



Brean Parish Council

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APPROVED Minutes

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council held on TUESDAY 6th April 2010
in the Brean Village Hall at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mr Petrie Chairman
Councillor J Harris Vice Chairman
Councillors Mrs H Guy, Mrs J Jackman, D Scott, T Hicks, M
Chatterton
Electors of Brean totalling 10 persons

In attendance B Hunt, Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES ADVISED TO THE CLERK

Apologies were received from the following:--
Cllr Tony Grimes (SDC)

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 1st March 2010 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 :-

LOCAL BEACH BYE LAWS

No response from SDC, Chairman had contacted Central Govt who had
advised that if the Bill was not approved before the dissolution of
Parliament then it would be carried forward until after the election.

KRACKERS BAR

Police and Parish Council were happy with the outcome of the Review.

ELECTORS OF BREAN ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

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

Rita queried whether there would be a donation to St Bridgets...see later in minutes.

Mrs Stockwell queried the clearance of the beach path next to Central Park.

Cllr Hicks advised that this had been cleared in the winter and would be cleared again when resources allow.

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETAILED BELOW

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

06/10/00002 Illuminated Sign at SUBWAY – approval sent

06/10/00003 Police Caravan – interest declared

MATTERS DEALT WITH BY SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following planning applications were advised by SDC

06/09/00018 BREAN LEISURE POOL – approved

REPORT ON BEACH MANAGEMENT 2010

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 5 incidents which had been reported to the police and SDC

A new sign had been fitted at the base of the ramp.

A sponsored swim would be held on the beach in February 2011, Cllr Harris to liaise with organisers.

Wardens were now on their summer rota

Bins had been put out.

A second dog had been killed on the Down, Clerk to write to National Trust

ACTION 010410

Cllr Harris proposed that the Parish Council take responsibility for the “beach safety leaflet” given out at sites. Costs to be established and availability of any grants reviewed.

Regarding needles being found on the beach Cllr Mrs Guy had been unable to establish the original source.
Expenditure on the beach rake was noted.

OTHER CURRENT MATTERS AS DETAILED BELOW

The following current matters were presented to the meeting :-

Report from POLICE - A PACT meeting was held immediately prior to this meeting and new priorities re STREET DRINKING were established
One off actions re Traffic at Unity Farm and Boy Racers on the Beach were agreed to be actioned by Esther and Tracey.

Report from SALC - The Clerk had attended the meeting on behalf of Cllr Mrs Guy and papers tabled would be circulated.

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

RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE DETAILED BELOW

The following correspondence was reviewed for action/filing or circulation

- Mr Richard Smith – Beach Bye Laws

The following points were raised by Mr Smith in his recent letters and E Mails.

1. Copy requested of letter creating Parish Council response dated 20th October
2. This letter had never been discussed at Council
3. Council were proposing to ban dogs on the beach and re introduce jet skis
4. Lack of “transparency” of Council discussions and correspondence.

The Chairman responded as follows:-

As stated in the first line of the letter dated 20th the Parish Council was replying to a letter dated 15th October, which was actually received by Mr Smith BEFORE the Council received it.

Details of the discussion at the NOVEMBER Parish Council meeting advising that the Parish Council “were seeking clarification of the 25 year old bye laws” is quite clearly stated in the minutes in two places.

Mr Smith had received direct confirmation of this action by E mail on 24th November 2009.

There had been NO DISCUSSION or intention regarding dogs or jet skis on the beach, the correspondence (dated 20th October) was seeking an opinion and wishing to confirm the Parish Council authority to maintain and enforce the out of date bye laws.

The Council is TOTALLY TRANSPARENT on this issue and all requests for correspondence (except where considered “ legal professional privilege”) had been met.

A full report on the series of events detailing all correspondence is available from the Clerk on request.

The Chairman asked that requests for information be properly checked before involving the Council and the Clerk in unnecessary volumes of correspondence.

- Mr Richard Smith – request for “Tucker lease” – this was returned to the Clerk who would now advise Mr Smith of it’s availability.

Letter to Brean Village Hall Management Committee confirming nominees from Parish Council – placed on file.

NEWSLETTERS – Placed on circulation

RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING CIRCULATED CORRESPONDENCE

BEACH ENTRANCE LEASE

The Chairman advised that there would be a short informal meeting at the end of this meeting for Cllr Harris to explain the background and proposals for a new lease, to the Councillors, in order that a proposal could be put forward for decision at the next meeting.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

The Members raised the following issues for attention

Cllr Mrs Jackman raised the following issues:-

The steel bin liner from the bin outside the village hall had been removed, Clerk to check with “Clean Surroundings”

Cllr D Petrie raised the following issues :-

Two letters had been received from the Land Yacht Club.

A request to extend their coverage and season could not be approved as it conflicted with the Parish Council powers under the bye laws and may result in a challenge from residents.

Cllr D Scott raised the following issues:-

Advised that recent “smells” thought to be emanating from the sewage works were in fact due to a farm spreading organic material.

Cllr Harris raised the following issues:-

Advised of the need to repair a missing/damaged bus shelter poster frame.

Cllr Mrs Guy raised the following issues:-

Requested that she receive the CIRCULATION FILE first...agreed by Chairman...Clerk to action.

PROPOSED DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd May 2010 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

THIS WOULD ALSO BE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING at 7pm

ACTION LIST

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

AGENDA ITEM 8 MEETING DATED 6th April
2010 CHEQUES APPROVED

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount
737	S & D	Oil Tank Village Hall	£ 2085.63
738	Clerk	March Salary	£ P & C
739	Plimley	Replace CHQ 723 (lost)	£ 132.00
740	Plimley	March Fuel	£ 220.00
741	Triangle	March Lease	£ 235.00
742	D Furber	Salary March	£ P & C
743	P Williams	Tax refund March	£ P & C
744	R Bigwood	Beach Clean March	£ 290.81

Following cheques are for 2010/11 year

745	Tucker	Beach Entrance Lease	£4310.00
746	Crown Estate	2010 Rent	£ 200.00
747	SALC	Subs 2010	£ 130.49
748	Overton	Repair Beach Rake	£ 1441.49
749	Community Council	2010 Subs	£ 30.00
750	ICO	Data Protection 2010	£ 35.00
751	BPO	Warden Mobile	£ 20.00