



Brean Parish Council

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Approved Minutes

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 3RD May 2010 in the Brean Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillor D. Petrie Chairman

Councillor J Harris Vice Chairman

Councillors Mrs.H Guy, Mrs J Jackman, D Scott, M Chatterton, T Hicks.

Electors of Brean totalling 12 persons

In attendance B Hunt, Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:--

Cllr Alan Ham (SCC)

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

All Councillors declared a possible interest in the agenda item "Beach Management"

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Derek Petrie was voted as Chairman, Proposed Cllr Scott Seconded Cllr Harris.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr Jonathon Harris was voted as Vice Chairman, Proposed Cllr Mrs Jackman, Seconded Cllr Hicks.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

All officers to retain existing responsibilities.

Cllr Mrs Guy to take responsibility for Emergency Planning

ELECTORS OF BREAN ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

The following issues were raised by the electors of Brean :-

- Shirley Smith queried why a recent “photo shoot” had been allowed to use the “vehicle free area”

Cllr Harris advised that this had not been authorised and was a one off unfortunate mistake.

The clerk advised that permission had been sought and granted for a “stationary” photo shoot.

- Rowena Findlay asked why there was “constant breaking of the bye laws by the council” as follows :-

Bonfires, fencing erected on the sand dunes, gate to “vehicle free area” unlocked.

Cllr Harris and Cllr Mrs Jackman responded.

- Richard Smith stated that he had come to the meeting “happy to listen to the response to his letters” but wished the Chairman to withdraw his statement in the Annual Parish Meeting re “bye laws”.
- The Chairman advised that the statement was valid and would stand.
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- Richard Bigwood queried the statements made in a recent circular issue by the “Brean Householders Group” stating that as usual they were factually incorrect.
- The Chairman advised that this was not a matter for the Parish Council and that Mr Bigwood should take his queries up with the BHG.
- Don Holland queried the operation of the Kite Buggies from November to March versus the current operation within the bye laws.

It was agreed to discuss this under “Beach Management”

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 6th April 2010 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 :-

NONE

PLANNING

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

06/10/00004 Request for certificate of Lawfulness Hillview

After discussion it was agreed to REFUSE this application.

ACTION 010510 Clerk to advise SDC

MATTERS DEALT WITH BY SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following applications were reviewed by SDC
06/10/00002 "Subway" illuminated light - approved
06/10/00003 Police Caravan - approved

BEACH MANAGEMENT 2010

All Councillors except Cllr Hicks agreed to exercise their DISPENSATIONS.

Cllr Mrs Guy read a prepared statement , which would be circulated after the meeting, and tabled a letter from a resident, supporting her comments. The letter would also be placed on circulation.

After considerable discussion it was agreed to seek a meeting with SDC to discuss management of the beach and enforcement of the bye laws.

ACTION 020510 Chairman to seek meeting with SDC

Cllr Harris advised that there had been 2 incidents in April.

Caravan sites near Brean Down had reported an increase in rats in the rock armour. Clerk to contact the Environment Agency

ACTION 030510

Cllr Harris that he was attempting to get a sponsor for the new Beach safety leaflet and it was agreed that he could proceed with printing this leaflet.

Cllr Scott advised that we should seek clarification regarding dogs on the beach being kept on a lead as a holidaymaker on Weston Beach had been questioned (fined?) regarding this.

Cllr Chatterton advised of the discussion with Mr Holland regarding the buoy at the end of the posts being visible at high tide.

It was agreed to extend the length of the chain to 10 metres.

Cllr Harris to advise the National Trust re a similar requirement on their proposed posts.

BEACH ENTRANCE LEASE

Cllr Harris declared an interest.

The Chairman table a copy of the beach entrance lease to be entered into with "Warren Farm Retail"

This had been circulated to Councillors and it was agree by all present that the Council should accept this lease.

The lease was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

OTHER CURRENT MATTERS

The following current matters were reviewed by the meeting :-

Report from POLICE - None

Report from SALC – Cllr Mrs Guy advised that she had reviewed some of the paperwork from the previous meeting and queried the Clerk agreed to clarify after the meeting.

FINANCE

The following cheque payments were approved by the meeting and signed by the authorised signatories.

As per circulated list

SDC Beach Grant

Correspondence had been received (see below) advising that a decision on the beach grant may not be made until the end of May.

It was agreed that a special finance meeting would be called when this response was agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed for action/filing or circulation

NEWSLETTERS – CIRC

- Mr Richard Smith – Kite Buggies – 12th April
- Mr Richard Smith – Beach Bye Laws – Beach Management- 25th April

The above letters had been circulated by Mr Smith and response would await the proposed meeting with SDC (see above)

- SDC – 2010 Beach Grant delay
- Information Commissioner – FOI Complaint by Mr Richard Smith
A response had been sent by the Council
- SCC – Management of Rights of Way Mtg – Cllr Scott to attend.
- Information Commissioner – Confirmation of Renewal Data Protection
- North Somerset Council – Replacement Local Plan
- Environment Agency – River Axe & Bleadon Sluice

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Members raised the following issues for attention

Cllr Mrs Jackman M.B.E raised the following issues:-

Mrs Jackman confirmed that the fencing on properties backing onto the vehicle free area was indeed “untidy” but the Parish Council had no jurisdiction over what residents did on their “own land”.

Cllr J Harris raised the following issues :-

Cllr Harris advised of the VAN WEST event to take place on Warren Farm on the coming weekend.

Cllr D Scott raised the following issues:-

A number of vehicles were getting punctures on Weston Road due to the potholes.

Clerk to advise Highways ACTION 040510

Cllr T Hicks raised the following issues

Request that the Clerk request grass cutting to be complete TWICE in the season (at end of July)

Cllr Chatterton queried the operation of the new “Brean Activity Centre”

Cllr Harris advised that this was on a 28 day trial.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th June 2010 at 7pm in the village hall.

ACTION LIST

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

AGENDA ITEM 8 MEETING DATED
3rd MAY CHEQUES APPROVED

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount
752	WARDEN	April Salary	P&C
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754	CLERK	April Salary	P & C
755	PLIMLEYS	April Fuel	£ 390.00
756	TRIANGLE	April Lease	£822.50
757	St BRIDGETS	Donation	£ 400.00
758	POST OFFICE	Warden mobile	£ 20.00
759	SAGE	Software support	£ 47.00
760	BIGWOOD	Beach Cleaning	£ 429.60
761	W FIELD	Beach Rake	£ 939.48
762	VILLAGE HALL	Qtr to March	£ 75.00
763	QUICK SIGN	Police Notice Beach	£ 156.28