



Brean Parish Council

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APPROVED Minutes

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council held on Monday 2ND FEBRUARY 2009 in the Brean Village Hall at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Jackman Chairman
Councillor J Harris Vice Chairman
Councillors H Guy, D Petrie, D Scott, M Chatterton
Electors of Brean totalling 17 persons

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:--
Cllr T Hicks

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 5th January 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 and are published in Coastline magazine.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The following issues arose from the last meeting :-

RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Cllr Harris advised that there was a need for an informal meeting with the author of the second report Mr Paul Hellend to understand his conclusions and compare these with the ROSPA report.

This would possibly be held on Saturday 7th and a report would be produced for review by members and the public at the next Parish Council meeting.

ELECTORS OF BREAN ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

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

Denise Andrews made a statement detailing the history of Brean beach cleaning and the dangers that existed prior to the Parish Council taking on this responsibility.

She urged that the Parish Council make every effort to secure the funding to continue to clean the beach to its current high standard.

Dave Bailey asked why the signs on the beach had only warned of the danger of Kite Buggy's and not cars which were equally as dangerous.

The chairman advised that the signs were at that location because it was a "vehicle free area" whereas the cars had speed limit signs of 15mph in their area.

Mr Richard Smith read a prepared statement from "the Brean Householders Group" which has been circulated to members.

As requested in this statement Mr Jon Harris and Mrs Hilary Guy will hold an informal meeting with Mr Smith (and others) to understand and discuss the issues raised.

Mr Bigwood queried why there was a need for secondary meetings to be held when all residents have the opportunity to come to the Parish Council and raise any issues.

Mr Derek Petrie queried why the leaflet calling a meeting of residents on 26th January had been issued quoting incorrect facts about the "precept". The draft minutes issued on the 14th January had stated the Parish Council decision not to have a precept, and the Parish Council meeting on the 5th January had outlined the way in which the precept would be calculated not including the beach costs. Those issuing the leaflet calling the meeting had been in full possession of these facts. He considered this as "scaremongering"

PLANNING

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

06/08/00012 KRACKERS –rear extension – confirmed original approval

06/08/00013 KRACKERS – conservatory – previously refused – to review

Cllr Harris and Scott declared an interest.

MATTERS DEALT WITH BY SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following applications were reviewed by SDC

NONE

BEACH MANAGEMENT 2009

Cllr Harris raised the following issues:-

Concessions 2009

It was resolved that pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted there would be a separate meeting at the end of this meeting to discuss finances related to proposed tenders on beach concessions.

VW Rally on Brean Beach 10th May 2009 – Clerk to contact Unity Farm
ACTION 010209

Cllr Chatterton and Cllr Mrs Guy objected to this rally.

Filming on Brean beach with vehicle and falcon, cordoned area to be used

Clerk to contact – ACTION 020209

Learner drivers on the beach confirmed as “legal” as long as with qualified driver and both in possession of a licence.

Bye Laws state “no unlicensed drivers”

Need to review Tucker Lease for Beach Entrance

Clerk to attempt to locate – ACTION 030209

Replacement of Beach Posts – Clerk to contact Environment Agency and Harbourmaster to ensure no issues. – ACTION 040209

Location to be discussed in conjunction with Risk Assessments

OTHER CURRENT MATTERS

The following current matters were reviewed by the meeting :-

Report from POLICE – none present

Report from SALC – minutes not received

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Resolved that Brean Parish Council adopts , without modification, the Approved Model Publication Scheme details of which are on the website www.brean.org

Cllr Mrs Guy suggested that we should attempt to put in place areas of information and procedures where they did not currently exist.

The Clerk handed her the SALC guidelines to review these requirements

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed for action/filing or circulation

NEWSLETTERS – CIRC

Mr Richard Smith – Private Meetings – CIRC

Severn Tidal Power Unit – E mail circulated

SDC – Local Policies for Outdoor Sports

SWATK – Kite Buggy Club update & donation

SDC – General Fund Budget update (note on beach grant)

SCC – Parish Lengthsman Pilot Scheme

Denise Andrews – Letter of support

Annette Smith – Letter of support

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

The Members raised the following issues for attention

Cllr D Petrie raised the following issues :-

Thanks to residents for attending in such numbers and hoped they would continue to make their voices heard.

Cllr Mrs Guy raised the following issues:-

A draft response to the recent circulation on The Mental Health Act had been prepared and would be placed on circulation.

Cllr M Chatterton

Also thanked the residents for their attendance and input.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March 2009 at 7pm in the village hall.

CLERK WILL BE ON HOLIDAY AND OFFERS HIS APOLOGIES

ACTION LIST

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

