

**Minutes of Meeting of Brean Parish Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
September 2006 at 7 o clock in Brean Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillor J Jackman (Chair)  
Councillor C Mason  
Councillor D Scott  
Councillor T Hicks  
Councillor D Petrie  
Councillor H Guy

**Apologies:** Councillor J Harris  
Mr B Hunt

3 Electors of Brean attended the meeting.

There were no issues raised by Electors of Brean

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting agreed and signed**

**2. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**(a) Highways**

All works completed

**(b) Verge Cutting**

Councillor Hicks confirmed the verges along Weston road had not been cut and were overgrown and dangerous. It was agreed a letter be sent to Somerset County Council Highways Department requesting 2 verge cuts in 2007, one in April and a further cut in July.

Councillor Hicks also informed the Council of his concerns relating to the proposal from Somerset County Council Highways Department to undertake work on the hard surface verges in Weston Road to cover them with soil so that they were not confused with footpaths. The Council agreed to oppose this proposal and Councillor Hicks to draft letter and hand to the Clerk for submission to Somerset County Council.

Councillor Hicks noted Berrow Parish council were meeting with Somerset County council in relation to concerns as to lack of footpath on Coast Road. It was agreed Brean Parish Council request a similar visit be arranged to look at the problems in Weston and Warren Road, Brean which also lacked footpaths. Clerk to send a letter inviting Mr Hurn from Somerset county council to visit Brean.

**3. Planning**

The following planning applications were reviewed:

06/06/00015 Red Road Golf Course – response sent with reservations as to future implications if approval given  
06/06/00017 The Castle – amended application supported  
06/06/00018 Quantocks – application supported  
06/06/00023 Panorama – permission not required, no further action  
06/06/00025 Knoll Park – application supported with reservations as to car parking provision  
06/06/00026 Telecomms Mast – no grounds for objection  
06/06/00027 West Winds – supported  
06/06/00028 Kinnoul & Pinmoor – supported but concerns raised regarding building line  
06/06/00029 Avalon – supported  
06/06/00031 The Dingle – supported  
06/06/00033 Highway – Council reviewed application and it was decided to arrange for as many Councillors as possible to visit the site this week and make a decision.

#### **4. Matters dealt with by Sedgemoor District Council**

There were no matters reported by Sedgemoor District Council

#### **5. Beach Management**

In the absence of Councillor J Harris, Councillor J Jackman requested the Council consider requirements for warden service in the Winter and restrictions on jet skis using the beach.

Councillor Guy raised concerns as to the many different sporting activities taking place on the beach i.e. 15 jet skis at one time recently, speedboats, kites, kite buggies and surfers, fishing and other sports in relation to safety and potential damage to properties. It was requested a separate meeting be arranged with Councillor Harris present to discuss these issues and consider provision of Warden Service in the Winter.

Councillor Scott handed a cheque to the Chairman for £250 from Brean Land Yacht Club being a donation towards the upkeep of the Beach.

It was noted that problems with people going onto the mud on the beach and requiring rescue this year had been mainly people staying at Pontins and consideration was given to extra signage on the Beach and footpaths and further safety information being available at Pontins.

#### **6. Current items for clarification**

##### **(a) Feedback from Police**

Councillor Hicks requested separate meeting with the Police following problems experienced in Brean during the holiday season. The Clerk is requested to write to Avon and Somerset Constabulary to arrange a meeting.

## **(b) Feedback from SALC**

Still awaiting Government White Paper on Local Government before further meeting of SALC arranged.

## **7. Correspondence**

Councillor J Jackman confirmed she had received a number of letters from residents in Brean relating to problems around the bench located outside the entrance to Warren Caravan Park. After consideration it was agreed the Council visit the site and defer any decision until the next meeting.

## **8. Any Other Business**

Councillor Petrie raised serious concerns as to the state of the Village Hall and Car Park during the Summer due to the activities of the Trader. It was noted an extraordinary meeting of the Village Hall Committee held recently to review these concerns had agreed unanimously not to accept any bookings from this trader or other similar in the future.

Councillor Scott suggested consideration be given to other activities in the Village Hall in the Summer including a Farmers Market.

Councillor Petrie was concerned that Wessex Water had painted a tower on the Treatment Works site white. It was noted this would be more in keeping with the area had it been green and also Wessex Water had offered to plant trees on this site in the past which to date had not been done. Councillors Scott and Guy would bring this matter to the attention of Wessex Water at the next regular meeting. The Clerk to be requested to send a formal letter to Wessex Water registering the Parish Council's complaint.

Councillor Petrie confirmed arrangements were in place in relation the forthcoming high tides in the area this weekend and during October. Weather forecasts would be reviewed and if there was any risk to residents they would be notified and The Seagull, Beachcomber and Village Hall opened if required for evacuation purposes.

Councillor Hicks raised concerns as to recent presence of traveller's caravans in Berrow. Councillor Mason will take these concerns to Berrow Parish council when he attends their meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Councillor Scott requested the Clerk arrange for a representative from Sedgemoor Council to attend the next Parish council meeting regarding erection of signs and fly posting due to recent problems with Coast FM signs erected in the area.

Councillor Mason confirmed that County Councillor Ham required bids to assist him in the annual allocation of money from Somerset County Council. Suggested projects for Brean to be submitted to Councillor Jackman.

Councillor Guy asked for action to be taken by Somerset County Council Highways Department relating to the accumulation of blown sand in Warren Road which was now becoming hazardous for drivers. Richard Bigwood said if he knew the date when Somerset County Council would undertake road sweeping he would arrange for the impacted sand to be removed prior to the clean. The Clerk to write and ascertain the dates and pass to Richard for action.

Councillor Guy raised concerns that empty houses in Warren Road were being used by people on the beach as "toilets". It was confirmed that the Environmental Health Department of Sedgemoor Council should be notified regarding this issue.

Councillor Guy extended apologies for non attendance at the October Council meeting.

#### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Meeting is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

### **LIST OF ACTIONS**

1. Letter to Highways Department, Somerset County Council on following issues:
  - (a) Verge Maintenance 2007 Programme – Councillor Hicks to provide draft letter for submission by the Clerk
  - (b) Objection to work to reinstate verges with top dressing of soil in Weston Road
  - (c) Invitation to attend Brean to look at dangers of Weston and Warren Road which areas require pavements in respect of Road Safety issues
  - (d) Request notification of dates for road cleaning in Warren Road
2. Parish Council Meeting to be arranged with Councillor J Harris present to discuss Beach Management and Winter Warden service.
3. Letter of thanks to Brean Land Yacht Club for donation
4. Write to Avon and Somerset Constabulary requesting meeting to discuss policing in Brean following problems Summer 2006
5. Write to Wessex Water to formally make complaint regarding the painting of the tower on the Treatment Works site which has been painted white and the preferred colour should be green to blend in within surrounding area.
6. Write to Sedgemoor Council inviting person to Council meeting to talk about new rules on flyposting and signage