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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

We had a lovely Annual Parish Meeting where the residents received an update from the Parish Council, and also shared their view on various matters. The meeting, which was held at Severn Beach Primary School, lasted about half an hour. Thank you to all who attended.

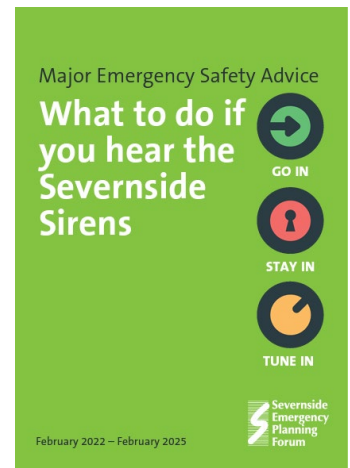
JUBILEE BENCHES

You will be pleased to know that the Parish Council made an arrangement for the installation of two new public benches – one at Pilning Playing Fields, and the other by the Sea Wall. If all goes to plan, you will be able to take the weight off your feet before the Jubilee celebrations in June.

SEVERNSIDE SIRENS – LATEST PUBLICATION

Please make sure that you have received the latest booklet from Severnside Emergency Planning Forum that has been written with a view to explain what to do if you hear the Severnside Sirens at the time when you know they are not being tested (3pm on the 3rd day of each month). The leaflet was delivered to all the houses in the Parish earlier this year. It contains all the latest information regarding the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) regulations, provides addresses for the upper tier sites and gives clear instruction on what the residents would be expected to do in case of emergency.

If you need any extra copies of the leaflet, please contact South Gloucestershire Council on 01454 868009 or download a copy from <https://www.severnsidesirens.co.uk>



BASKETBALL HOOPS

We were sorry to hear that some residents were disappointed not to find the new basketball hoops in Pilning Playing Fields as we announced earlier. Arrangements have now been made to have the hoops installed ASAP ready for the new season!

TREE PLANTING

The Parish Council have liaised with the Woodland Trust so we join together to address the climate and biodiversity emergencies that we face. Woodland Trust offered a free community tree pack, which we will make a good use of once the plans for the location of the new hedges and trees have been finalised. As part of the Neighbourhood Plan, we hope to include policies to protect trees. We are optimistic about our community as we know that everyone will encourage, support and promote positive behaviours towards woods and trees in our parish. If you have any suggestions with regards to the location of the new trees or ideas what can be planted (e.g., a community orchard), please contact the Parish Council Clerk.

ABLETON COURT

We were joined at our April meeting by Chris Benson, a representative from the Housing Department of South Gloucestershire Council, who kindly agreed to give us an update on the use of Ableton Court. As you know, Ableton Court is being used as an emergency housing accommodation. This property is managed by a private organisation on behalf of the Council. It is subdivided into 24 units, and most of the units are currently occupied. Before being offered emergency accommodation, each applicant goes through a thorough process, where a number of factors is considered. Mr Benson told us about the support that they give to people who find refuge at Ableton Court, in terms of their housing and welfare needs. Some people arrive with very few belongings (if any at all), many have dependent children. Many residents require help with bureaucracy on top of everything else, which is also offered by South Gloucestershire Council. The average amount of time that people spend there is around 4 months.

When the floor was opened to questions, we had a chance to clarify the current position of the property. Most importantly, we wanted to know whether South Gloucestershire Council were aware of any issues connected with the state of Ableton Court. One of the residents pointed out that previously the property provided accommodation to elderly people, but was closed due to poor conditions of the property; the unit then opened for emergency accommodation, as far as we know, without any major refurbishment. Mr Benson told to us that he was not aware of what conversion work had been done at the property, neither did he know if there were any other issues reported in connection with Ableton Court or its residents. We agreed that South Gloucestershire Council would find the answers to the questions raised and will get back to us as soon as they can.

FLY-TIPPING

We thank all the residents who promptly reported fly-tipping left in Green Lane and Station Road, Pilning. It is sad to note that fly-tipping is on the rise again in our parish. We would like to remind you that it is important to report incidents of fly-tipping to South Gloucestershire Council at the earliest opportunity. Quite often, the culprits leave some evidence behind, that enables the authorities to identify where it came from and fine those responsible. Therefore, it is important to report it to the Streetcare department of South Gloucestershire Council immediately.



Please use this link to make the report online - <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/street-care-and-cleaning/>

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MAY 2022

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May the 3rd at St. Peter's School. It will start at 7pm with the election of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, as well as Representatives for the various committees, and will be followed by the full Parish Council meeting.

Article by Olga Taylor on behalf of the Parish Council