

15/2009

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2009, commencing at 7.00 pm,
in SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS Mr I Humphries (Chairman), Mrs N Bendall, Mrs N Chappell,
PRESENT (7) Mr D Humphries, Mr I Roberts, Mr N Webb, Mrs C Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (South Glos Councillor) and 5 members of the public (Mr Andrew Cloke of Station Farm, Mr John Edmunds and Sarah Hearsey of New Passage Road, Mr Ian Humphries of Marsh Common Road, and Mrs Barbara Matthews of Salthouse Farm Park).

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mr J Black (prior commitment), Mr S Cooper (work). Apologies also received from NW for his late arrival (at 7.35).

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Applications were received from Mrs Frances Barr MBE, and Mr Andrew Cloke, to replace Mr Doug Nethercott who resigned in January. The applications were considered after the close of the meeting. Whilst acknowledging the qualifications of AC and the qualities and fresh outlook he could bring to council, it was agreed to co-opt Mrs Barr on the basis of her local knowledge and previous experience - FB formerly served on the parish council from May 1976 until May 1999.

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The Chairman asked members to remember Mr Vernon G Gray of Redwick Road, and Mrs Pam J Higgon of Abbott Road, both recently deceased.

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd February 2009 were approved as a true record. 1. CW 2. IR 6 For, 1 Abstained (DH).

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 – 1 Village Halls/Playing Fields

The new heating at Pilning VH is still not completed, though contractor Nick O'Neill has confirmed that work should be finished within a couple of days.

3 - 2 Environment/Conservation

Bruce Kent accompanied PT on a trip around the parish. So far he has been unable to identify a suitable site on which to place the recycling bins currently placed at SB VH.

3 - 3 Planning

No response yet re the access cut through into the back of a property in Church Road.

3 - 4 River, Seawall & Environs

Conversation with Katherine Kearns has confirmed there is a possibility that a work team could attend at the seawall. Further contact awaited.

3 - 5 Cemetery/Churches

No response yet, re the church land at Severn Beach. Agreed to follow this up as travellers are currently clearing land in their ownership, land onto which access can be made through the church land.

3 - 6 South Glos Council

IH queried the special charges to be levied on the parish. Agreed the Director of Finances be asked to provide a breakdown of the costings.

4. CORRESPONDENCEAudit/Precept

13111.01 Local authority VAT partial exemption rules.
 13112.02 A P D of Easter Compton to arrange a refund re overpayment.
 13113.03 HMRC Advice session in Cardiff, 6th May.
 13114.04 HMRC, on-line Employer pack, 2009.

Avon Local Councils Association

13115.05 ALCA Newsletter, February edition – circulated.
 13116.06 Legal briefing: power to promoted well-being.
 13117.07 Policy consultation: Communities in Control.

Building-New Developments-Housing

13118.08 South Glos Homelessness Strategy, consultation document.

Charities/Representation

13119.09 Term of office with Almondsbury Charity now ended. IH to continue.

Clerk/Clerks' Society

13120.10 Clerks' Training Events in Somerset during March.
 13121.11 Power of Wellbeing module now available. For CiLCA qualification.
 13122.12 Certificate in Local Council Admin: sitting available, 23rd March.

Elections/Applications for Parish Council

13123.13 Mr A Cloke submits an application for the parish council vacancy.
 13124.14 Mrs F Barr MBE applies for the parish council vacancy.

Employment/Opportunities

13125.15 Employment briefing: Age Discrimination and compulsory retirement.

ICI/Zeneca & other Industries

13126.16 E-on identify land to be considered for nuclear power generation.

Licence Applications
13127.17 Renewal application for 'Cooks Kitchen' at Govier Way.

Marsh Common
13128.18 Comment from Mrs P Edwardes re activities at Tesco site.

Neighbouring Parishes
13129.19 Civic Service at Thornbury, 29th March. IH and CW to attend.

River, Seawall & Environs
13130.20 Severn barrage; information event at Locking, 31st March.
13131.21 Severn Estuary Shoreline Management Plan Review.

Roads/Road Signs
13132.22 Gritting procedures during icy weather.
13133.23 Information re Streetcare services.
13134.24 Road safety compliance consultation.

South Glos Council
13135.25 Annual monitoring report 2008 – circulated.

Stationery/Circulars/Books
13136.26 *LCR*, March edition – circulated.
13137.27 *Clerks & Councils Direct*, March edition – circulated.
13138.28 *Town and Parish Standard*, February edition – circulated.

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy
13139.29 Comment by Highways Agency re M49 access junction.

Travellers
13140.30 Ackn of response to Gypsy & Traveller Development Planning Docu.
13141.31 Environment Agency confirm their involvement in G&T DPD.
13142.32 Response by Enforcement re travellers at Bank Road.
13143.33 Detailed letter re above.
13144.34 Mr Grant of Cranmoor Green complains of anti-social activity.
13145.35 Copy, PT response to G&T DPD.
13146.36 Copy, Almondsbury PC response to G&T DPD.

Voluntary/Community Groups
13147.37 Senior Citizens Forum meetings, 6th & 19th March.
13148.38 SCF newsletter, winter edition – circulated.
13143.39 Goldies Sing for Life; weekly sessions at Patchway.
13150.40 DS Glos Deaf Association, March newsletter – circulated.

Planning
13151.41 Delegated decisions, w/e 10th Jan 2009.
13152.42 Delegated decisions, w/e 17th Jan 2009.

Planning (cont)

13153.43 Delegated decisions, w/e 24th Jan 2009.
13154.44 Delegated decisions, w/e 31st Jan 2009.
13155.45 Delegated decisions, w/e 7th Feb 2009.
13156.46 Delegated decisions, w/e 14th Feb 2009.

Accounts/Donations

13157.47 PC World, computer flash drive. Item 5-3 refers.
13158.48 Grass Cutting Services, rolling of sports fields. Item 5-4 refers.
13159.49 Brownies, donation request. Item 5-5 refers.
13160.50 Carnival Committee request aid. Item 5-6 refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

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| 5 - 1 | £ 761.00 | J C Rawlinson | Clerk – Wages (Feb) | 112 |
| 5 - 2 | £ 50.00 | J C Rawlinson | Petrol allowance | 111 |
| 5 - 3 | £ 12.89 | PC World | Flash Drive | 111 |
| 5 - 4 | £ 100.00 | Grass Cut Services | Rolling, sports pitches | * |
| 5 - 5 | £ 500.00 | 1 st Pilning Brownies | Donation | 137 |
| 5 - 6 | £ 200.00 | Pilning Carnival | Donation | 137 |
| 5 - 7 | £ 100.00 | Katie Hanks | Donation | 137 |
| 5 - 8 | £ 396.23 | Br Gas Business | SB VH | LGMP |
| 5 - 9 | £ 457.67 | E D F Energy | SB VH | LGMP |
| 5 -10 | £ 670.32 | Calor Gas | Pilning VH | LGMP |
| 5 -11 | <u>£ 101.04</u> | Br Gas Business | SB VH | LGMP |
| | £3349.15 | | | |

Payments in accordance with Local Government Act 1972, sections as shown, except:

5 -4)Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1979. s19
)Public Health Act 1875, s164

Items 5-1 to 5-3, inclusive, paid as one cheque.

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. DH 2. NB 6 For, 1 Against (IR)

Current bank balance, prior to payments above

£21,523.86 (Interest included up to 10th December)

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr John Edmunds of Caroline Cottage, New Passage Road, spoke of his interest in amateur radio and his application for the erection of a 12 metre high mast on his property. The mast can be adjusted to 7 metres, when not in use, and he will endeavour to shield the mast with planting in order to limit the effect upon neighbours. The application has been seen by most members and JE was advised that council would have no objection to his application.

7. AGENDA

7 – 1 Major Developments

The Tesco site is an area of major activity, with many vehicles moving on and off the development. Around 6,000 tonnes of stone are being tipped every day. NC drew attention to the agreement that no motorway access be placed in this parish. PT stated that a junction may possibly be organised through the Regional Spatial Strategy. It would be placed marginally outside this parish should it go ahead.

7 - 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields – Grass Cutting

Having an interest, IR offered to withdraw from discussion over quotes for grass cutting. This was deemed not to be necessary. CW, having praised the work of the current contractor, proposed, seconded DH, the contract be awarded to Grass Cutting Services. This was agreed, 7 For, 1 Abstained (IR). PT suggested this decision to be irregular, causing IH to suspend the debate – stating it will be discussed at the next meeting. However, according to Charles Arnold-Baker (page 65), “A decision on a topic ends discussion upon it”, therefore the decision, having been made, needs to stand. This minute has been re-drafted accordingly.

7 – 3 Parish Plan

The plan document is progressing as expected. Advertising future markets is somewhat restricted with the notice board at Pilning PO currently out of action.

7 - 4 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

No matters for discussion.

7 - 5 Cemetery Caretaker/cemetery problems

Contract now signed by John Bartlett. Mr Smith of Redwick Road was informed that council did not agree with the committee decision and as no action had been taken to restrict the spread it would be necessary for all extra items to be removed. It was indicated that should Mr Smith not wish to be involved the council would undertake the task on his behalf. NC confirmed that Mr Smith had spoken with her, indicating that his son Nigel had now reduced the decorative area round the memorial. However, extra planting has taken place to the rear of the memorial and visitors continue to use the adjacent Johnson memorial as a stepping stone. Committee to examine the site.

7 - 6 Travellers

There was all round dissatisfaction with the response from the planning authority to the complaints registered against travellers at the Bank Road site. Pony and trap racing is also taking place and traffic lights are being ignored. Reports to the Police have drawn no response. Police can be spoken with at the Area Forum in Thornbury on Wednesday. Other matters are to be drawn to the attention of Steve Webb MP, Peter Jackson Head of Planning, and John Calway Leader of the Council.

7 - 7 Elections/Applications for the Parish Council

With 1 of the 2 applicants being present, agreed the decision regarding co-option to be made *in camera* after the meeting.

7 - 8 Village Matters

Roads/Road Signs - NC indicated that a 'no motorbikes' sign on the path adjacent to Severn Lodge Farm is obstructed by overgrowth. A number of blue signs have been erected (possibly by Sustrans) along the seawall path, encouraging use by cyclists. Although the newly printed OS map indicates the path is open to cycling, this is a misprint – which will unfortunately endure for many years. By-laws forbid use by cyclists.

South Glos Internal Drainage Board – With no comeback re infilling of the ditch adjacent to 7 Church Road, agreed the board must be asked for comment.

Footpaths – Following a query by DH, confirmed the modification order on the path between Beach Road and ORN 16 has now been signed and sealed. DH stated the path is in a dangerous condition, with many of the paving slabs removed, and being partially blocked. A resident has offered to make it safe. Another householder, claiming to be the owner, refused to allow this to be done. Rights of Way department to be contacted. The road surface at the Pilning side of the pedestrian overbridge on the M49 remains in a very poor condition. This has previously been reported.

Roads/Road Signs – The status of the Churngold roadside signs was queried. Not even serving the purpose of being a directional sign, CW suggested she would remove the sign near the end of Ableton Lane.

Medical – The old telephone building, adjacent to the entrance to the medical practice, is owned by Dr Paterson. He has informed IH that he hopes to provide a pharmacy on the site. Members were fully supportive.

Accounts/Donations – IH drew attention to an article in the *Gazette* newspaper, highlighting the imminent arctic trek by Katie Hanks of Keens Grove. In memory of sister Beverley, who died in 2001, Katie is fund raising for the fight against meningitis. Council agreed to donate £100 to Katie for this purpose.

7 – 9 Reports

SEVERN SIDE DEVELOPMENT – PT has been invited to meet with Gazeley, probably to discuss future development plans.

RAILWAYS – PT has also been involved with the Severn Beach line working group; and, Friends of the Earth, in their campaign relating to GM foods.

BUILDING-NEW DEVELOPMENTS-HOUSING - PT is putting pressure on the Merlin group in respect of the burned-out house in Wick Road, and other empty housing stock in the area.

8. PLANNING8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

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| PT09/0188/F | Units 5010/5020, Govier Way, modular units | Objection |
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8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT08/2629/F Change storage to general, Units 5010/5020 Permit
PT08/2961/R3F School, Bank Road, Pilning Permit

Next Council Meeting - Pilning Village Hall on Monday 6th April 2009

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 8.31 PM

Signed..... Dated.....
JCR