

Pilning & Severn Beach Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 8 April 2025

Venue: St Peter's Church Pilning

Chair: Peter Tyzack

Also attending Parish Clerk Jonathan Edwardes and twenty-one other residents of the parish.

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Introduction & welcome

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, who welcomed everyone to the Pilning & Severn Beach Annual Parish Meeting for 2025. It was noted that the meeting provides an opportunity for residents to discuss parish-wide matters and raise concerns, with the outcomes passed to the Parish Council for action.

3. Approval of Minutes from the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes from the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting were read, having been previously approved by the Parish Council at their May 2024 meeting.

4. Presentations by Grant Recipients

The Parish Council had invited representatives from local organisations that had received grants to present brief outlines of their activities and explain how the funds were utilized.

• Severn Beach Community Library

Sue, representing the Library Committee, expressed gratitude to the Parish Council for providing funds to purchase a library computer. She highlighted the positive impact the investment had on the library's services, enabling enhanced access to learning and leisure resources across six neighbouring authorities.

• Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA)

Mary provided an overview of SARA, emphasizing its role as the local search and rescue organization. She detailed the organisation's history, operations, and reliance on charitable donations. Mary expressed appreciation for the Council's financial support, which contributes to sustaining critical services such as lifeboat operations.

• Four Towns Community Transport

Nigel discussed the charity's contributions to community transport, particularly its medical and social trip services. He addressed challenges such as operational costs, increasing demand for medical transport and the intricacies of school runs. Nigel thanked the Parish Council for its ongoing support.

5. Public Open Forum

The Chairperson invited members of the public to raise any concerns or discussion points. No further issues were brought forward.

6. Closing Remarks

The Clerk commented the historical significance of holding the Annual Parish Meeting in St Peter's Church, reflecting on its origins as a function of the ecclesiastical parish until 1894.