



Brean Parish Council

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APPROVED Minutes

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council held on Monday 2nd November 2009
in the Brean Village Hall at 7pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mr Petrie Chairman
Councillor J Harris Vice Chairman
Councillors Mrs H Guy, Mrs J Jackman, D Scott, T Hicks, M
Chatterton
Electors of Brean totalling 14 persons

In attendance B Hunt, Clerk of the Council
By Invitation Cllr T. Grimes (SDC)
PC Esther Robinson (3874)

APOLOGIES ADVISED TO THE CLERK

Apologies were received from the following:--
NONE

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members declared the following potential interest in agenda items to be
discussed:-

All Councillors, except Cllr Hicks declared a potential interest in matter
to be discussed related to “Beach Management”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 5th October 2009 were
approved, after two amendments, 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 the DRAFT
MINUTES are published in Coastline magazine.

DISCUSSION ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The following issues arose from previous minutes :-

BEACH BYE LAWS

It was agreed to discuss this matter under “Beach Management”

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Cllr Mrs Jackman advised of her attendance at this meeting and gave details of the discussions.

The Council will respond to the consultation.

ELECTORS OF BREAN ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

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

Mrs Stockwell queried contact details for incidents on the beach during the absence of the beach warden in the winter.

Cllr Harris advised that he was the contact.

Ron Frewin queried a tractor moving sand across and off the beach.

Cllr Harris advised that this was from Ocean Lodge and that as there was no frontal access the sand was being moved ACROSS the beach

Ms Rowena Corcos queried when the decision to allow kite buggies, against the bye laws, had been made and who had made it and stated that the Council had been “deceitful and dishonest” in its decision.

The Chairman advised that we had discussed and voted on the use of the beach by the kite buggies at an open public meeting. There was no discussion on the bye laws at this time as the Council believed, and still believes, that it was within its rights to allow this activity.

The Council is in correspondence with SDC Legal regarding the total interpretation of the bye laws and we await their response.

Mr Richard Smith stated that it would have been more constructive to have the discussion on the beach bye laws and beach car parking BEFORE the public speaking time to allow the public a response on this issue.

Mrs Shirley Smith queried the progress since the “Cold calling “ presentation by SDC

The Clerk advised that he had confirmed the meetings discussions to SDC and was awaiting their response and action.

Mrs Shirley Smith queried the statement in the press that “the Parish Council would be purchasing a winch”

Cllr Harris advised that no Council discussion had taken place on this issue, although there may be “private interest” by local contractors in this facility.

MS Rowena Corcos queried whether we had given permission for the kite buggies to operate in November as originally agreed.

Cllr Harris advised that SWATK were aware of the discussions on the bye laws and would not be operating in the vehicle free area.

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETAILED BELOW

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

06/09/00012 Brean Down Inn – new entrance door –approval sent

06/09/00010 Quantocks – ice cream kiosk – objection sent

Cllr Mrs Guy also requested we write to the Enforcement Officer regarding other issues related to this application.,

MATTERS DEALT WITH BY SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following planning applications were advised by SDC

06/09/00011 Andine – Change of use approved

REPORT ON BEACH MANAGEMENT 2009

DISPENSATION ON BEACH DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

The following Members who have declared an interest decided to exercise their dispensation on discussion on beach matters:-

All Councillors, except Cllr Hicks, advised that they would exercise their dispensation on any matters in which they may have a “potential” interest.

Cllr Harris presented the following report :-

There had been FOUR incidents in October

WE have changed to winter wardening with the warden operating 11am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday

Cllr Harris advised that we need to make amendments to the beach tap near the entrance to comply with current regulations, this would cost approx £200.

Cllr Harris proposed this expenditure and Cllr Petrie seconded

The vote to incur this expenditure was carried by the entire council.

Cllr Harris thanked Mr Richard Smith for his input into the proposals to regulate “CAR PARKING & MOTORING on the beach.

There was considerable discussion on the feasibility of tapes and cones to cordon off sections of the beach.

There was discussion regarding the need for simplicity and practicality of various options

Cllr Harris requested further input to this discussion in order that proposals could be made to future meetings and decisions taken for 2010.

There was discussion regarding the role and activities of the wardens.

Cllr Harris requested that ALL comments regarding this important job be addressed to him as soon as possible.

Cllr Harris advised of the update of the Warden Training and Induction Programme.

KITE BUGGIES/ BEACH BYE LAWS

The Parish Council had received “an opinion” on the interpretation of the bye laws specific to the operation of kite buggies within the vehicle free area.

The Parish Council disagreed with this interpretation and had requested clarification on this and many other of the 25year old bye laws that were currently inoperable and unenforceable.

IN the meantime Cllr Harris stated the “kite buggies should stop” but we would not be able to enforce them operating within the current bye law.

PROPOSED CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies(Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of business to be discussed, that a separate, non public, meeting be held at the end of this meeting to discuss a personal and confidential matter related to the beach wardens

CURRENT MATTERS AS DETAILED BELOW

The following current matters were presented to the meeting :-

Report from POLICE - PC Esther Robinson gave a report on the crime statistics for the season and the priorities to be concentrated on for the next three months as agreed at the quarterly PACT meeting

Report from SALC - no report ...meeting schedule December (now cancelled)

APPROVAL OF FINANCE ISSUES DETAILED

The following cheque payments were approved by the meeting and signed by three of the authorised signatories.

AS per circulated list

RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE DETAILED BELOW

The following correspondence was reviewed for action/filing or circulation

PACT newsletter

NHS Trust – Foundation Trust Status

SCC – Transport Priorities your Parish

SCC – Alan Ham – National Grid Consultation

Brean Leisure Park – Firework display 31st October

Bristol Water – Repair to beach tap – car park entrance

Mr Richard Smith – re suggested breaching of Bye Laws – Awaiting SDC response.

NEWSLETTERS – CIRC

RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING CIRCULATED CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk provided a précis of the following correspondence and the Councillors provided the following responses:-

Proposals by Richard Smith on Beach Car Parking (discussed above)

E mail circulated by Richard Smith – letter sent to SDC - awaiting SDC response

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

The Members raised the following issues for attention

Cllr Mrs Jackman raised the following issues:-

The provision of seats was still under consideration

Cllr D Petrie raised the following issues :-

Further to recent events at the Brean & Berrow Residents Association the Council would be giving consideration, at a future meeting, to the distribution of a “Parish Newsletter”

Cllr D Scott raised the following issues:-

Cllr Scott agreed to bring the proposals re “electricity supply “ to the village to the next meeting.

Cllr Mrs Guy raised the following issues:-

Cllr Mrs Guy sought confirmation that the beach toilets would be open at the weekend.

PROPOSED DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th December 2009 at 7pm in the village hall.

ACTION LIST

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

AGENDA ITEM 8 MEETING DATED
2nd NOVEMBER CHEQUES FOR APPROVAL

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount
695	D Furber	October Salary	P & C
696	P Williams	October Salary	P & C
697	B Hunt	October Salary	P & C
698	Triangle	Vehicle Lease	£ 632.50
699	Plimley	Vehicle Fuel	£ 236.00
700	H M Revenue	VAT Qtr 2	£ 79.19
701	Village Hall	Rent to Sept	£ 75.00
702	Bigwood	Beach Clean	£ 323.73
703	V J Jackman	Poppy Wreath	£ 16.50

Barry Hunt Clerk of the Council 2nd November 2009