



Brean Parish Council

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Minutes

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council held on Monday 3rd September 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, M Chatterton
Electors of Brean totalling 8 persons

In attendance B Hunt, Clerk of the Council
By Invitation PC Elliot Green

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:--
None

ELECTORS OF BREAN ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

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

Mr Graham Ruff read out a prepared statement regarding the concerns by local businesses about the letting of the village hall to a trader who sell competitive products to local businesses despite a previous assurance (Sept 2006) that this would not occur again.

After much discussion it was advised by the Chairman that this was a matter for the Village Hall Management Committee and it was agreed by the representatives that this statement together with a letter received would be raised by Cllr Petrie.

Ms Rowena Findlay expressed her concern regarding the allowing of Jet Skis on the section of sea behind her property.

As the Council had agreed with the jet ski owners to allow them to use the facilities for the current season it was noted that this would be honoured.

However a review of this and other sports to be allowed on the beach would be conducted at the end of the season and the Chairman would

offer the residents a further chance to respond to an article in COASTLINE and if required a meeting of residents.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 2nd July 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 :-

RADIOLINK

A statement from Sgt Ian Kennett stating that this was still under review but approaching acceptance was read out by the Clerk.

Further information was still required and it was agreed to ask Sgt Kennet to attend the next meeting

ACTION 010907

HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

A letter received from Cllr Alan Ham confirmed that under the current LTP2 there was little chance of any footpaths being provided.

Cllr Grimes agreed to establish the latest status at SDC.

Cllr Scott raised the issue of vehicles loading and offloading in South Road (this was also raised in a copy letter from Unity Resort) and suggested that we establish whether it was feasible to create a restriction on loading times and/or to employ a “traffic Warden”

ACTION 020907 Clerk to write to SCC/SDC

RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Scott advised that Kenny Gordon would provide a quotation in Nov /Dec and work should commence in January.

JET SKI CLUB It had not been possible to create a “jet ski club” due to the varying locations that the participant come from.

As stated above “many” residents do not like or want the club.

Cllr Mrs Guy confirmed her continued opposition to this facility.

It was pointed out that a local resident had queried whether he could launch from his “own” area of the beach which his title deeds stated he owned “to the mean high water mark”

The Parish Council agreed the following action:-

1. Contact SDC Legal to establish the legality of allowing or denying jet skis on a rural beach
2. Contact the Harbourmaster to discuss the implications of their operation and launching
3. Place a notice in Coastline offering residents a special meeting to discuss the issues.

ACTION 030907 Clerk to action above

PLANNING

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

06/07/00011 Brean Down Caravan Park – second approval sent

MATTERS DEALT WITH BY SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL

There was concern that no documentation was being received from SDC on the outcome of our inputs.

Whilst it was noted that this was available on the internet this was not an acceptable means of communication for all members.

BEACH MANAGEMENT 2007

Cllr Harris advised that trade was considerably down and that cleaning had been a difficult exercise subsequent to the flooding in Gloucestershire.

The Wardens had worked well and this was confirmed by residents whose properties backed onto the beach.

A request had been received from a representative for a Kite Buggy Club and it was agreed to invite him to a special meeting prior to the next meeting.

ACTION 040907 Clerk to contact

OTHER CURRENT MATTERS

The following current matters were reviewed by the meeting :-

Report from POLICE – PC Elliot Green confirmed the details received in the correspondence from Ian Kennett (see circulation).

Mr Munn comment that the problems in the village were “worse than ever” however the experience of businesses and the police statistics did not bear this out.

Report from SALC Cllr Mrs Guy advised that she would not be able to attend the next meeting and Cllr Chatterton would try to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed for action/filing or circulation

SDC – Unitary Bid

SCC – Cycle Tour of Britain 11th September

SDC – Consultation on review of Licensing Policy

Mr Tomlin – state of Brean Beach (reply sent)

SCC – One Council for Somerset

Alan Ham – Community Grants
Waterlinks Project
Richard House Unity Farm – Parking on South Road
Community Council for Somerset – AGM 11th September

Any other business

Current issues to be raised by the members

Cllr Harris requested that we contact SDC to arrange for the bin at the Bird Garden to be emptied.

ACTION 050907 Clerk to contact

Cllr Harris requested that we ask Highways to bring the Road Sweeper to sweep by the Beach Entrance.

ACTION 060907 Clerk to action

Cllr Hicks reminded that the WESTON ROAD sign had still not been replaced,

ACTION 070907 Clerk to Chase

Cllr Hicks queried how often the hedgerows should be cut back.

ACTION 080907 Clerk to query

Cllr Scott advised of the problems with the Sewage Works over the Bank Holiday.

It was agreed to write to SDC Environmental Health to request this be raised as an urgent issue.

Cllr Mrs Guy advised that she had attended a meeting regarding the proposed Health Centre in Berrow and placed info on circulation.

Cllr Guy advised that she had received a response from National Trust regarding benches on Brean Down and was awaiting alternative proposals.

The Chairman advised that she was attempting to source funding for the double glazing of the village hall.

She also tabled a letter from John Tucker relating to an “agricultural tie” on the property at the end of Warren Road.

It was agreed to respond to any enquiry as and when it was received from SDC Planning Dept.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is proposed as Monday 1st October @ 7pm in the Village Hall.

ACTION LIST

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