



Brean Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Hazel Brinton, 60 Worle Moor Road, Weston-s-Mare BS24 7EG

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th April 2018

Present

Chairman Cllr J Harris
Councillors M Chatterton, D Holland, D Scott, J Smith
Clerk to the Council Hazel Brinton
District Councillor T Grimes
There was one member of the public present

052/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Hicks and County Cllr Filmer

036/18 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interests were received.

054/18 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 5th March 2018 were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

055/18 To respond to members of the public

There were no queries from the member of the public present.

056/18 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

- First Bus – the clerk had chased and still had no response. She was asked to chase again.
Action: Clerk
- Highways issues
 - Map of gritting network – the clerk advised that this had not been received and she would chase the matter up
 - Pot holes on Warren Road – the clerk had reported these and councillors confirmed that they had been marked up by Highways
 - Fencing at Old Rectory – a letter regarding the matter had been received from the householder which the clerk was asked to respond to. There had been numerous verbal complaints received from local residents initially to councillors and several more since.
- Unity Trust bank – the clerk gave a verbal update and was hoping to have the account up and running for the next month's payments.
- Refurbishment of public toilets – the Chairman asked if councillors definitely wished to keep the toilet block. It was agreed by councillors that since the cycle path had been opened up, there would be more need for them to be kept. The Chairman reported that the builder had not had chance to have a look to provide a quotation yet. There was further discussion on encouraging tourism in the area generally and District Cllr Grimes offered to speak on the matter with Vicky Banham at SDC.

Signed by Chairman.....

7th May 2018

- Defibrillators – the clerk explained that the cost of a defibrillator depended very much on the features required by council but that the minimum was likely to be £900-1000. She had researched and found a guide to buying defibrillators which members asked her to circulate together with the price list of some of the machines. Members would then decide whether to proceed with the purchase and if so, which features would be needed which would determine the price.

Action: Clerk

057/18 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences – none to consider

058/18 New Planning Applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration

- Planning application 06/18/00004 – erection of single storey extension to side elevation on site of existing conservatory at The Bungalow, South Road – councillors had no objections to this planning application and resolved to support it.

059/18 Report on Beach Management

- The Chairman reported that he had received an email and letter from a resident in respect of the Pontins-organised rugby event for children. Councillors reported that there had been no rubbish left and no open bar-b-ques as implied in the letter and whilst those wishing to hold events are encouraged to ask the parish council for permission, they do not have to do so. Bye laws prohibit the setting of open fires on the beach but not the use of contained bbqs. The clerk was asked to write to the parishioner concerned and to check on the Public Space Protection Order in respect of alcohol as the council's understanding was that the police had the power to take alcohol away if it was causing a problem.

Action: Clerk

- The Chairman reported that the renewal of the beach signage had been completed

060/18 Reports on Village issues

- Gigaclear – installation of broadband in the area. The Chairman had contacted the company for a meeting and was awaiting a response.

061/18 Approval of cheques for the current month's expenditure

A schedule of cheques and direct debit expenditure for March 2018 is included at Annex 1 to the minutes. Payments were unanimously approved by members.

062/18 Financial matters

- Councillors noted receipt of the bank reconciliation for February 2018
- Councillors noted the receipt of the income and expenditure statement as at 28th February 2018

063/18 To consider the arrangements for co-opting a replacement parish councillor – the clerk explained she had produced a vacancy notice for the bus stop noticeboard. She was asked to send it to the Chairman also for the website.

064/18 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion at the next meeting in May 2018

Cllr Smith commented that the disco at Pontins did not seem to be being monitored and was happening every weekend. District Cllr Grimes offered to speak with SDC Environmental Health on the matter and on the issue of alcohol on the beach. Cllr Smith also reported on fireworks being let off at the Leisure Park which seemed to be growing louder with each display. She reported that there was flooding at Pinewood and that the drains needed to be

jetted under Brean Court and queried how used needles on the beach should be disposed of. The Chairman said that he thought they should go to the beach warden as they hold a sharps box but he would check.

Cllr Scott would ask Cllr Hicks whether he could provide figures for cycle path usage at the start and end of the year. There was a general feeling amongst councillors that the path was very well used by walkers also. He had also received a noise complaint about Sunspots but council had previously been advised that noise complaints needed to be reported to SDC by the individual rather than by the parish council. Cllr Scott further queried why an area near the mini-golf was being excavated. The Chairman replied that he thought it was for an ice cream booth but would check. Cllr Scott had also received a complaint from cooking smells coming from a trailer.

District Cllr Grimes reported that the Local Plan was not back from the Inspector yet and that SDC had a new CEO in Alison Griffin. SCC had been given a further £2m as extra money for pot hole repairs and he was meeting with Highways the next day regarding planning issues and would mention the requirement for yellow lines in Brean.

065/18 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 7th May 2018 which would be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.05