



# Brean Parish Council

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Minutes of the Brean Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2007 in the Brean Village Hall at 7pm.

## PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Jackman Chairman  
Councillor J Harris Vice Chairman  
Councillors H Guy, D Petrie, D Scott,  
Electors of Brean totalling 2 persons

In attendance B Hunt, Clerk of the Council

## APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:--  
Cllr Hicks

## ELECTORS OF BREAN ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

The following issues were raised by the electors of Brean :-  
Martin Chatterton advised that he had submitted an application for the vacant role of Parish Councillor at the forthcoming elections.

## MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007 were approved without amendment by the members and signed by the Chairman

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The following issues arose from the last meeting :-

### SUBMERGED VEHICLE

Cllr Petrie advised that the police would contact SDC regarding the number of this vehicle in order that an insurance claim could be made.

### BEACH CONCESSIONS

The proprietor of the LIGHTHOUSE had accepted the second refreshment concession.

Mr Scott Matthews had offered to provide a Bouncy Castle Concession  
ACTION 010407 Clerk to raise required paperwork and invoices for concessions.

### ENVIRONMENT AGENCY/RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Harris had held discussions with Lucy Bennett and a letter confirming these discussions was expected, the content of which will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Mrs Jackman had held numerous discussions with various representatives of the Rights of Way team and the footpaths and beach area had been “walked” by their representatives.

The outcome of these was that SCC and SDC was denying all responsibility for the clearing of the sand on these rights of way.

The Parish Council is **EXTREMELY CONCERNED** that this lack of acceptance of SCC Rights of Way of their responsibilities could result in disabled people being unable to access the beach via these footpaths and that there would be a serious accident where sand had been allowed to build up to fence height .

The Parish Council agreed to do everything in their power to ensure that SCC and the Rights of Way team accepted their responsibilities for the clearance of these footpaths.

**ACTION 020407** It was agreed to contact the County Councillor Cllr Alan Ham and the MP Right Hon David Heatcoat- Amory re this problem.

#### REGISTER OF INTEREST

It was agreed to contact the Standards Board to set up a “dispensation” for councillors voting on planning and beach issues.

This would be requested after the forthcoming elections.

#### BLOCKED DRAINS SOUTH ROAD

Cllr Scott advised of discussions with the Drainage Board regarding this and related issues.

The Drainage Board were to send a surveyor to review all the areas of flood control and water management via the drains and rhymes.

Cllr Scott to request a draft letter from the Drainage Board for the Parish Council to sign and send to Wessex Water.

#### ST BRIDGETS CHURCH

Response awaited

#### PLANNING

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

NONE

#### MATTERS DEALT WITH BY SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following applications were reviewed by SDC

NONE

## BEACH MANAGEMENT 2007

Mr Tony Hyde appointed new Warden from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

A new rota had been completed.

Cllr Harris had purchased a flashing light and binoculars

Cllr Mrs Jackman to organise T shirts

## OTHER CURRENT MATTERS

The following current matters were reviewed by the meeting :-

Report from POLICE New policeman – Dominic Bryant appointed

Report from SALC – Cllr Mrs Guy gave a synopsis of the recent meeting, details on circulation

## Correspondence

The following correspondence will be tabled for review or circulation :-

AUDIT COMMISSION – Appointment of External Auditor

SCC – Statement of Community Involvement

SDC – Area Working Panels

LAMIS – Purchase of Ordnance Survey mapping software

SDC Sedgemoor Charter (for discussion and response)

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Members raised the following issues for attention

Cllr D Scott raised the following issues:-

Advised that addition “sea defences” exposed by the tide had been removed at the weekend.

Advised that there were ongoing discussions regarding the “brown haze” emanating from Aberthan Power Station.

Cllr Mrs Guy raised the following issues:-

Requested that seats be provided on Brean Down

ACTION 030407 Clerk to write to National Trust.

Concern expressed re parking outside Stardust/ Pound Shop....accident waiting to happen.

## DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting , which will be the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING & THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held on Monday 2007 at 7pm in the village hall.

## ACTION LIST

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