



Brean Parish Council

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Minutes

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council held on Monday 4th June 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, T Hicks

In attendance Cllr A Ham (SCC), Cllr A Grimes (SDC), E Green (Avon and Somerset Constabulary)

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:--

Councillor M Chatterton

B Hunt, Clerk. In the absence of the Clerk Councillor H Guy took Minutes of the meeting

ELECTORS OF BREAN ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

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

A letter was read out from Mr B Hunt, resident of Brean regarding the anti social behaviour of traders attending the market on Warren Farm. It was noted traders were parking vehicles on the lay by opposite the post office on a Tuesday evening and returning to their vehicles in the early hours of the morning drunk and disorderly. Councillor J Harris and the local Police undertook to review the area on Tuesday evening and B Davies had made a commitment to refuse any Trader admission to the market who were found to be arriving on a Tuesday evening and creating problems in the village. The Chairman to write to Mr Hunt to confirm action.

Concern was raised regarding delay by Somerset County Council to improve roads and paths in Brean. Councillor A Ham confirmed he would request the SCC councillors responsible for the budget for roads

and paths to attend a meeting of Brean Parish Council to discuss these concerns.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 7th May 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 :-

RIGHTS OF WAY

The Chairman reported the Environment Agency had confirmed sand taken from the footpaths could be returned to the beach. A letter had been received from John Taylor, Sedgemoor District Council Coastal Protection Officer. The Tideways right of way path was to be lowered and a graph submitted to SCC with formal proposal as a process to work towards SCC releasing monies to do the necessary work.

ST BRIDGETS CHURCH

The Chairman confirmed she had met with Cedric Lodge, Church Warden to discuss the request to the Parish Council to donate £400 towards grass cutting and church yard maintenance. It was confirmed grass cutting was currently costing the church £800 per annum. There was little requirement for grass cutting at the chapel. Councillor Harris proposed the Council pay £400 and this was seconded by Councillor Guy. Councillor Petrie proposed an amendment to await receipt of a further letter from the Church with further details of financial affairs prior to payment being made. This amendment was carried

JET SKI'S

It had been impossible to hold a meeting with the Jet Ski visitors due to the poor weather over the holiday weekend resulting in no jet skiing or other water sports taking place. No problems had been reported recently.

PLANNING

The following applications had been received:

06/07/00007 The Warren, South Road, Brean . Proposed demolition of existing double garage and erection of new triple garage.

It was agreed Councillors Guy and Chatterton would visit the site and report back to the Council

MATTERS DEALT WITH BY SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following applications were reviewed by SDC
06/07/0005 Seagull Inn Smoking Enclosure. It was reported that Sedgemoor District council had approved this application but it had then been refused by Somerset County Council due to traffic implications related to loss of car parking spaces for licenced premises. Consequently the application had been withdrawn and a new application made. Councillor Grimes reported that Sedgemoor District Council only noted Parish Council view on planning permissions if an approval or refusal was accompanied by comments and reasons leading to the decision. This had caused confusion in the past and had been raised with Steve Atkinson Chief Planning Officer on a number of occasions. Councillor Grimes undertook to raise this issue with Sedgemoor and seek clarification and report back to Brean Parish Council.

BEACH MANAGEMENT 2007

Councillor Harris reported the holiday weekend had been very quiet due to poor weather. The Beach Wardens had noted an increase in medical waste on the tide line and it was agreed this be raised with the Sedgemoor Environmental Health Department. Councillor Grimes would also follow this through with Sedgemoor Council.

It was noted the bin at the end of the Northam Farm footpath was being used by residents for garden waste. Agreed the Chairman would raise this in the next edition of Coastline.

The sign for the beach entrance was reviewed and it was agreed a sign would be placed at main beach entrance and at the Cove entrance. Councillor Harris to action.

OTHER CURRENT MATTERS

The following current matters were reviewed by the meeting :-

Report from POLICE

PCSO E Green confirmed no significant incidents over the holiday weekend to report

Report from SALC

Councillor Guy would be attending a SALC meeting in Fiddington on 14th June next.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chairman requested Councillors who had not returned Code of Conduct forms and acceptance of office forms to do so immediately.

Brean Parish Council unanimously voted to formally adopt the New Code of Conduct as previously distributed to each individual Councillor. A letter would be sent to Melanie Wellman at Sedgemoor District Council confirming this issue.

CONFERENCE ON SEVERN ESTUARY BARRAGE

Councillor Hicks confirmed he would attend this Conference in Clevedon

The Members raised the following issues for attention

Cllr Mrs Jackman raised the following issues:-

Concerns related to the untidy state of the Beach Entrance and adjacent buildings. It was agreed to agenda this item for full discussion at the next meeting.

Cllr J Harris raised the following issues :-

Raised issues concerning the Local Plan Development Framework correspondence sent out with the last Distribution File. Councillor Ham explained the process for this Plan which set priorities for the parish council clusters.

Cllr D Petrie raised the following issues :-

None

Cllr D Scott raised the following issues:-

Confirmed an event would be held at the Seagull in Brean on 12th June from 1pm to 4 pm to discuss the forthcoming smoking ban in public places. Sedgemoor District Council and the Police to be present.

Cllr T Hicks raised the following issues

Concerns raised yet again that Somerset County Council carried out roadworks in Berrow over the holiday weekend which seriously disrupted the heavy holiday traffic coming into the area. A letter to be sent to Liam Gill, SCC Highways Department to enquire what had happened to the agreement not to undertake highways work during holiday periods in this area.

Cllr Mrs Guy raised the following issues:-

When using the footpath to the beach at the side of the Village Hall (footpath AX 7/5) she had noted a large piece of barbed wire protruding in the middle of the path presenting a serious danger to pedestrians and animals. Councillor Hicks confirmed he would action this issue.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th June 2007 at 7pm in the village hall.

ACTION LIST

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