



Brean Parish Council

Approved Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5 September 2016

Present

Cllr T Hicks
Councillors

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

In attendance:-

Cllr T Grimes, Sedgemoor District Council
Two members of the public

Jacqueline Manning, Clerk to the Council.

126/16 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr J Harris, Chairman.
Cllr Hicks would chair the meeting.

127/16 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.

128/16 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 4 July 2016 were approved without amendment and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

129/16 To respond to members of the public

No issues were raised by members of the public.

130/16 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

Crown lease – not yet resolved. We were still awaiting the final version of the lease.

WW2 memorial – Mrs Marion Kirby would be attending the October meeting to give an update on progress.

Parish notice-board – the new notice-board was now in place.

Re-valuation of rates for Weston Road toilets – we had sent an appeal form to the Valuation Office and had received notice that the proposal would be considered. If the proposal for the re-valuation could not be granted at this stage, it would be put into a programme and given further consideration at a later stage.

Maintenance of the fingerpost at the junction of Weston Road – work to refurbish the fingerpost had been completed.

The next SALC area meeting would take place on 17 September 2016 and Cllr Holland would be attending.

Route 60+ driving course – Cllr Jackman confirmed that she was interested in this course but would put this on hold at present.

131/16 **Current Planning Applications**

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 06/16/00039/DD

Proposal: Erection of extension and pergola seating area, to front (East) elevation, partly on site of existing (to be demolished).

Location: Justamere, South Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2RD

Noted: granted permission on 8 August 2016.

132/16 **New Planning Applications**

Reference 06/16/00040/STP

Proposal: Change of use and conversion of detached garage to form self-contained annexed accommodation

Location: West Beach, Warren Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2RP

Noted: granted permission on 25 August 2016.

Reference: 06/16/00041/DRT

Proposal: Erection of double garage

Location: Sea Holm, Warren Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2RR

Noted: granted permission on 19 August 2016.

Reference: 06/16/00042/SJH

Proposal: Erection of a conservatory to North West elevation

Location: 1 Wesley Close, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 2RX

Noted: under consideration.

133/16 **Beach Management**

Cllr Hicks reported that Cllr Harris was pleased that beach management had been working well with the wardens in place.

There had been a letter on circulation from a visitor, expressing concern about an incident on the beach, caused when a dog had startled a horse. Cllr Hicks reported that Cllr Harris had received an e-mail about problems caused by dogs off lead and this would be added to the circulation list. All Councillors agreed that this issue should be carried forward for discussion at the October meeting when Cllr Harris could have input as Beach Manager and Chairman. It was also important that people from the village were

involved. In the meantime, Cllr Scott had brought information from Defra about the Dangerous Dogs Law. This would also be circulated for Councillors' information.

Cllr Hicks reported that a karate event had taken place on the beach at the end of August/beginning of September.

The Brean Land Yacht Club had informed us that the National Blokart Regatta would take place on the beach on the weekend of 15 and 16 October 2016.

134/16 **Reports from Councillors on village issues**

Cllr Hicks - Footpath to Weston. Cllr Hicks reported that three grants had been applied for and two of these had been approved. We had also applied to Defra and a meeting would take place next week to discuss this grant.

It was anticipated that work would still go ahead to complete the path by next April as originally planned. Councillors noted that James Heappey, MP, was supportive of the footpath.

Bus shelter adverts – West Coast Windows would be displaying some A4 posters. It was confirmed an invoice had been sent to them.

Cllr Scott reported that he had been able to arrange some cutting-back of vegetation on the public seats in the Pontins area. However, more work was needed. The management at Pontins had changed, and he had not been able to contact them as yet.

Action: Clerk to write to SCC to check responsibility for cutting vegetation around the bus shelter and seats left of Pontin's main gate.

Cllr Hicks reported that Cllr Harris had met the Reverend Jonathan Philpott, who was the new Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of Berrow and Brean.

Action: Clerk to write to Reverend Philpott to welcome him on behalf of the Parish and extending an open invitation to him to attend Brean Parish Council meetings.

Cllr Scott reported that there were problems with traffic congestion in the Pontin's area. A delivery lorry had destroyed one gate to the entrance and this had not been replaced. Lorries were now using a single entrance to Pontins, which was causing congestion and meant that delivery vehicles had to manoeuvre across the pavement. The situation had been reported to the police and a response was awaited. Congestion was also being caused by vehicles parking on double yellow lines.

Action: Cllr Hicks to talk to Cllr Harris about a possible annual review with the police.

Cllr Hicks reported that Cllr Harris had met with Julian Sandford, Environment Agency, to discuss increased sandblow in the rock armour in the Wyndham Park area. The sand had filled in the rock armour, creating a ramp, and sand was blowing over it onto the road. The Environment Agency would be looking into a possible solution.

Cllr Hicks reported that there had been a meeting arranged by James Heappey MP to discuss bus service provision now that the Webber Bus service had stopped running. Harvey Allen had attended and had submitted a full report which was on the circulation list for Councillors' information. Much of the discussion at the meeting had concerned services to East Brent and Brent Knoll. Cllr Scott commented that the winter bus service did not include Sunday buses for Brean. It was agreed that this would be on the agenda for the October meeting.

135/16 **Approval of cheques for the current month's expenditure**

A schedule of cheques and direct debit expenditure for August 2016 was circulated for information and approval. Details are included at Annex 1.

136/16 **Financial matters**

The Vice-Chairman received and signed the bank reconciliation statements for 30 June 2016 and 31 July 2016, together with payments and receipts reports for June and July 2016.

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

Auto-enrolment – the Clerk had written to staff in preparation for the staging date of 1 October 2016.

137/16 **Adoption of Standing Orders**

A draft document had been circulated for comment. It was agreed that this would be brought forward to the October meeting for further consideration.

138/16 **Approval of the updated Parish Council Asset Register**

This had been updated after the Grant Thornton audit. A copy was on circulation for members to review.

Cllr Hicks commented that we might need to reconsider the value of the village hall and to take fixtures and fittings into account.

139/16 **Correspondence for review and circulation**

- Invitation for NHS Health Checks for Brean Parish. Members noted that free health checks were available for parishioners and a session could be arranged if a venue could be provided by the parish.
- Zurich Insurance – increase in premium tax. Members noted that an increase of 1% would come into effect from October 2016, with a concessionary period lasting until January 2017.
- Sedgemoor Citizens' Advice Bureau had requested a donation. Their letter stated that 46 families from the local area had used their services. The letter was on circulation for members to consider for a decision at the October meeting.
- SDC had asked for items for the agenda for the all Parish meeting on 22 September 2016. There were no issues that members wished to raise for this meeting.
- Letter from James Heapey – meeting to discuss travellers. A discussion took place about the problems experienced locally and in particular at Berrow. There was a general public perception that travellers could be moved on, but it was important to adhere closely to the law.

140/16 **To note the following correspondence on the circulation list**

- Policy RLT2 and RLT3 contributions from developers –Children's Play/Outdoor Sport
- SCC – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016 – Vulnerable Children and Young People
- Order of service for Celebration of New Ministry of Reverend Jonathan Philpott
- Updated asset register
- Report from Harvey Allen about the bus services meeting
- Avon and Somerset PCC Newsletter Summer 2016
- Somerset Village Agents Newsletter August 2016
- Travel Somerset website – www.travelsomerset.co.uk

- Update letter from Somerset Wildlife Trust
- Hinkley Point C Look Ahead August and September 2016

Items received after the agenda was circulated:

- Annual review of rural facilities matrix. SDC had requested comments by 20 September. Members noted that the matrix allocated points to each community according to its facilities. An initial review by members identified that the filling station in Brean had been omitted from the current matrix. It was agreed the Clerk would forward the e-mail to all Councillors for further comment.
- Superfast broadband project – briefing letter from Connecting Devon and Somerset
- Letter from Wessex Water about winter beach survey results. As a result of the survey, Wessex Water was proposing that water should not be treated outside of the bathing season. Cllr Hicks advised that Cllr Harris would comment on this as Beach Manager.
- NALC community housing survey. Comments had been requested by 30 September 2016. The Clerk would e-mail the survey to all Councillors for comment.
- Severn Estuary partnership news – link to August 2016 e-news

141/16 **Members' comments on previously circulated correspondence**

Cllr Jackman had commented that consideration should be given to dogs being put on leads. Noted that this had been raised in paragraph 133/16.

142/16 **Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion at the next meeting in October**

Cllrs Smith and Scott commented on the poor street lighting in the parish. The lights were spaced out and did not give out enough light to enable pedestrians to be seen at night. A discussion took place and it was decided to invite James Heappey to a parish meeting to discuss village issues such as lighting, parking and the footpath to Weston.

Action: Clerk to write to James Heappey.

Cllr Hicks reported that there was a blocked drain at Wyndham Park.

Action: Clerk to check location with Cllr Harris and contact SCC.

Cllr Hicks commented on the amount of flyposting which had appeared in the village due to the circus.

143/16 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would take place on Monday 3 October 2016.