



Brean Parish Council

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APPROVED Minutes

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council held on Monday 4th January 2010 in the Brean Village Hall at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mr Petrie Chairman
Councillor J Harris Vice Chairman
Councillors D Scott, T Hicks, M Chatterton
Electors of Brean totalling 13 persons

In attendance B Hunt, Clerk of the Council
By Invitation Cllr T. Grimes (SDC)

APOLOGIES ADVISED TO THE CLERK

Apologies were received from the following:--
Cllr Mrs Jackman, Cllr Mrs Guy.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members declared the following potential interest in agenda items to be discussed:-
All Councillors declared a potential interest in "Beach Management"

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 7th December 2009 were approved without amendment 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 or on the website www.brean.org

DISCUSSION ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The following issues arose from previous minutes :-

BEACH BYE LAWS

A meeting requested by BPC to request suspension of the bye laws related to the "vehicle free area" had been cancelled by SDC as they had been advised by Central Government that they were not allowed to suspend a bye law.

However they also advised that “legislation was about to be put in place to allow the creation of “local bye laws”

This was expected in January and it was agreed to await the legislation.

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

It was agreed that the Council would make an urgent response to the consultation process and the inaccuracies contained in the Draft Document.

Chairman to respond by 8th January

ELECTORS OF BREAN ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

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

- Rowena Corcos queried the status of the “Tucker lease” enquiry that she had originally made in March 2009, and the response by Cllr Harris in May 2009.

The Clerk advised that the Council had recently obtained a copy and that the lease was now terminated and a full and final payment would be made in April 2010.

- Don Holland queried the lack of placement of a buoy at the end of the posts to alert beach users,

Cllr Harris advised that this was in hand and under discussion with Cllr Chatterton.

- Shirley Smith queried why information requested related to individual concessions had not been provided by the Council.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council considered this information not to be in “the commercial interests” of the concessions and was considered exempt under the FOI Act. Examples were quoted where the Council and the concessions had suffered in the past where this information was in the public domain.

- Ron Frewin advised of the recent death of George Beswick who had been involved in the previous draft of bye laws and the Land Yacht Club.

The Council expressed their condolences.

- Richard Bigwood advised of the recent illness of the Ex Chairman Cllr Mrs Jackman and commented that the village should be aware of the significant work Mrs Jackman had done on behalf of residents and the village over many years. He stated that it was unfortunate that current issues in the village were causing a split amongst residents and hoped that the verbal abuse Mrs Jackman had suffered in the past had not contributed to her illness. He stated that it was a new year and a new opportunity for the village to work together to achieve mutual objectives.

- The Chairman asked Richard (as a concession) how he felt about the commercial interests of concessions being in the public

domain. Richard commented that many of the concessions had been on the beach for 30 to 40 years without the need for this scrutiny and he did not feel it was appropriate.

At this point Mr Holland, Ms Corcos and Mr & Mrs Raybone left the meeting.

The Chairman confirmed that he had received a “petition” from a significant number of concerned Residents stating “ that they had no wish to be involved in the decisions of the Brean & Berrow Residents Association or the Brean Householders Group.”

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETAILED BELOW

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

06/09/00017 Unity Farm Maintenance Block

Cllr Guy & Chatterton had reviewed this application and wished that it be put before the whole Council. As Cllr Harris , Scott and Hicks declared an interest and Cllr Jackman was not present it was agreed to respond as per the initial review.

MATTERS DEALT WITH BY SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following planning applications were advised by SDC

06/10/00010 Quantocks Ice Cream Parlour –approved

Parish Council responses on “non planning issues” could not be considered.

REPORT ON BEACH MANAGEMENT 2009

DISPENSATION ON BEACH DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

The following Members who have declared an interest decided to exercise their dispensation on discussion on beach matters:-

All Councillors except Cllr Hicks

Cllr Harris presented the following report :-

There had been TWO incidents.

It had been reported that there were falling rocks in the area of the cave on Brean Down.

ACTION 010110 Clerk to contact National Trust.

The warden had separated the Land Yachts and the Kite Buggies into two distinct areas and this was providing a reasonable solution.

The new DRAFT Risk Assessment had been completed by Paul Hellend and copies had been delivered to the Post Office for Cllr Harris & Cllr Petrie.

A further copy would be placed on circulation.

Cllr Chatterton queried non receipt of the circulation file and the detail of the latest situation on bye laws. This was only received on 11th December and would be in the January circulation file.

OTHER CURRENT MATTERS AS DETAILED BELOW

The following current matters were presented to the meeting :-

Report from POLICE - NONE

Report from SALC - NONE

APPROVAL OF FINANCE ISSUES DETAILED BELOW

The following cheque payments were approved by the meeting and signed by three of the authorised signatories.

As per circulated list

The Clerk had circulated a Draft Revised Budget for 2009/10 and a Forecast (based on this) for 2010/11 to enable a vote to be taken on the PRECEPT.

It was unanimously agreed that the Council would NOT impose a Precept on residents for 2010/11

ACTION 020110 Clerk to advise SDC of NO PRECEPT

There was discussion regarding why we were liable for RATES (for the Beach)

ACTION 030110 Clerk to query with Rating Authority.

RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE DETAILED BELOW

The following correspondence was reviewed for action/filing or circulation

Mrs Shirley Smith – details of individual concessions –

Response sent, this issue now picked up by Richard Smith.

MS Rowena Corcos – copies of bye law letters requested.

Copy letter sent, letter on final request not sent to SDC therefore copy not provided.

Mr Richard Smith – SWATK Risk Assessment and Insurance.

SWATK contacted to request copies

NEWSLETTERS – CIRC

The Chairman advised that due to the excessive correspondence being received from certain residents (12 emails on one topic received since

16th December from one resident) it had been decided to create a correspondence file, which would be available from the Clerk on request, to allow ALL residents to review the nature and content of correspondence being received.

RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING CIRCULATED CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk provided a précis of the following correspondence and the Councillors provided the following responses:-

Don Holland – segregation of car parking.

This had been reviewed, and whilst an excellent suggestion, may prove impractical as the posts would be below the tide line and extra posts would be required.

This suggestion, together with that by Mr Smith on a similar issue, would continue to be reviewed and considered for 2010.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

The Members raised the following issues for attention

Cllr J Harris raised the following issues :-

The Bridleway Sign at the beach entrance was “lying on the floor”

Richard Bigwood advised that it was rotted and the base would need to be cut away.

The Beach Car Park sign needed to be repaired.

Cllr D Petrie raised the following issues :-

A “police caravan” was to be located in South Road at the “Mercury” entrance.

The Chairman asked Cllr Grimes to contact SDC re “planning requirements”

Cllr D Scott raised the following issues:-

Replacement of street lighting was “in progress”

A full shutdown of electricity was proposed on 20th January to facilitate the switchover to the back up system. Details to be advised nearer the date.

Residents to watch out for “dog fouling” on the “Tideways” right of way

Cllr M Chatterton raised the following issues:-

Could the circulation file be circulated as quickly as possible.

He would collect the current file from Cllr Mrs Guy and return to the Clerk

PROPOSED DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st February 2010 at 7pm in the village hall.

ACTION LIST

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

AGENDA ITEM 8 MEETING DATED 4th JANUARY 2010 CHEQUES FOR APPROVAL

| Chq No | Payee | Description | Amount |
|--------|------------|-----------------|----------|
| 712 | Furber | Dec Salary | P/C |
| 713 | Plimley | Dec Fuel | £ 50.00 |
| 714 | Triangle | Dec Lease | £ 230.00 |
| 715 | B Hunt | Dec Salary | P/C |
| 716 | R Bigwood | Dec Beach Clean | £ 388.13 |
| 717 | P Williams | Tax Refund | P/C |
| 718 | HMRC | PAYE QTR 3 | £1082.32 |