



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Present

Chairman	Cllr J Harris
Vice-Chairman	Cllr T Hicks
Councillors	Martin Chatterton, D Holland
Clerk to the Council	Hazel Brinton

There was one member of the public present

### 035/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Smith, Scott and Jackman and County Cllr Filmer

### 036/18 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interests were received.

### 037/18 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

### 038/18 To respond to members of the public

A query was raised by the member of the public present in relation to the effectiveness of the parish council's response to the recent snow. The parish council was asked whether it would review its contingency plan and use the council's beach contractor to clear roads in an emergency.

The Chairman replied that he understood that County Highways would grit the bus routes. Cllr Chatterton added that a local resident, Henry Bigwood, had cleared Warren Road which was then gritted by Highways the following day and that farmers do use their machinery to clear parts of roads in the vicinity. It did rest with County Highways to clear roads however and the clerk was asked to ask Liam Gill from County for a list of local roads cleared by SCC in the event of snow fall.

The Chairman added that councillors do check on the elderly and vulnerable in the event of bad weather.

**Action: Clerk**

### 039/18 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

- First Bus – the clerk reported that as expected, First Bus had not replied to her second email. She was asked to chase the company for a response.  
**Action: Clerk**
- Fencing at the Old Rectory – the clerk had chased the matter again as had Cllr Filmer and had received a response from Liam Gill who would take up the matter again with the householder. The email was circulated to councillors.

Signed by Chairman.....

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- Refurbishment of public toilets – the Chairman reported that the builder had been busy and suggested that some small works be done at Easter and then the toilets be closed temporarily to allow any larger works to go ahead. The schedule is flexible and it may be better to do the main work in the quieter months of the summer.

**040/18 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences**

- Planning application 06/17/00010 – Change of use at Wayside and Gadara – members noted that the Development Committee had refused permission.
- Planning application 06/18/00001 – Alteration to business opening hours and change of use of lounge at Landsdowne, Church Road – member noted that permission had been granted

**041/18 New Planning Applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration**

- Planning application 06/18/00003 – Part replacement of boundary wall at 1 Wesley Close. Members agreed that SDC should determine the application in conjunction with the original planning permission for boundary walls for the estate. The clerk reported that permission had been granted by SDC.
- Planning application 06/18/00002- Brean Leisure Park – erection of single story building to house biomass equipment. Members had no observations to offer on the application. The clerk reported that permission had been granted.

**042/18 Report on Beach Management**

- The Chairman reported that he would be speaking with the applicant for the Seagull food tender on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March and meet with the applicant for the bouncy castle tender on 17<sup>th</sup> March.
- The Chairman highlighted an email he had received from South West Ambulance Service which had reviewed their offer of a defibrillator on loan for the beach vehicle. The cost of the loan would now be £1800 for four years when it used to be free. The clerk was asked to put the item on the agenda for April and investigate costs to purchase and replacement parts in the meantime.

**Action: Clerk**

**043/18 Reports on Village issues**

- There were no reports to note

**044/18 Approval of cheques for the current month's expenditure**

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

**045/18 Financial matters**

- Councillors noted receipt of the bank reconciliation for January 2018
- Councillors noted the receipt of the income and expenditure statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018

**046/18 To receive an update from the clerk on the application for the new account with Unity Trust Bank**

The clerk informed members that the application had been submitted and that she had received the signed paperwork from current signatories to close the Santander Bank Account and transfer it across to Unity Trust. She would send the paperwork and cheque for the opening balance during the week following and was hopeful the bank account would be up and running for the next meeting if not the one in May at the latest.

**Action: Clerk**

**047/18 Members' comments on previously circulated correspondence**

Members made no comments on the correspondence.

**048/18 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion at the next meeting in March 2018**

Cllr Hicks asked whether the council should try again to meet with the local MP, James Heapey after a previously aborted attempt to do so. He particularly wanted to discuss the tourism strategy for Brean and Berrow. He felt there was no or very little strategy in place. Members debated the usefulness of a meeting with Mr Heapey and the Chairman suggested that in the first instance he speak with Alan House from Brean Tourism

**Action: Chairman**

Cllr West informed members that a visitor had reported to him a lack of parking for people wishing to use the cycle path and cycle from Brean. He reported further pot holes in Warren Road which the clerk was asked to report to Liam Gill from SCC Highways.

**Action: Clerk**

The Chairman reported that he had spoken with Cllr Jackman who had informed him of her wish to resign from the council on health grounds. The clerk explained the procedure on Cllr Jackman's resignation which she would start once Cllr Jackman's formal letter had been received by council.

The clerk reported that Berrow parish council had offered the use of its SID and handyman to install it at £25 per installation. The council would have to have insurance in place to cover the SID whilst it was in the parish. Members agreed to give the matter some consideration.

The clerk asked members if given the impending retirement of Cllr Jackman from the council whether they would be agreeable to receiving correspondence via email going forwards instead of having to circulate a file by hand with printed matter. Members would still be able to bring items up for discussion either via informing the clerk that they wished it put on the next meeting agenda or during "Matters for Discussion". Members unanimously agreed to this course of action.

**049/18 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018

The member of the public present left the meeting.

**050/18 It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda item by reason of the confidential nature of the item of business to be transacted.**

**051/18 To consider the hourly rate for beach warden pay for 2018-19 season.**

It was unanimously resolved to set the hourly rate at £8.00 per hour, above the minimum wage for 2018-19.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.50