facebook community, the representative had thanked the council for approving the barbecue event. We were awaiting details of the date and time of the event.

The owner of Brean Down holiday park had removed a rusty warning sign from the rocks, and a caravan owner had reported this action to the police. Cllr Harris had met with Julian Sandford from the Environment Agency on 25 May 2016 and Julian had advised that the Agency will replace all signage with smaller “Don’t climb on the rock” signs. The new signs would be placed every 250 yards along the rocks.

A visitor from Weston had complained about the charge for Blue Badge holders to park on Brean Beach. A discussion took place, and members noted that it was up to individual organisations to decide whether charges applied to Blue Badge holders. Members decided to maintain the charge.

98/16 Request for double yellow lines in Wesley Close, Brean

This referred to the issue raised in paragraph 93/16. An e-mail and photographs had been received from a household in Wesley Close, highlighting the parking problems affecting the Close. Members considered the information in the e-mail, and examined photographs of cars parked in the Close. Cllr Harris reported that this issue had been looked at a few years ago. The Parish Council had supported it, but it had been blocked by some residents. A discussion took place. Members were happy to support the request, but it would need to be supported by all residents before any action could be taken. Cllr Smith volunteered to survey residents for their opinion.

Action: Cllr Smith to produce a form, to be delivered to residents and returned to her for discussion at the next meeting in July.

99/16 **Reports from Councillors on village issues**

Cllr Hicks - Footpath to Weston. Cllr Hicks reported that the project was inching forward. A volunteer work party had arrived to work on the footpath up to Brean Sluice. There were twenty volunteers who would be working this week to construct the footpath from the North Somerset side up to Brean Sluice. They had been interviewed by Radio Bristol. The footpath was scheduled for completion in March/April 2017. The Chairman of Sedgemoor District Council fully supported the scheme, and the Chair of Somerset County Council would be invited to visit the project.

Cllr Harris had received a letter of complaint from a resident regarding the noise made by the hooting of horns at the VW event. Cllr Harris had contacted the VW organisation who had said they would request their members not to sound horns in the village. Members concluded that the issue of horns could be fixed, but we would need to monitor the level of traffic brought to the village by the event, as there had been significant congestion.

Cllr Harris asked Cllr Holland for an update on bus shelter adverts. Cllr Holland had been unable to look into the possibility of any new advertisers. Cllr Harris suggested that we could consider selling A4 advertising space and asked all members to find out if anyone would like to take up A4 spaces. It was noted that some advertisers had yet to pay. Action: Clerk to give advertisers more time to pay and then contact them to chase any outstanding payments.

100/16 **Approval of cheques for the current month's expenditure**

A schedule of cheques for May 2016 expenditure was circulated for information and approval.

101/16 **Financial matters**

1. The Chairman received and signed the bank reconciliation statement dated 30 April 2016, together with a payments and receipts report for the period 01/04/2016 to 30/04/2016.
2. A report on income and expenditure for the period April 2016 was circulated to all members for information.
3. Members received and approved the completed Annual Return.

102/16 **Adoption of Standing Orders**

Members discussed the adoption of standing orders. It was noted that the non-statutory items in the model scheme would need to be adapted as appropriate for the Parish.

Action: Clerk to prepare a draft document for members' further consideration.

Cllr Chatterton left the meeting, at 8.00 pm.

103/16 **Correspondence for review**

1. Letter from SDC about proposed Parish Clusters 2016
Members noted that Sedgemoor District Council was looking at ways of re-structuring the parish cluster meetings from 2016.

104/16 **To note the following correspondence on the circulation list**

1. Donation towards grass-cutting – letter of thanks from St Bridget's Church

2. SCC Highways – Environmental Maintenance Sheet 2016
3. Defra Update – EU Referendum
4. Hinkley Point C Look Ahead June 2016
5. SCC Road Assured Scheme for drivers with medical conditions
6. SCC Route 60+ presentations – opportunity to host free workshop

Item added after the agenda was circulated:

1. Press Release – Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner – further £200,000 community funding.

105/16 Members' comments on previously circulated correspondence

Cllr Hicks commented on the Zurich Municipal insurance document. Some of the items in the schedule were not relevant, although it was noted that some of these were standard items. Cllr Harris commented that the document did not include a schedule of business carried out. It was concluded that we would obtain quotes next year when the long-term agreement with Zurich came to an end, and that we would query the omission of a schedule of business carried out.

Action: Clerk to contact Zurich Municipal about the schedule of business carried out.

106/16 Other matters for discussion raised by Councillors

Cllr Denbee explained that he is the Councillor for Brent Ward at Somerset County Council. The ward contains ten parishes, and covers a large rural area. Cllr Denbee commented on the following issues:

- Weston Road problems – there have been some improvements on the Lympsham corner and there have been some repairs. There is a big maintenance budget and a big pothole budget.
- The proposed zebra crossing could be put in the 2016-2017 small improvement budget, although this scheme would not open until October. The Parish would need to advise exactly what sort of crossing is required. Members agreed that traffic lights were not needed, and Cllr Scott confirmed that drop kerbs were in place at the Brean Court site.

Agreed: Cllr Scott to look at the SCC website to determine details of the kind of crossing we wanted.

Cllr Denbee then commented briefly on some of the major responsibilities held by Somerset County Council, including five hundred children in County Council care, the considerable system needed for Adult Social Care, and the system of school bus passes, where parish boundaries can influence outcomes.

Where the footpath to Weston was concerned, Cllr Denbee had met with John Grimshaw, Chief Executive of Sustrans. Cllr Denbee was disappointed that the Highways officer had objected to the footpath, but was pleased that the Chair of SCC is meeting with the Chair of Sedgemoor.

Cllr Denbee explained that he was always happy to assist with problems in the Parish and the following issues were discussed:

- Cllr Harris highlighted the worn state of yellow lines in the village and explained that Highways had not agreed to repaint the lines. The lack of pavements in Warren Road meant that people often have to jump out of the way of cars. Cllr Scott also commented on the very worn central lines in the road, particularly from Brean Court up to the roundabout. Cllr Denbee stated that he would talk to Highways about these issues.

- Cllr Scott commented on the street lighting. The old lighting had cast light over the road, but the new LED lights do not seem to spread light over the same area. Could someone from Highways come and have a look?
- Cllr Hicks commented that the verges were only cut once a year, and need to be cut by mid-July. However, Cllr Hicks felt that the resurfacing works on Weston Road had resulted in a very good road surface.

Cllr Denbee confirmed that he had talked to Highways about the incident last year, when emergency gas repairs had resulted in road closures and major congestion. He had suggested that a “lollipop” system with Stop and Go signs might work better than traffic lights. Cllr Denbee agreed to talk to the team at Highways who deal with road closures, and to ring Cllr Harris to advise of the outcome.

Cllr Grimes commented that the Coastal Cluster is seeking more input from different parishes, and is therefore trying to get more parishes involved.

Cllr Jackman asked if we had received thanks from the previous Clerk for his leaving gift. Cllr Harris explained that the Clerk had not yet received his gift, as he had not visited the village recently.

Cllr Jackman reported that she had spoken as a member of the public at the Development Committee on 11 May 2016, and that it had been a very interesting meeting.

Cllr Scott reported that Richard Bigwood was to do a beach clean for a couple of hundred yards, to clear litter from behind the Seagull.

Cllr Holland raised the following issues:

- Apologies for not being able to attend the recent Development Committee due to a conflicting appointment.
- Had the problem of a car for PCSO Grobbeler been resolved? Cllr Harris confirmed that this had been temporarily resolved.
- No information had been received about SALC area meetings.

Action: Clerk to contact SALC.

Cllr Harris informed members that a number of meetings to discuss the EU referendum were being held by James Heapey in the coming fortnight. Members were advised of the dates and venues.

107/16 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would take place on Monday 4 July 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.