

Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th December 2022. Pilning Village Hall 7pm

COUNCILLORS: P Tyzack (PT) (Chairman); Kevin Weeks (KW); Olga Taylor (CW) M Pruett (MP); Jenn Godsell (JG); Carol Woodhouse (CW); Ian Roberts (ISR) Nick Davies (ND) and Sue Binns (SCB)

Jonathan Edwardes (Clerk JE) and two members of the public. District Cllr Robert Griffin (RG)

DEATHS: The meeting held a silence in remembrance of those who had recently died Brenda Ducker formerly of Severn Beach Elaine Liddiatt of Northwick Lyudmila Onoufrienko formerly of Ukraine and Pilning

1 Apologies for absence

Heather Rickards

2 Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests. None

3 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th November were unanimously approved as a true record.

4 Matters arising

<u>Cross Hands enforcement</u> – nothing further to report at present, please see the November minutes for the latest position.

<u>Speed enforcement</u> – Following representations by the Clerk South Gloucestershire Council have now made corrections to the 20mph zone in Pilning. Pleased to report that the speed enforcement van has been seen operating in Pilning in the last week.

<u>Shaft Road Highways Depot</u> – PT attended the planning meeting and spoke about the Parish's concerns but has heard nothing back. The applicant was expected to consult again with the Parish but hasn't.

Land east of Abbott Road – Awaiting a planning application for this site.

<u>Bank Road former Railway line site</u> – the Clerk has tried on multiple occasions to get hold of the Environment Agency without success. It was noted that the new owners of the site are obliged to register the change of ownership with Land Registry.

<u>River water quality</u> – work in progress

Resolved for OT to continue with this item

Action OT

<u>Severnside Masterplan</u> – PT had circulated a statement previously, which he later made to South Gloucestershire Council Cabinet

Cllr Ian Roberts joined the meeting

War memorial proposal - The Parish Council do not have the powers to erect a new memorial; however, it does have the power to maintain a war memorial. Traditionally any new memorial has been funded by public subscription. Planning permission for the proposal will be needed from South Gloucestershire Council. The Clerk has written to the resident explaining the legal position. Biodiversity Net Gain Land – The Clerk has written to South Glos expressing the need for tree planting to be undertaken on the BNG land. SGC replied that they are undertaking a biodiversity audit of the land for suitable planting to take place. It will almost certainly include trees on both sites. Clerk to double check if the third plot of land is included in this scheme.

Resolved for the Clerk to continue with this item

S106 AstraZeneca site – the Clerk has emailed the officer at South Gloucestershire Council. Awaiting a reply.

Resolved for the Clerk to continue with this item

Gypsy Platt signage – the Clerk has been in contact with South Gloucestershire Council to get the signage improved. Action ongoing. Discussions with the PCSO have proved useful. Resolved for the Clerk to continue with this item

CCTV signage – not much in evidence at Pilning Village Hall and Pilning Playing Field. Resolved for the Clerk to liaise with Pilning Village Hall Management committee to improve this.

Stopping additional trains at Pilning station – the Clerk contacted, GWR and DFT about this request. No reply yet.

Resolved for the Clerk to continue with this item

Action JE Green belt extension – Despite several contacts with a consultant who expressed an interest in helping with this project there has been no reply on this item. Resolved for the Clerk to continue trying to get in contact

£57.00

£39.15

£36.00

£8597.38

5 Correspondence

Please see Appendix A

6 Accounts for Payment

Please see Appendix B Additional items for approval Planit Gardens Peter Tyzack Councillor Expenses Training for Cllr Taylor Revised total

To comply with Parish Council Financial Regulation 3. viii the Chairman was presented with the bank reconciliation.

Resolved that the bank reconciliation report for November 2022 be approved.

SCB was thanked (in her capacity as a member of the Local History Group) for the return of the loan given for the purchase of the Centenary Tea Towels project.

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6.1 To decide on National Joint Council agreed pay scale for the Clerk Proposed and seconded that the Parish Council accepts the nationally agreed pay scale increase. Agreed unanimously

Action JE

7a Public Participation

<u>Christmas tree supports</u> – the Clerk has had replies from South Gloucestershire Council regarding the suitability of the sites for digging. The Redwick Road site will need a licence to permit the hole to be dug. The Green Lane site looks sufficiently clear to undertake the work there. Clerk to investigate what is required for a licence to be obtained.

Resolved for the Clerk to continue with this item

<u>Masterplan</u> - noted that there was no mention of this in the latest In View although it was discussed at the last meeting. OT clarified that the list of items for In View is to show potential items and not a definitive list.

Resolved to add this to the February edition

Action OT

Action JE

<u>20mph speed zone on New Passage Road</u> – concern that nothing has happened since a 2018 request to lower the speed limit on New Passage Road. South Gloucestershire Council were requested to lower the speed limit in 2018 but they did not pursue the matter. Suggestion to the resident to get a list of accidents that have taken place, preferably with photographic evidence. Also, to get a list of names supporting the proposal

Resolved to add to the January agenda

Action JE

<u>Village Players</u> – The drama group were greatly congratulated for their recent pantomime production. Particularly as it engages young people in the parish with something for all the community to enjoy.

7b Report from District Councillor

See appendix C

<u>Bus shelter at Severn Beach station</u> – PT noted that this has been a long-standing request of the Parish Council to get a shelter for the bus stop, particularly for times when the rail replacement service is running. This has also been identified as a requirement as a transport hub in the Neighbourhood Plan.

<u>Clean Air</u> – RCG commented that South Gloucestershire Council have a "green agenda" but not a "Clean air" policy.

8 AGENDA ITEMS

.1 To decide on a letter to SGC regarding flood risk in the parish

ND, commented that although the risk from Severn flooding has been reduced, land raising in the Severnside area will increase the risk from freshwater flooding. It appears that South Gloucestershire Council are conflicted between granting planning applications and protecting residents from the flood risk. This matter has been raised with the Leader of South Gloucestershire Council Toby Savage.

Resolved for ND to continue with this item

Action ND

.2 To decide on taking on the running of the Severn Vale Festival

The organiser of the event is stepping back and has handed over the remaining funds to Severn Beach Village Hall. Consideration was given to where the funds would be best placed for future use. Given that the event was started by the "Forgotten Landscape Project" to involve Parishes up and down the Severnside area, the money would be better kept by the Parish Council to form an earmarked "Forgotten Landscape Legacy Fund" that could be used for grants to organisations in the Forgotten Landscape area. With regret the Parish Council do not feel able to take on running the Severn Vale Festival.

Proposed that the Parish Council is responsible for holding the legacy funds. Seven in favour two abstentions.

Action JE

.3 To decide on creating a Local Nature Action Plan

LNAP document circulated previously, Clerk encouraged Councillors to consider it with a view to starting small and involving the community in forming a working group.

Resolved to promote this initiative further in In View and Parish Council Facebook / Community pages.

Action JE & OM

Motion from South Gloucestershire Council circulated previously Resolved for the Clerk to respond to South Gloucestersh

.4 To decide on SGC motion to support local bus routes

Resolved for the Clerk to respond to South Gloucestershire Council supporting only motion 1 of this document.

.5 To decide on a budget for Coronation events

A sum of £2500 to be made available for organisations to apply for grants in respect of the Coronation in 2023. Grants will have to be applied for in this financial year 2022/2023, therefore the closing date of 6th March 2023 applies.

Proposed for £2500 to be available in grants for Coronation events in the parish. Seven in favour two abstentions.

Resolved for the Clerk to advertise the available Coronation grants

.6 To decide on commemorative items for the Coronation

JG has been researching for suitable items, after discussion the idea of presenting each child in the Parish schools with a $\pounds 2$ coin with Charles III image.

Proposed six for two against and one abstention Resolved for the Clerk to investigate this idea

.7 To decide on a Parish Council representative for St Peter's School

No nominations forthcoming at the meeting

Resolved to ask HR if she would be interested

9. The Neighbourhood Plan

9 Report from RE see appendix D

9.1 Nominations

No nominations forthcoming at the meeting **Resolved to ask HR if she would be interested**

RE noted that reluctantly the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will have to consider changing the Terms of Reference to one representative from the Parish Council.

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10 Severn Beach Centenary / Jubilee

<u>Pebble display update</u> – the sketch of the proposed pebble display has been produced and amended. This has been shared with the resident who has the pebbles, CW & SCB are waiting for a reply.

Resolved to continue with this item

Action CW & SCB

11 Updates

11.1 Village Halls

11.1.1 Severn Beach Village Hall

Minutes circulated previously

11.1.2 Pilning Village Hall

Due to a variety of reasons Pilning Village Hall Management Committee have not met since the last Parish Council meeting. Their next meeting is scheduled for 8th December. Noted that there are issues with the roof leaking and heating the hall is an issue.

Resolved that the issue of heating in the Village Hall is raised with the committee Action SCB

11.1.4 Pilning Playing Field

Looks fine currently and it is being used despite the winter weather. Little evidence of any litter.

11.2.1 Severn Beach Allotments

Due to the time of year, there is not a lot of activity.

Note that allotment tenancy fees are becoming due and the Clerk is in the process of sending these out.

11.2.2 Pilning Allotments

Concern was raised that some plots are being covered with carpet to supress weeds, this is not a recommended method and it looks unsightly.

11.3.1 Pilning Cemetery

Minutes for the meeting on 29th November were circulated previously.

11.3.2 Northwick Cemetery

See above

11.3.3 Northwick Tower update

The Clerk has been chasing quotes for internal scaffolding. **Resolved to continue with this item**

Action JE

11.4.1 Pilning Station

Good news, that passenger numbers are still increasing, despite engineering work and strike action.

Noted that Grand Union Trains will begin running services in 2023. OT plans to write to GUT suggesting a stop at Pilning.

11.4.2 Severn Beach Station

Severn Beach station has seen a good rise in the number of passengers using the line.

Resident was permitted to note that as passenger numbers increase the need for a car park at Severn Beach station becomes more urgent.

Engine noise has generally been kept to a minimum with a few exceptions. MP now has keys for the community notice board.

12 Communication

Note the article for January has already been submitted due to Christmas holiday and deadline requirements.

12.1 In View

13 Reports from external meetings

<u>OCO technology</u> – PT and JE visited and were given a tour of the works. Noted that this is an innovative technology being pioneered on Severnside.

<u>Network Rail</u> – PT and JE had a very positive meeting with two engineers from the company. Firstly, they will be improving their method of working to get heavy goods vehicles into the Severn Tunnel access site to minimise disruption on Green Lane. Secondly, NR will look at creating a reversing triangle on their land to avoid the need for reversing at all on the public highway. <u>Wessex Water</u> – MP attended the recent open day and noted the need for new and improved wastewater management.

<u>Severnside Wednesday Club</u> – CW regretted to report that this organisation is being wound up and monies held will be distributed with the majority going to Age Concern to be used locally and a smaller amount to WASP.

<u>Drifting</u> – MP reported concerns to Avon & Somerset police after roads were being closed off illegally. Report to Councillors that if any such illegal activity is encountered on Western Approach then a 999 call to the police is appropriate.

14 Update from Councillors on "Report it" reference numbers.

None

15 Planning

.1 To decide on a project to define a Pilning conservation area

Councillors are requested to go and look at the South Gloucestershire Council website for other conservation areas and look at properties in Pilning that could be included in a conservation area. **Resolved to add to the January agenda**

Action ALL

.2 To decide on a letter to SGC regarding the Severnside Master Plan

Broadly there is support for the Severnside master plan, however, there appears to be one major omission in that the spine road proposed towards Hallen is not included. This has also appeared as a factor in a recent planning application where it was seeking to remove the condition for building the spine road.

Resolved for the Clerk to write to South Gloucestershire Council

Action JE

.3 To decide on a response to the M49 junction exhibition

Councillors were very disappointed with the presentation at Pilning Village Hall, questions were left unanswered.

Resolved to ask the project team about: -

- Concerns with the width of the road and lack of footpath access.
- Lack of information on the M49 website not including an up-to-date action plan.

• Progress on the compulsory purchase order and planning application

Action JE

.4 To report South Gloucestershire Council planning decisions

<u>P22/01462/HH</u> 45 Redwick Road Pilning South Gloucestershire BS35 4LG Erection of annex ancillary to the main dwelling. <u>Approve with Conditions</u>.

<u>P22/01460/HH</u> 45 Redwick Road Pilning South Gloucestershire BS35 4LG Erection of first floor rear extension to provide additional living accommodation. <u>Approve with Conditions</u>.

P21/05097/CLP Plot 4 Land at Western Approach Severn Beach Withdrawn.

<u>P22/05854/F</u> Land and Building at Dean Farm New Passage Road Pilning South Gloucestershire BS35 4LZ. Demolition of existing building. Erection of 1 no. replacement storage building (Class B8). <u>Approve with Conditions</u>.

<u>P22/05607/HH</u> 49 Gorse Cover Road Severn Beach South Gloucestershire BS35 4NR Erection of rear conservatory to provide additional living accommodation. <u>Approve with</u> <u>Conditions</u>.

<u>P22/06087/HH</u> 32 Redwick Road Pilning South Gloucestershire BS35 4LQ Erection of a single storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation. <u>Approve with Conditions</u>.

.5 Update on ongoing planning matters inc. enforcements and applications.

<u>AstraZeneca</u> – variation of condition 5, to be used as a basis for the Parish Council response to South Gloucestershire Council

Resolved for the Clerk to respond to South Gloucestershire Council

Action JE

.6 To decide on professional legal advice – ref Orchard Pools.

There is much concern that consent could be granted by the lack of enforcement action by South Gloucestershire Council "running the clock down" regarding the Orchard Pools site.

Resolved to request a meeting with South Gloucestershire Council officers

Action JE

If South Gloucestershire Council are not willing to discuss this with the Parish Council, then the Parish Council must be ready to begin legal proceedings.

It has also been noted that a protected bird species has reappeared at the Orchard Pools site, strengthening the case for it not to be developed.

Resolved that PT will continue liaising with the Environmental Law Foundation

Action PT

16 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 9th January at Severn Beach School Ableton Lane Severn Beach BS35 4PP. There being no other business the meeting was closed at 21:28

Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council – Full Council meeting 5th December 2022 Minutes approved as a true and accurate record, and signed as so by the Chairman presiding

APPENDIX A – CORRESPONDENCE

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Date		Detail
01/11/2022		Free STAR Bereavement Peer Support Training For Residents - Please Share!
02/11/2022		Community Engagement Event - 17 November 2022
02/11/2022		Remembrance Sunday Nov 13 2022
03/11/2022		LNAPs Webinar - Our Hedgehog Neighbourhoods Project
03/11/2022		Hinkley Connection Project - Autumn Update 2022
03/11/2022		South Gloucestershire Online Consultations
03/11/2022		M49 Link Road drop-in event
03/11/2022		Piling on Severnside
03/11/2022		Pitch Hire
04/11/2022		7/11/22 1330-1530 TPC Forum meeting by TEAMS
04/11/2022		Complaint re lack of Post Office in Severn Beach
04/11/2022		Census 2021 - Demographic and Migration in South Gloucestershire
04/11/2022		Ceiling Tiles Available For Donation Across The UK
04/11/2022		ROBINSON CRUSOE & the PIRATES
07/11/2022		Plot 9000 - thanks for attending the hearing
07/11/2022	Email	Equalities forum - 27th July 2022 Notes
07/11/2022	Email	SGC Owned land for Nature Gain
07/11/2022	Email	COM/22/0222/OD Land Behind Pilning Railway Station
07/11/2022	Email	Chairs Charity Dinner
07/11/2022	Email	Grant application from Pilning & Severn Beach Local History Group
07/11/2022	Email	Street sweeping issues
08/11/2022	Email	Speed Enforcement at Pilning
08/11/2022	Email	Christmas tree support holes
08/11/2022	Email	Hole for Christmas tree at Redwick Road
08/11/2022	Email	Planning Enforcement Process, Practices and Training
08/11/2022	Email	Benches at Gorse Cover Road
08/11/2022	Email	Annual Estimate of Rough Sleepers in South Gloucestershire
08/11/2022	Email	Defibrillator access
09/11/2022	Email	Development Management 10.11.22
09/11/2022	Email	Speed Enforcement at Pilning
09/11/2022		Localism letter 2023/24
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21/11/2022 Email	Euroloos at Pilning Station	JE Replied
22/11/2022 Email 22/11/2022 Email 22/11/2022 Email	Motor vehicle signs on Gypsy Platt Severn Beach Memorial tree	JE Replied JE Replied
22/11/2022 Email	Confirmation of your Drain report: SGC-131145-K4Y0	Noted

22/11/2022	Email	Severn Beach - Removal of Concrete Block - Abbott Road	JE Replied
23/11/2022	Email	Redwick Road Speed Restriction - Submission of Request	JE Replied
23/11/2022	Email	Parish Councillor Representatives on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Agenda
23/11/2022	Email	Piling on Severnside	JE Replied
24/11/2022	Email	Severnside masterplan - Cabinet follow up	Noted
24/11/2022	Email	Speed Enforcement at Pilning	JE Replied
24/11/2022	Email	Police and parking	Noted
24/11/2022	Email	community welcome funding	Circulated
25/11/2022	Email	Personal invitation on behalf of PCC Mark Shelford	Circulated
28/11/2022	Email	Julie's Severn Beach Celebration Walk – *CHANGED DATE* Friday 9th December	Circulated
28/11/2022	Email	University Study Regarding Council Welfare	Noted
28/11/2022	Email	Geotechnical study - on site investigation M49 link Road	Circulated
28/11/2022	Email	Invitation: ASEA Ecology Mitigation and Flood Defence Project Quarterly Community Forun	nNoted
28/11/2022	Email	Parish/Town council financial systems	JE Replied
28/11/2022	Email	Junction drawings	Circulated
28/11/2022	Email	PVH meeting report from 1st Pilning Rainbows	Noted
29/11/2022	Email	Bristol Local Plan Review - Further Consultation	Circulated

APPENDIX B – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

DATE PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET VAT	VAT	TOTAL
03/11/2022MRS NICOLA HILLS	Severn Beach Toilet	£33.33	£-	£33.33
03/11/2022NOW PENSIONS	Pension contribution	£107.90	-	£107.90
07/11/2022GOOGLE	Email & Data Storage	£119.60	£-	£119.60
10/11/2022ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	Donation for wreaths (reimburse Clerk)	£150.00	£-	£150.00
11/11/2022MR J EDWARDES	Expenses - Printer Ink	£8.99	£1.80	£10.79
14/11/2022 02	Mobile Telephone	£11.00	£2.20	£13.20
15/11/2022SEVERN BEACH VILLAGE HAL	LGrant	£4,325.00	£-	£4,325.00
15/11/2022SOUTH GLOS COUNCIL	Localism	£1,330.71	£266.14	£1,596.85
17/11/2022 BT	Telephone	£73.95	£14.79	£88.74
21/11/2022HEATHER RICKARDS	Cllr Expenses	£55.00	£-	£55.00
22/11/2022PLANIT GARDENS	September invoice	£80.75	£-	£80.75
25/11/2022DUNKLEY & CO LTD	Payroll Preparation	£120.00	£24.00	£144.00
31/10/2022J EDWARDES	Wages, Office & Broadband	£1,249.07	£-	£1,249.07
31/10/20220 MCINTOSH	Wages	£24.00	£-	£24.00
06/12/2022SLCC	Membership	£187.00	£-	£187.00
06/12/2022RICHARD HARRISON	Tree work at Severn Beach	£250.00	£-	£250.00
06/12/2022ST PETER'S CHURCH PILNING	-	£30.00	£-	£30.00
	Í	8,156.30	£308.93	£8,465.23

\$ From the Neighbourhood Plan Grant

APPENDIX C – REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Robert C. Griffin

21, Riverside Park, Severn Beach South Gloucestershire, BS35 4PN

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News for Pilning, Severn Beach, Easter Compton & Hallen. December 2022

Dear Ward Members,

2023 Council Tax – This is being reviewed to see where savings can be made in view of the reduced government grant.

Planning Enforcement – I listened to the presentation this week and was surprised how limited their powers are. However, the Cross Hands mess is going to court in February. I mentioned excessive fly tipping on the A403 which is being investigated.

Redwick and Hallen Road traffic – I have now applied for these changes of Speed Limit to go on the investigations list.

Warm Spaces are provided in our areas by coffee mornings, a social club, soup and activities days etc. Do use these and take advantage of friendship, food and warmth this winter.

Draught proofing – (ECO+) the government is providing £1 billion for making houses in the lower Council tax bands A-D for residents on benefit. They will also need an Energy Performance Certificate of D or below. The loft and cavity insulation will cost £1,500 per property and save £350 in energy charges per year. It will take place during the next two years.

Lower Severn Drainage Board - I visited all the flood defences in the Avonmouth to Oldbury area with the board to view progress.

Cancer Tests – In 2023 GPs can refer patients for tests directly.

DNA – focussed Cancer treatment is being researched.

Bus Shelter – I have a request for a bus shelter by the station.

Synthetic Blood and Meat – both have been produced and are undergoing extensive tests. **Diabetic type 1** – A drug has been released in the US which suppresses the early stages of this disease.

Avian Flu – 600,000 fresh turkeys have been destroyed due to this disease. This may cause a shortage on this type of bird for Christmas.

Lithium Batteries – Please dispose these in appropriate receptacles and not in normal waste as they can self-combust.

Wiltshire County Council – are addressing fly-tipping by seriously prosecuting the offenders by destroying their vans and imposing large fines.

Wishing all readers, a Happy Christmas and a warm and healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Robert C. Griffin – District Councillor for Pilning, Severn Beach, Easter Compton &. Hallen.

Appendix D Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Report

SG meeting since last PC meeting: 15th Nov. Matters discussed and arising since.

NP Steering Group Membership:

It was agreed the group would write to the Parish Council requesting a replacement representative, which is on the agenda for this meeting.

Planning Applications:

AstraZeneca Avlon Works Severn Road – car parking revision application was discussed. A note of objection has been prepared addressing issues including reduction in pond sizes, adequacy of buffering on the A403 side, HGV driver facilities. P22/06305/RVC

Design Codes and Guidelines:

This study, completed by AECOM on behalf of Locality, provides the Parish with a professionally produced reference to the characteristics of the dwellings we have and what should apply in design guidance and codes going forward. The 117 page draft report is currently under review by the Steering Group for issue by the end of December.

Evaluation of Sites:

Nick, John Miller and myself attended a meeting at SGC offices last week with SGC AECOM to ensure understandings of the evaluation process are aligned. Assessment will not initially consider flood risk, which is almost all Zone 3, or Green Belt, which affects most identified Pilning sites.

Parish Online:

Nick Davies provided a demonstration of Parish Online. Excellent progress has been made since in uploading maps, sites, character assessments and photos. Access to this can be granted by request – AECOM personnel have been given access for the site assessment and SEA & HRA work, which has now commenced.

Neighbourhood Development Plan:

Tomorrow is the closing date for receipt of submissions by consultants for reviewing our Visions, Aims & Objectives and developing the policies of the NDP. We aim to award the work by 13th December.

Severnside Strategic Masterplan:

Due to the input in its preparation, the NPSG supports the issued document and was pleased to see it was approved by SGC Cabinet on 14/11/20222.

M49 Link:

Members of the SG attended the presentation. It is our understanding that difficulties continue in negotiations with 2 of the 4 landowners, both based overseas. It is anticipated compulsory purchase orders will be issued in January, resulting in a project delay of perhaps 18 months.

Next SG meeting 13th December