Approved Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 5 October 2015

Present

Cllr J Harris  Chairman
Cllr T Hicks  Vice-Chairman
Councillors  Mr D Holland, Mrs J Jackman, Mrs J Smith and Mr D Scott
Cllr T Grimes  Sedgemoor District Council

Election of Brean  1 person

In attendance

Jacqueline Manning  Clerk to the Council

1.10.15 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr M Chatterton.

2.10.15 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Harris informed the meeting that where members consider they may have a potential interest in any topic for discussion and decision they should declare an interest and withdraw from the discussion and decision making process.

3.10.15 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 7 September were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

4.10.15 To respond to the electors of Brean

No issues were raised for the attention of the Council.
5.10.15 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

Crown lease – still awaiting draft lease. We would wait another month before chasing up.

The Hibernia wayleave contract had been signed and returned and we had received a one-off payment of £5000.00.

Street lighting – Cllr Scott and Cllr Smith commented on the poor quality of street lighting. The lighting was low and spread-out, and made seeing the pavement and pedestrians very difficult, especially in foggy weather.
**Action:** Clerk to write to Highways.

Signs and Flags – no change from last month. Planning permission had been approved for the

Anchoring of red flags – Cllr Scott to look into and report back to the next meeting.

Country and Western Festival – Cllr Smith gave the Clerk a copy of the letter written about the festival. No reply had been received from the resident concerned.

Footpath – Weston Road. Councillor Hicks had e-mailed North Somerset. The footpath was progressing from the North Somerset side, but there were issues with funding and land agreements in Sedgemoor.
**Action:** Clerk to write to James Heappey, MP, to invite him to visit Brean and meet with a small group of Councillors to look at a tourism strategy for the village and issues within the community.

Litter on forecourt of takeaway business and in the village generally – agreed that a meeting should take place with Clean Surroundings.
**Action:** Clerk to contact Clean Surroundings to arrange for a meeting with Cllr Harris and Cllr Scott.

Anti-social behaviour in the NT car park at Brean Down – some progress had been made, but Cllr Harris would be meeting with PCSO Tracey Grobbeler and Mr Wilde, NT manager at the café, for further discussions. To bring forward for the next meeting.

Poplar trees at the Old Rectory – confirmed that an application to remove three poplar trees had been approved.

WW2 memorial - Cllr Harris informed the meeting that we had previously asked the Church Commissioners how they would like the memorial to be dealt with.
**Action:** Clerk to contact the Church Commissioners to find out if they had made a decision about the memorial.

Restriction of parking on the highway – it was noted that there were some potential blackspots in the village where traffic accidents might occur. Cllr Scott suggested that we contact Highways to discuss the possibility of introducing parking restrictions.
**Action:** Agreed Clerk to contact Highways and ask them to contact Cllr Harris by e-mail.

Key settlements – an e-mail had been received from Nick Tait at Sedgemoor District Council, informing us that as part of the Local Plan, Brean would be designated as a Tier 3 settlement. More details would be available when the Local Plan was published and there would be a consultation period.
6.10.15 **Current Planning Applications**

Reference 06/15/00010/DRT – Stardust Family Entertainment Centre, South Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea. Councillors had notified SDC of approval. The application had been approved by Sedgemoor.

Reference 06/15/00013/RM – OS Field No 6415, Weston Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea. Councillors had notified SDC of approval. The application was still under consideration by Sedgemoor.

Reference 06/15/00011 – Land and Property at The Dugout, Knoll Park, South Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea.
A reply of "no comment" had been returned to Sedgemoor. Noted that this application had been withdrawn.

Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 – Bay of India restaurant; formerly Big Deal Restaurant. No response had been required by the Parish. It was noted that this application had been approved by Sedgemoor.

Variation of condition 4 of Planning Permission 05/14/00019 – Land to the south of Wick Farm, Brean Road, Lympsham, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 0HD.
This referred to installation of a solar farm and access for site traffic. The site was on the borders of Brean and Berrow and we had received the application for information. No comment was necessary.

7.10.15 **Beach Management**

Cllr Harris reported that the landlords at Warren Farm were prepared to re-concrete the ramp at the beach entrance to allow for easier access. This would take place in the winter; the proposed dates were from Monday 30 November to Friday 11 December 2015. If members were happy for the work to go ahead, the entrance would need to be closed for the two-week period, but the cove entrance would be open every day.
Members were asked for their opinion and agreed unanimously. **Action:** Clerk to write to the following agencies/organisations to inform them of the work and the closure of the entrance – sand yachts, kite buggies, 3Bs fishing club, the National Trust, the coastguard, BARB and the emergency services.

8.10.15 **Reports on third party issues**

Feedback from Police – No feedback at this meeting.

SALC – Cllr Holland had attended the AGM on 26 September 2015. Officers had been elected at this meeting and a number of interesting points raised. Parish Councils were to be given more responsibilities although possibly not more funding; there had been a discussion about SALC becoming an incorporated, not-for-profit company, and information had been shared about the Transparency Fund. Cllr Holland had brought this information to the meeting and it was put on the circulation list for members.
9.10.15 Approval of cheques for the current month’s expenditure

A schedule of cheques for September expenditure was circulated for information and approval. Cheque expenditure is included at Annex 1.

10.10.15 Financial matters

The Chairman received and signed the bank reconciliation statement dated 3 September 2015 together with receipts and payments reports for the period 01/08/2015 to 03/09/2015.

11.10.15 Correspondence for review and circulation

1. SALC: appointment of councillor to the district council’s Standards Committee
2. SALC: business rates on public conveniences survey
   Members noted that Brean pays business rates on the public conveniences in Weston Road.
   Action: Cllr Harris to complete the survey on behalf of members.
3. SCC: request for a Parish Path Liaison Officer (PPLO) for Brean
   Cllr Scott agreed to take on the above role.
   Action: Clerk to fill in the registration form.
4. Survey – the start of a new National Training Strategy
5. SDC – Parish and Town Council Training Seminar in October 2015
6. SDC – free bulbs for community groups or parish councils
   Members agreed that they would like to take up this offer.
   Action: Clerk to e-mail SDC to request delivery of a bag of bulbs.
7. SALC – request for parish councils’ experiences of tractors driving through villages
8. Ashfords LLP – transatlantic cable at Brean
9. Letter from Tidal Lagoon Cardiff re. intertidal survey of the Severn Estuary
10. E-mail from a resident about anti-social behaviour in the NT car park
11. E-mail from Split Image re. filming and location fee

Items received after the agenda was circulated:

12. SCC – provision of 20kg bags of de-icing material on 21 November 2015
13. SCC – winter service 2015/2016
14. Community Resilience in Somerset project
15. E-mail from Nick Tait re. key settlements
16. SALC – new constitution
17. Transparency Code for smaller authorities

12.10.15 Members’ comments on previously circulated correspondence

There had been some amendments to the Register of Interests
Action: Clerk to submit amendments to Sedgemoor.

Cllr Jackman had queried progress on the letter to James Heappey MP and commented on the issue of anti-social behaviour in the NT car park. These issues had been covered in Section 5.10.15 above.
Other matters for discussion raised by Councillors

Cllr Hicks asked if we need a briefing on Hinckley Point and Cllr Grimes advised that he would report any relevant points to future meetings.

Cllr Scott commented that there had been roadworks during the summer season when excavations and cones had been left in place. Members agreed to raise concerns with Highways about roadworks at this busy time of the year, and the need for a time-limit to be set on such works. We would request that non-essential work take place in the winter period.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways.

Concerns were raised about blocked drains in the Pinewood area of Brean.

Action: Clerk to contact SCC.

Cllr Holland commented on the dreadful repairs to potholes in the village. It was also noted that kerbs were knocked out on Weston Road near Warren Farm.

Cllr Harris raised the following points:

Could members consider what we might do to thank Barry Hunt, the previous Clerk, for his long service to the Parish. We could perhaps buy a present or take him out for a meal.

Action: Clerk to put on the agenda for the November meeting.

The BT phone box opposite the Seagull was out-of-order and there was a tree growing through it.

Action: Clerk to contact Open Reach and ask if the box could be taken away.

Some of the bus shelter advert frames were broken, so we could not display any adverts in them. Should we renew the frames?

Action: Cllr Holland to find out prices and report back at the next meeting. We could then decide whether to repair or renew the frames.

Parish Notice-Board – the current notice-board was not large enough to display all notices. It was agreed members would consider the possibility of buying a new board and this would be discussed further.

Action: Clerk to put on agenda for next meeting.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting would take place on Monday 2 November 2015.

The following matter being confidential business, members of the Press and Public were asked to leave in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

15.10.15 A discussion of concession income and other income took place.
Annex 1

**Brean Parish Council Meeting 5 October 2015**

**Cheques for September 2015 for approval**

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