



Brean Parish Council

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APPROVED Minutes

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council held on Monday 6TH APRIL 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, T Hicks, M Chatterton (arrived late)

Electors of Brean totalling 18 persons plus 2 police officers

In attendance B Hunt, Clerk of the Council

By Invitation

Cllr T. Grimes (SDC)

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:--

Cllr Alan Ham, Cllr Martin Chatterton (start of meeting)

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2009 were approved after amendment and 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.

Cllr Harris answered the following questions raised at the last meeting

1. The buoy at the end of the posts would be attached in the near future
2. The Crown Estate lease (2005- 2015) allows for vehicles on the beach
3. We were attempting to locate the lease for the Beach entrance
4. Wardens were picking up rubbish as part of their duties
5. The beach patrol vehicle is insured for passengers

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The following issues arose from the last meeting :-

KITE BUGGIES

Cllr Mrs Guy stated the following:-

It had been agreed to review the decision to allow kite buggies after 12 months.

Did we have a report on the accident to one of the users?

The SWATK web site was already quoting dates for the 2009/10 season.

Should there be an emergency services presence when they are operating?

There were reports from beach users regarding the conflict between horses and kite buggies.

There were reports that the kite buggies users were abusive to other beach users (probably a two way street).

Cllr Harris advised that no decision had been made regarding the 2009/10 season

Cllr Mrs Jackman (Chairman) advised that the kite buggy used had generated much income for the village and that they had made a donation of £350 towards beach cleaning.

It was to be expected in all sports that there was a possibility of accidents.

The Chairman requested a vote on whether the kite buggies should be allowed to operate in the 2009/10 season (weekends from November to March)

There was a vote of 5 for and 1 against.(Cllr Mrs Guy)

Cllr Hicks stated that the kite buggies should be treated no differently from the sand yachts which had operated for many years.

There was discussion and it was agreed to invite the sand yacht club and the kite buggy club (SWATK) to a future Council meeting to discuss all the issues raised by the public and councillors.

Mr Richard Smith had sent a letter on this issue which had been e mailed to all councillors the day before the meeting but the councillors had not had time to discuss the contents, this letter will be placed on circulation.

BREAN BARRAGE

Cllr Mrs Guy had attended a meeting organised by SALC on the above and the documentation received would be placed on circulation.

There were a number of public meetings scheduled during April to discuss this subject.

The Chairman had attended a cluster meeting at which there was a presentation by Somerset County Council

The Clerk advised that he had received (courtesy of Alan Ham) a number of SCC documents, containing many facts on the proposals, which would be placed on circulation. These would be available to members of the public on request after circulation

POWER OF WELL BEING

Cllr Mrs Guy advised that she had attended a presentation on the ability of the Council to operate facilities under the above.

The Council would not be able to operate under the scheme unless they fulfilled certain criteria.

REPORT FROM POLICE

PCSO Tracey Grobbeler outlined the requirements of HORSE WATCH and requested a donation from the Council towards the costs

It was agreed to give a donation of £100 (proposed Cllr Mrs Guy, seconded Cllr Scott)

Tracey also outlined the availability of the MUGA in Berrow for 11 -14 year olds to be coached by an Arsenal football coach from 11th May and agreed to write an article for Coastline to promote the above.

PC Andy Beake provided details of a “day of action “ held today in the village and advised that this had produced results of a number of traffic offences.

Andy also outlined the good results that were being achieved by the ANPR camera and requested that residents DID NOT draw attention to the location as this would limit it’s potential.

Cllr Petrie asked Andrew to confirm that he regularly visited the beach, which he confirmed, as this was contrary to comments received in the letter from Mr Smith.

ELECTORS OF BREAN ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

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

Mrs Gauntlett queried that her questions at the previous meeting had not been answered.

Cllr Petrie advised that he felt he had answered the questions at the time , but advised if this were not the case, she should write to the Clerk for a detailed response.

There was considerable, often heated, questions from the public regarding the operation of the kite buggies in the vehicle free area and it was advised (as agreed above) that we would invite the SWATK club to attend a future meeting to address these concerns.

MS Rowena Findlay asked whether we did have a “public beach” and why activities were allowed in the “childrens play area”.

The Clerk advised (as he had previously on a number of occasions) that there was no “childrens play area” as if there were then no dogs would be allowed and there would need to be signs stating it as such.

Mrs Raybone advised that at some time in the past there had been signs designating the area as a childrens play area.

However the current bye laws dated April 1985 do not refer to such an area in Brean.

Mr Richard Smith requested that the Council should hold “working parties” as defined by NALC to discuss issues involving residents and that it was completely unacceptable that decision should be made affecting residents without their opportunity to be involved in the discussions.

PLANNING

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

Although there was no planning application the Chairman advised of discussion regarding the introduction of a “hatched area “ at the bottom of the Knoll Park estate to restrict parking.

This matter had been raised to the police and highways and a response was awaited.

MATTERS DEALT WITH BY SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following applications were reviewed by SDC

06/09/00001 KRACKERS CONSERVATORY approved

BEACH MANAGEMENT 2009

Cllr Harris advised the following:-

1. Concessions were now in place
2. New Warden appointed (Peter Williams)
3. Gates were being opened at 9am with Wardens operational
4. The beach would be cleaned before Easter
5. New Signage had been completed and installed
6. There was a need to repair the roof of the beach hut (quotes reqd)
7. There was an increase in “medical waste”
8. A request for a barbecue for 100 people from a deaf association had been received(more info required)
9. Unity Farm VW rally - advise unity to liaise with Richard Bigwood

OTHER CURRENT MATTERS

The following current matters were reviewed by the meeting :-

Report from POLICE -see above

Report from SALC – see above

The Chairman advised that she had attended a presentation at SDC on the “Code of Conduct” and after discussion with the legal adviser had agreed to apply for councillors to have “dispensations”

The clerk would obtain the paperwork and circulate to councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed for action/filing or circulation

Mr Don Holland – request for meeting – reply by Chairman - CIRC

Mr Don Holland – budgets and concessions – reply by Clerk – CIRC

SCC – Speed readings Church Road

SDC – Tree Preservation – cut down T001 Brean Leisure

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

The Members raised the following issues for attention

Cllr D Petrie raised the following issues :-

Requested that the Parish Council reserved the right to charge for information provided under the Freedom of Information Act if the request was considered “onerous”

Cllr D Scott raised the following issues:-

The pathway next to Plimleys was still dangerous and the building had installed dormer windows which possibly should have planning permission.

Cllr Mrs Guy raised the following issues:-

Hilary wished it to be recorded that “on reflection she felt that the situation which had developed between the Council and certain members or groups of the public was unfortunate”

She requested that both sides should try to pull together and concentrate their resources on more important issue like “brean barrage”

Cllr M Chatterton

Martin queried “why the Parish Council had responsibility for the beach”

Cllr Harris responded that this had been the case for “many years” and therefore in law we had the responsibility.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th May 2009 at 7pm in the village hall.

THIS WOULD BE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING and THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION LIST

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