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PARISH COUNCIL MEET FACE TO FACE

Although no Parish Council meeting was held in June, we continue business as usual. If you have any issues of concern or if you wish to share any information with us, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Our next Full Council meeting will be held in Pilning Village Hall on **Monday, July the 5th** starting at 7pm (unless the regulations change). If you plan to attend, please check our website beforehand.

A403 THE COAST ROAD



Photo: M Pruett

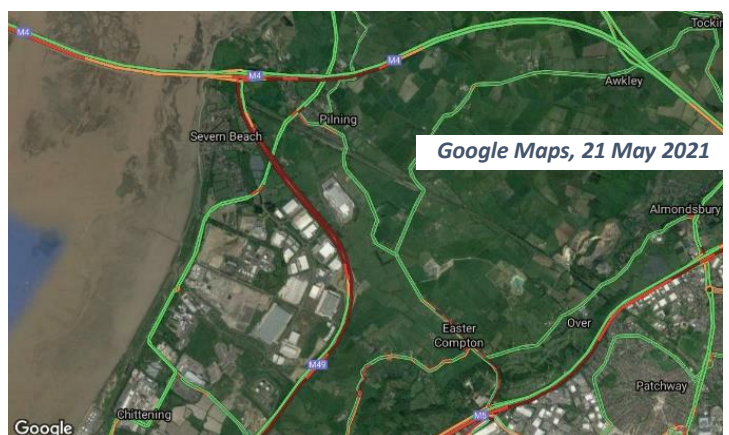
Although the near-miss pictured here occurred outside our parish, we decided to highlight the unacceptable situation with the local roads, as many of our residents use the A403 and either witness similar incidents from behind the wheel or from their bike saddle. The stretch of the road from Aust to now closed New Passage Road is well known for lethal accidents. As cyclists and pedestrians have lost the diversion route due to the ASEA Flood Defence Scheme works, they face a choice of either risking their lives on the

busy (and muddy) A403 or follow the official diversion signs which would take them the long way round via the fast flowing B4461 Redhill Lane leading to Aust Road and an equally muddy Ingt Road. We forwarded the video from which the photo was taken to the contractors (who admitted that it did not make comfortable viewing) – they confirmed that the construction team would review the situation as a matter of urgency and perhaps consider what alternative would be possible.

M49 JUNCTION 1

We hear the news that the building works at the new motorway junction are just about to start again. Once completed, its main purpose will be to serve the commercial development at Western Approach Distribution Park and relieve local roads of HGVs and commuter traffic.

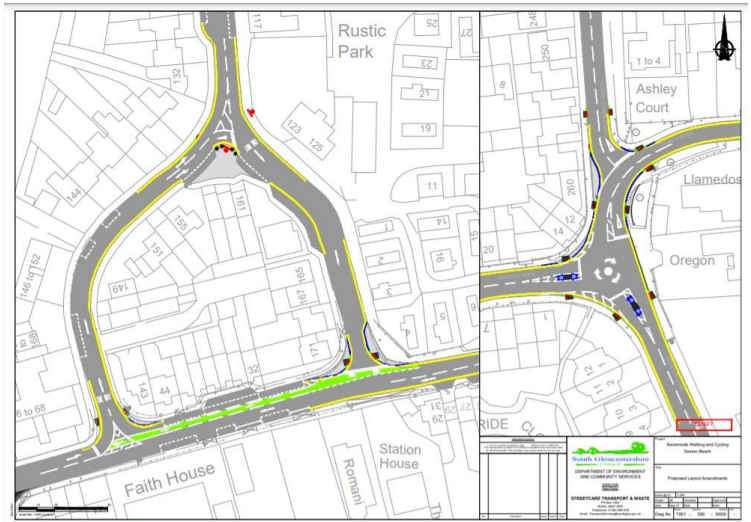
Some residents decided to monitor the level of traffic that could be affected by the new junction, and shared their observations with us. The image on the right is an example of Friday afternoon traffic on the major roads around us. The red lines indicate where the traffic is moving the slowest.



The Parish Council would like to collate as many residents' views on the subject as possible, to alert the authorities if the consensus is that there is a potential problem which might require mitigation.

SEVERN BEACH ROAD LAYOUT CHANGES

As you remember from our March 2021 inView article, South Gloucestershire Council proposed a new contraflow cycle lane alongside Station Road. We hear your objections to the plans, and like you, we think that these plans have been ill conceived. It seems that the existing one-way system is regularly ignored, and the contraflow lane will just add to the general confusion in the road layout.



Thank you to all the residents who shared their thoughts on a better layout with us. One option might be that the top end of Beach Road should be blocked off by Pippits Court and Beach Road outside the barber shop made two way, with and Station Road being two-way throughout. We continue to funnel your suggestions to South Gloucestershire Council, and we hope that a better solution to the one on the current plan will be found.

PLANNING MATTERS - AGAIN

Further to our appeal in the May 2021 issue of InView, we are pleased to tell you that the Parish Council website now shows current planning applications for the area. You can now see the list of consultations, which are current open on <https://www.psbpc.co.uk/planning>. When you click on the link, it will take you through to the planning portal on the South Gloucestershire Council website, so you could see the details and leave a comment.

ST THOMAS'S TOWER, NORTHWICK

We continue to seek quotes for the work that needs to be carried out. The site was visited by surveyors / contractors, who are now preparing quotes, which will enable us to finalise our grant applications.

SEVERN BEACH 100

June the 6th 2021 marked the 99th anniversary of our village, there are less than 12 months left to organise the celebrations. Following our appeal for ideas, some excellent suggestions started to arrive. Interestingly, they are not so much about the choice of the V.I.P., but rather about improving the way the village could look in time for its centenary – removing the brambles off popular footpaths, painting the Village Hall, giving a push to create a car park promised to us nearly ten years ago.



On this note, we wonder if anyone would like to volunteer to help us organise a clean-up group for a Big Beach Clean, which usually takes place in September. If you are ready to #SpruceUpTheSevern in 2021, please let our Clerk know. For more information about the event, visit the Litter Picking Portal on the Severn Estuary Partnership website –

<https://severnestuarypartnership.org.uk/get-involved/litter-picking-portal/>



Have a think what **you** could do to contribute to the celebrations and let us know.

Article by Olga Taylor on behalf of the Parish Council