



# Brean Parish Council

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## Approved Minutes

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council held on Monday 5<sup>TH</sup> January 2009  
in the Brean Village Hall at 7pm.

### PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Jackman Chairman  
Councillors H Guy, D Petrie, T Hicks, M Chatterton  
Electors of Brean totalling 8 persons

In attendance B Hunt, Clerk of the Council

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:--  
Cllr Harris, Cllr Scott, Cllr Grimes, Cllr Ham

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008 were approved by the members and signed by the Chairman.  
These are now in the “public domain” and are available from the Clerk at [breanparish@aol.com](mailto:breanparish@aol.com) or on the website [www.brean.org](http://www.brean.org) and are published in Coastline magazine.

### KITE BUGGY HEALTH & SAFETY SIGNS

The Chairman gave the following report :-

For some long time Jon Harris has been warning that new safety signage must be in place on the beach. This was confirmed by the first ROSPA inspection of the beach.

The Kite Buggy Association said that they would have signs made, free of charge to the Parish Council. This was accepted by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

On the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> December they erected these signs, securely screwed to the posts in existence, warning-“keep off the mud and telling pedestrians that when sailing was in progress (sat & sun only, during winter) to keep above the signs on the dune side”

They were erected on alternate posts, opposite rights of way entry so that people coming onto the beach by official entry points would have notice and a swathe of beach near the dunes was kept free for walking, well away from houses and land which some claim to be owned by householders.

By Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December people were already claiming “new posts had been put up, they could not understand the signs and that the numbers on the posts were obliterated.

Cllr Mrs Guy sent out an e mail to this effect and residents began to take matters into their own hands.

The resident who claimed that “new posts had been erected” admitted that she was wrong.

Cllr Harris and the beach warden inspected the numbers and found that only one No43 was partially blocked, this sign was taken down and moved to clear the number.

One resident tackled a kite buggy member and said that the RNLI objected and that all the signs would have to come down.

This was untrue, both the RNLI member and the police approved the signs and stated that the Parish Council would be liable to insurance claims if the signs were not in place, as with the mud signs.

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> – sign 43 had been removed and a new sign put up

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> – replacement sign 43 had been removed and stolen

This has been reported to the police and is classed as criminal damage and possibly theft. This is putting residents at risk if they walk into the tracks of the kite buggies and if the perpetrator of this vandalism is caught they are liable to prosecution.

If anyone has knowledge of this criminal act can they please inform either the police or a member of Brean Parish Council.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The following issues arose from the last meeting :-

### RISK ASSESSMENT

A meeting had been held to discuss the ROSPA risk assessment document at which it had been agreed that the Beach Warden should review his own report, the ROSPA report and produce a summary of risks and proposed actions.

This would initially be discussed with Cllr Harris and then at a special meeting.

As Cllr Harris was absent there was no further update at this stage,

It was proposed to hold a meeting when Cllr Harris returns from his holiday.

## PRECEPT REQUIREMENT

There was discussion regarding the need for a precept to fund day to day council expenses.

This had historically been funded from income from the beach, but as it was now likely that we would not receive the remaining £9000 of the SDC cleaning grant there would not be sufficient funding to meet all our costs.

The responsible Financial officer advised that thanks to the hard work completed by the Chairman (in obtaining grants) and other Councillors (hold special events) that we would probably be able to fund the Parish day to day costs from beach income for one more year.

A precept would need to be considered for future years when a firm decision had been made on the SDC grant.

It was proposed by Cllr Hicks and seconded by Cllr Petrie that we would not exercise our right to set a precept in 2009/10.

This was carried unanimously by those present.

## ANPR CAMERA

This was now working and we await statistical information regarding it's performance.

## GRANT APPLICATIONS

The £2500 had been received from SCC in respect of monies to replace beach posts.

There was initial discussion regarding their location.

## ELECTORS OF BREAN ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Electors of Brean raised the following issues for Council attention:-

Cllr Mrs Guy confirmed the issue of her e mail on the subject of "kite buggy signs" (see above) and advised that she had a responsibility as a councillor to report the comments of residents. Her main area of concern was the PROCESS that had been followed to approve and erect the signs as the approval had not been brought to a Parish Council meeting.

Mrs Shirley Smith agreed with the comments by Mrs Guy and stated that the kite buggies should operate with removable signs.

Mr Richard Smith advised that the concern was in two areas

- A. What the signs said and
- B. The process for their approval and erection

Mr Richard Bigwood stated that he felt that the invitation to sports like kite buggying and sand yachts to use Brean beach was a positive one in keeping with Government policy to promote health sporting activities.

Ms Rowena Findlay challenged the need for the Parish Council to impose a precept due to it's" RECKLESS SPENDING" on the beach, including winter wardening.

She stated that the Parish Council needed to "take residents with them" on decisions rather than impose them.

#### PLANNING

The following applications were reviewed by members and following responses sent:-

06/08/000010 KRACKERS BAR – no objection to rear extension as long as a vehicle turning circle was allowed to avoid vehicles reversing onto main road. However the building of a conservatory to the front would cause traffic problems.

Propose REFUSAL

06/08/000011 BREAN DOWN FARM – static caravan – propose ACCEPTANCE

#### MATTERS DEALT WITH BY SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following applications were reviewed by SDC

NONE

#### BEACH MANAGEMENT 2009

Cllr Harris was not present, there had been 8 incidents on the beach.

There was discussion regarding the location of the replacement beach posts which it was agreed that their location should be considered in conjunction with the other Health & Safety reports

It was agreed that 2009 Concessions would be discussed at the February meeting

#### OTHER CURRENT MATTERS

The following current matters were reviewed by the meeting :-

Report from POLICE – none present – the Chairman raised the current initiative re Horse Watch and Berrow Multi Use Games Area which was being actioned by PCSO Tracey Grobbeler

Report from SALC – awaiting minutes of recent meeting

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed for action/filing or circulation

#### NEWSLETTERS – CIRC

SCC – Replacement of street light Warren Road

Somerset NHS – Development of Mental Health Services

Alan Ham – North devon & Somerset Shoreline Mgt Plan  
SCC – Confirmation of Grant for Beach Posts  
SCC – Installation of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Members raised the following issues for attention

NONE

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 at 7pm in the village hall.

**ACTION LIST**

The list of outstanding actions is attached to the current copy of the minutes