



Brean Parish Council

Hazel Brinton, 60 Worle Moor Road, Weston Village, Weston-s-Mare BS24 7EG

Minutes of the Brean Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2017

Present

Cllr J Harris
Cllr T Hicks
Councillors

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Mr M Chatterton, Mrs Smith, Mr D Scott, Mrs J Jackman

No member of the public were present

Hazel Brinton- Clerk to the Council

177/17 Apologies

District Cllr Grimes and County Cllr Filmer

178/17 Declaration of Interests

No declaration of interests were received

179/17 Approval of draft minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting dated Monday 13th November 2017 were approved by council and signed by the Chairman.

180/17 To respond to members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

181/17 Discussion of matters arising from previous minutes

- Fencing at the Old Rectory – the clerk had attempted to get an answer from Liam Gill at Somerset CC Highways but as yet had had no response. Members asked that the clerk pursue the issue with Highways.
- Escort for wide load – Cllr Scott informed members that there is no requirement for an escort in Somerset for loads below 13ft wide. They may have an escort if one happens to come with the load but there is no legal requirement in the county.
- Refurbishment of public toilets – The Chairman explained the background to the requirement for a decision and the options being to knock the toilets down: close them or refurbish them. Councillors felt there was a definite requirement to keep and refurbish the block. It was resolved that the Chairman would obtain costings for councillors to consider including making the cubicles unisex. It was considered that reducing the size would also mean reduced cleaning costs. The clerk was asked to investigate if there were any grants available to support the costs which were likely to be in the region of £10-15k.

Signed by Chairman.....

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182/17 To note progress with on-going planning application and applications for premises licences

Cllrs West and Chatterton would report back to council on the recently received application: 06/17/00010, change of use to site 3 static caravans for permanent residential use at Wayside and Gadara, Warren Road for M H R Hicks Leisure Ltd.

183/17 New Planning Applications and Licensing Act Premises Licences for consideration
None to consider

184/17 To consider the parish council's process for planning application from April 2018 (was January 2018)

The clerk explained that SDC would be stopping the issuing of hard copies of planning applications with effect from April 2018 and that if council felt it necessary, it could state a hardship case to the planning authority should the change in policy mean that the parish council could not consider applications correctly. Councillors agreed that the clerk would send the planning links to the Chairman who would allocate the application to a councillor with no connection to the application in question. Councillors would then report back to council as usual on their investigation.

185/17 Report on Beach Management

- Bathing water quality report – councillors noted that Brean had once again achieved excellent
- Beach concessions advertisement – the concessions were due for retendering in 2018 on either a three year or one year basis depending on the concession. Councillors resolved to advertise the concessions in the Burnham and Highbridge News; the Western Daily Press and on burnhamonsea.com in early January allowing the remainder of January for applications. A decision would be made on the successful tenders at the February council meeting.

186/17 Reports on Village issues

- Councillors were made aware of an email expressing concern on the proposed cycle route due to the danger of traffic on some of the roads. The email would be circulated to councillors for comment and Cllr Hicks would report back on progress in due course.

187/17 Approval of cheques for the current month's expenditure

A schedule of cheques and direct debit expenditure for November 2017 is included at Annex 1 to the minutes. Payments were unanimously approved by members.

188/17 Financial matters

- Councillors noted receipt of the bank reconciliation for November 2017
- Councillors noted the receipt of the income and expenditure statement as at 31st October 2017
- Grant to Coastline Players – a discussion took place about how much if anything should be given. Councillors resolved to ask the clerk to email the group stating that the council would pay a small donation if the rest of the funds could be raised by the group itself.

189/17 Members' comments on previously circulated correspondence

Members made no comments on the correspondence.

190/17 Other matters raised by Councillors for discussion at the next meeting in January 2018

No issues for discussion were raised for the meeting in January 2018 but councillors noted the following matters:

The Chairman – was pleased to see the Village Hall being used for a Christmas drop-in session supported by the Post Office and village shop

Cllr Smith – reported a low droning noise being heard in the early hours of the morning. She gave her apologies for the February and March meetings.

Cllr Hicks – confirmed the main sewer had now been reconnected with twin pipes

Cllr Scott- expressed thanks for the bulbs courtesy of SDC

Cllr Chatterton – gave apologies for the January meeting

191/17 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 8th January 2018.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.45.

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