

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Thursday 9th September 2010, commencing at 7.30 pm
in PILNING Village Hall

COUNCILLORS Mr I Humphries (Chairman), Mrs N Bendall, Mrs F Barr MBE,
PRESENT (8) Mrs N Chappell, Mr D Humphries, I Roberts, Mr N Webb,
 Mrs C Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mike Matthews & 18 members of the public. Mr P Tyzack (S Glos Councillor) arrived at 8.08, having attended a prior meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES for ABSENCE**

Mr J Black (holiday), Mr S Cooper (business commitment).
Apologies also received from Mrs J Duckworth.

The meeting is called to promote the future of the Parish Plan

Chairman welcomed those present and asked whether there were any questions or any input. At the top table were IH, CW, MM and Clerk, all of whom answered questions on various topics.

Questions raised covered funding of the PP Steering Committee and future funding for any initiatives relating to the PP. It was made clear that the PP is basically a 'wish list' based on the suggestions of the local populace. Priorities would be based on the ideas of those actively involved in taking the plan forward.

Industrial development and housing were deemed to be priorities for different reasons, and much concern was voiced over the build-up of traffic congestion.

One parishioner felt the PP had a somewhat negative outlook, though as MM indicated, all of its contents were based solely on the opinions of respondents and had not been influenced by personal opinions. It was confirmed that of the 1405 households, some 840 had responded (almost 60%).

There was criticism of the 1957 planning consent and its effect on the locality. Feeling was that little benefit accrued from this development area. Tesco in particular were criticised. Their arrival, development and attitude had not made them any more popular than previously. Though there had been a failure to communicate, NW suggested that future contact with the newly appointed 'Community Champion' at the local depot, might prove to be more advantageous than previously. Business rates once were of benefit to the locality in which the concerns were based. If such a system still existed it would partly compensate for the nuisance created.

MM suggested that town twinning should be promoted, preferably with a village based in an estuary location similar to ours. The twinning process opens up funding options that are otherwise not available. A suggestion was that a Dutch twinning would be most suitable, their experience with flooding might prove helpful in the future.

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Though some of those present had shown a particular interest in traffic problems, none actually put their names forward, wishing to consider matters further before taking on any specific commitments.

With no further comment forthcoming, IH thanked everyone for their attendance. He suggested that all councillors could be readily approached should anyone wish to make further enquiries.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 8:50 PM

Signed..... Dated..... ICR