



Brean Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Hazel Brinton, 35 Hannah Drive, Locking, Weston s Mare BS24 7JS

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018

Present

Chairman	Cllr J Harris
Councillors	T Hicks (Vice Chairman), D Holland, J Smith, T Legg and P Wright
Clerk to the Council	Hazel Brinton
District Councillor	T Grimes

No members of the public were present.

143/18 Apologies

Apologies from Cllr Chatterton and County Councillor B Filmer were received.

144/18 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interests were received.

145/18 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 1st October 2018 were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

146/18 To respond to members of the public

No members of the public were present

147/18 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

- Fencing at Old Rectory – The clerk has received an email from Liam Gill at SCC Highways who would make further contact with the Old Rectory to progress the realignment of the fencing. District Councillor Grimes confirmed that County Councillor Bob Filmer was also chasing the matter up. He advised the parish council to keep chasing the matter with county.
- Horse concession - the clerk had contacted Weston Town Council to see if they knew who ran the concession on Weston beach but had received no reply. The Chairman asked members to give some thought as to concessions that could replace Mr Vowles.
- Gigaclear and Warren Road closure - Cllr Wright informed members that the road had been closed but the work not yet started. He added that Gigaclear was using funds to put the infrastructure in place initially before making connections. As there was a finite life on the infrastructure funds given by the government, this was happening first. There was a supplement to Gigaclear on funds received as many of the houses in Brean are set back from the road. Cllr Wright added that Truespeed were also connecting properties to faster broadband but using overhead cables. The company needed a critical mass of 30% before they would connect a community via their infrastructure and whilst it was a much quicker installation time, it was a much smaller catchment area in Brean going north of the BT box on the corner of Weston Road so they were unlikely to

Signed by Chairman.....

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come into the village. Councillors noted that there seemed to be a great deal of inconvenience to residents with little benefit in the short term.

- Blocked driveway – councillors noted the communication received by the clerk in respect of the blocked driveway.
- Website – the clerk gave an update to councillors who thanked her for the work done on setting up and managing the new site.
- Public toilet – Cllr Wright gave an update to council on his findings. He had spoken to Dave Furber, the beach warden, to inquire about issues that he faced managing the toilets. The main issues centred on vandalism and the need for an external washing area to prevent sand being walked into the toilets by users. Cllr Wright indicated that he felt the budget for the work required to refurbish the toilets needed to be increased and asked whether members felt that the amenity was of benefit to the council or too much of a drain. If the area was not used as public toilets, could it be used for something else? The Chairman replied that members had previously questioned whether it was worth keeping the facility open; on balance they had decided that it was worthwhile. Cllr Wright informed members that he felt that a sealed floor and new windows would be required in addition to other requirements to bring the facility up to standard and that the initial £10k budget was not likely to be enough. It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Wright would draw up a basic specification so that builders could be approached to give a ball park figure for the work.

148/18 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences –

- **06/18/00007/LE – Warren Farm Caravan Park, Variation of Conditions to permit fields 3 and 4 to be used for 12 months of the year for tourism purposes** – permission granted
- **06/18/00008/DT – Retention of side extension at Sea Holm, Warren Road** – application under consideration at time of meeting
- **06/18/00009/LE - Wayside and Gadara for permanent residence** – due to be heard at Planning Committee at time of meeting

149/18 To review new Planning Applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration

- Channel View Caravan Park – application for Exempted Caravan Site was noted by members

150/18 Report on Beach Management

- Somerset Wildlife Trust – “Brilliant Coast and Shoresearch” – members agreed that they fully supported the project and its aims and wished to be kept informed of ongoing events. The parish council gave permission to the Trust to carry out events on the beach in relation to the project including the upcoming beach clean on December 1st.

151/18 Reports on Village issues

- Meeting with Avon and Somerset police – The Chairman briefed members on his end of season meeting with the police. He explained that changes were being made to working patterns of PCSOs on the beat who would be issued with push bikes. This would leave police officers to deal with crime and disorder. It would be a pilot scheme for a year. The Chairman had noted in his meeting that the service currently was abysmal. The Chairman passed

round a report for members to view which would be held by the clerk if members wanted more time to read it.

- Planning training – Cllr Wright would be attending the annual SDC Planning Training and offered to take any other member who wished to go.

152/18 Approval of cheques and direct debits for the current month's expenditure

The schedule of cheques and direct debit expenditure for October 2018 were unanimously approved by members.

153/18 Financial matters

- Councillors noted receipt of the bank reconciliation for October 2018 for the Unity Trust bank account.
- Councillors noted the receipt of the income and expenditure statement as at 31st October 2018

154/18 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion

Cllr Smith reported on a disturbance at Pontins in the early hours of the morning. Those affected are advised to complain to SDC Environmental Health.

Cllr Hicks reported that there was a collapsed drain in the gateway of Brean Court that had been causing flooding issues but this had now been cleared and it was hoped this would cure the problem.

Cllr Holland reported that he had attended the Armistice Day parade and the Chairman thanked him for laying the wreath on behalf of the parish council.

District Cllr Grimes reminded members of the cluster meeting to be held on 21st November and the planning training that would be held in the district council's office later in the month.

155/18 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 10th December 2018 due to the clerk being unavailable on 3rd December.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.55.