



Brean Parish Council

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APPROVED Minutes

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council held on Monday 1ST September 2008
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 6 persons

In attendance B Hunt, Clerk of the Council
By Invitation Cllr T Grimes (SDC),

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:--
Cllr Alan Ham (SCC)

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 7th July 2008 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 and are published in Coastline magazine.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The following issues arose from the last meeting :-

ANPR CAMERA

Sgt Steve Lawrence gave an update of his understanding of the current status, the pole and cameras would be installed within the new few days and they would await a connection for BT and SWEB.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Cllr Harris advised that this had been completed by ROSPA and we should expect the report in the next couple of weeks. The Chairman

advised that we would apply for funding for the “outputs” of the risk assessment from the special grant fund managed by Cllr Alan Ham.

DRAFT MINUTES

It has been agreed that DRAFT minutes would be available from the Clerk on request ASAP after the meeting. APPROVED minutes would be published on the website.

ELECTORS OF BREAN ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

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

Mr Richard Smith queried the process for the approval of the “speed limit signs” discussed at an earlier meeting by the Chairman and commented on by Cllr Petrie.

For clarification the situation was as follows:- At a meeting of the Parish Coastal Cluster Cllr Ham had advised that a special fund of £15k would be made available for Parishes to submit requests for individual funding. The police representation at that meeting advised that if Parishes were willing (and had no individual requirements) the fund could, with support of Parishes be used to fund the speed signs. At the time the exact cost of these signs was not known.

Subsequently Brean Parish had enquired whether the funding could be used to fund the requirements of the RISK ASSESSMENT. In addition a number of small claims by other Parishes had been refused at it was a requirement that each project should be of approx £2500 in value.

The cost of the speed signs would be less than originally envisaged and the fund had remaining balances against which claims in excess of £2500 could be made.

It was decided that we should therefore make a claim for the cost of the outputs of the RISK ASSESSMENT as this met the Health & Safety requirements specified by the fund.

At our special budget meeting in August it was suggested that replacements of the existing wooden posts by “rocks” may be a better long term and environmental solution.

This was put to the meeting and was agreed that we should investigate the cost.

Mr Smith suggested that these ”rocks” could be used to “limit “ the space allocated to car parking and help to reduce “boy racing”.

PLANNING

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

06/08/00006 QUANTOCKS – objection sent based on lack of parking

06/08/00007 THE DUG OUT – site visit to be held Friday 5th Sept

MATTERS DEALT WITH BY SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following applications were reviewed by SDC

06/08/00003 SUNNINGCREST – amended plans approved.

BEACH MANAGEMENT 2008

Cllr Harris advised that there had been 10 incidents in July and 8 incidents in August.

There had been GOOD REPORTS on the standard of wardening.

The beach had been a lot quieter than a normal season due to the poor weather.

Cllr Harris reported that the LIFEBELT was missing and that we should contact SDC to establish responsibility

ACTION010908

It had also been reported that the toilets were dirty and the times of opening and closing was erratic. It was agreed to contact SDC to establish responsibilities.

ACTION 020908

Cllr Harris reported that 4 “keep off the rocks” signs were missing. It was agreed to contact the EnvironmentAgency

ACTION 030908

The responsibility for investigation the source of the ANCHOR found on the beach to be passed to the SDC Museums Manager

ACTION 040908

A written complaint regarding the beach warden (paul) damaging fishing lines would be responded to by the Clerk.

ACTION050908

An E mail complaint regarding the Beach Warden (dave) ignoring a request from someone taken ill would be investigated by Jon and a response sent.

ACTION 060908

The Chairman had received an e mail from the KITE BUGGY club who wished to commence their agreed winter programme.

An offer had been made to hold an “open day” for the benefit of local residents and school children. The Chairman to respond

ACTION 070908

OTHER CURRENT MATTERS

The following current matters were reviewed by the meeting :-

Report from POLICE – Tracey to contact RADIOLINK re dedicated BREAN channel.

Report from SALC – Cllr Mrs Guy provided details for circulation and advised that she would be unable to attend the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed for action/filing or circulation

NEWSLETTERS – CIRC

SDC --- PHONE BOX REMOVALS – none affected in Brean

SDC ----- TREE PRESERVATION ORDER QUANTOCKS

CARAVAN CLUB – RALLY ON WARREN FARM

JUSTAMERE – STATE OF McCOLLS CAR PARK - Cllr Grimes to visit

FISHERMAN – COMPLAINT BEACH WARDEN

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Members raised the following issues for attention

Cllr Mrs Jackman raised the following issues:-

It was considered that the march along Coast Road Berrow on Bank Holiday was irresponsible due to holidaymakers being unable to get to Brean and employees being unable to get to work, an article would be placed in Coastline.

Cllr Grimes advised that he totally supported the march as a last resort

Cllr Mrs Guy raised the following issues:-

The dog mess on the beach was becoming a problem, dog warden to be advised

ACTION080908

Barbed wire sticking out of path to beach by village hall. Cllr Hicks to contact SDC or Rights of Way.

ACTION 090908

Cllr Mrs Guy to attend next meeting at Wessex Water 19th September

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th October 2008 at 7pm in the village hall.

ACTION LIST

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

