

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday 4th January 2011, commencing at 7.00 pm,
in SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS Mr I W Humphries (Chairman), Mrs F C A Barr MBE,
PRESENT (7) Mrs N A Chappell, Mr D T A Humphries, Mr I L Roberts,
 Mr N D Webb, Mrs C E Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk) and S Glos Councillor Mr P L Tyzack.

**The Chairman asked all present to remember
Mrs Joan Scott of Osborne Road, recently deceased.**

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Nick Webb informed the council that he would not be seeking re-election in May. He has been nominated as a prospective candidate for Newport East and having been negotiating to move out of this area feels he will be unable to continue in his role with the parish council. The Chairman offered the good wishes of the council. Mr Webb has been a councillor since April 2008.

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1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mrs N Bendall (work commitment), Mr S G Cooper (work commitment), Mr J A Black (holiday).

2a MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 6th December 2010 were approved as a true record. 1. CEW 2. ILR 5 For, 2 Abstained (FCAB, NAC – both absent from the previous meeting).

2b MINUTES of the FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting, 6th December 2010, were approved as a true record. 1. CEW 2. ILR All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 - 1 Allotments

Richard Hill of Gregg Latchams has contacted S Glos, confirming that he is representing the parish council in taking on the lease of the former rugby ground.

3 - 2 Footpaths

S Glos have acknowledged council concerns, particularly relating to the hazard to children. An officer has visited the church path and it has been decided that no remedial action will be taken at this time.

3 - 3 Travellers

Latest reports show that a new arrival today has boosted the number of caravans on the Mongan site to 6. S Glos to be contacted.

3 - 4 Traffic Problems/Transport Policy

FB advised that the parish council stance has been vindicated, Mouchel confirming it is impractical to fit barriers at the Cross Hands Road end of the church path, without restricting access for pall-bearers.

PT has made comments re the lane markings at M5, junction 17. These are aimed at nudging S Glos into a site examination, possibly leading to improvements for local access. FB reported that S Glos are suggesting the *status quo* is maintained until after Zoo developments, which will include changes to access in the vicinity. FB stressed that the zoo development is immaterial. Changes are needed now. Police have promised to check out the situation. S Glos to again be contacted re the installation of an extra lane.

3 – 5 Schools

IH drew attention to the appalling condition of the Pilning village hall entrance. With workmen not on site and the snow now having gone large amounts of mud are on the entrance drive. IH asked for it to be cleared prior to Christmas but this was not done. Two groups have failed to use the hall because of this problem. PT has been in contact with the builders regarding the condition of Bank Road, although this has improved of late.

3 – 6 Roads/Road Signs

Mr Doug Nethercott has indicated the problems that may result if the removal of double yellow lines outside the station goes ahead. This may have been overlooked when the original document was examined. The removal of dyl and the possibility of parking there could lead to vehicles being driven on the wrong side of the road at the point where vehicles turning left would meet them head-on.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Allotments

14531.01 Gregg Latchams to represent council re allotment lease agreement.

Audit/Precept

14532.02 Arrangements for precept payments, 2011/2012.

Avon Local Councils Association

14533.03 ALCA newsheet; “Going Forward”.

14534.04 Subscription levels set for 2011/12.

14535.05 Staff Appraisals/Grievances procedure training at Alveston.

Elections/Applications for Parish Council

14536.06 Review of polling stations – circulated.

14537.07 Public Notice: ‘Become a Parish Councillor’.

14538.08 Public Notice: ‘Vote in Your Local Elections’.

14539.09 Copy: Response by NB to Jack Lopresti, MP.

Footpaths

14540.10 Process re Northover Court ‘footpath’ is ongoing.

14541.11 Email contact re above.

Grass Cutting
14542.12 New EU legislation re composition of gas oil.

Health Authority/Care Services
14543.13 'Reach' programme for childrens' healthy eating project.
14544.14 Public notices re programme above.

Insurance
14545.15 Allianz await contact re claim for play equipment damage.
14546.16 Brochure, Loss Recovery Insurance.
14547.17 Brochure, insurance for charity organisations.
14548.18 *Parish Matters*, August edition.

Legal Representation
14549.19 Copy, Gregg Latchams contact with S Glos.
14550.20 Copy, Easement Agreement referred to S Glos.
14551.21 Comment by Craddy Pitchers Davidson re drainage on school land.

Licence Applications
14552.22 Application for Cooks Kitchen at Western Approach.

Local Industry
14553.23 Briefing note from New Earth Solutions – local waste disposal.
14554.24 Oldbury, site stakeholder group meeting, 19th January in Oldbury.
14555.25 Agenda re meeting above.
14556.26 Calendar from Oldbury Power Station (Castle School artwork).
14557.27 Copy email, complaint from Sue Russell, re noisy operations at Tesco.

Parish Projects & Related Matters
14558.28 Information on Sustainable Communities Act.

Playgrounds/Youth Activities
14559.29 Paul Godwin to attend council meeting in February.

Police
14560.30 Safer Stronger Community meeting, 13th January in Almondsbury.

Roads/Road Signs
14561.31 Problems re gritting at local shops.
14562.32 Mr D Nethercott raises concerns re line removal proposals at SB.

Rural Areas/Local Plan
14563.33 Progress re S Glos Core Strategy.
14564.34 Info from Bristol City Council re development framework.

Schools
14565.35 Consultation on school terms/holidays, 2011/12.

South Gloucestershire Council

14566.36 'Rural & Parish Matters; event report newsletter – circulated.
 14567.37 *SGN* newsletter, winter edition, copies distributed.
 14568.38 *Networking News*, autumn edition, copies distributed.
 14569.39 *Our News*, winter edition – circulated
 14570.40 Parish Charter working group, meeting on 11th January.
 14571.41 Sustainable Community Strategy meetings, 17th & 25th January.

Street Furniture/Lighting

14572.42 Query by PT re inadequate lighting at Ableton Lane/A403 junction.

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy

14573.43 Mark Parry comment re lane priorities at M5, junction 17.
 14574.44 PT comment re lane priorities above.
 14575.45 Consultation re pedestrian crossing at Cross Hands Road.

Travellers

14576.46 New caravan moved onto Mongan site today.

Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill

14577.47 Bottle recycling facilities at SB to be removed.

Planning

14578.48 Delegated decisions, w/e 13th October 2010.
 14579.49 Delegated decisions, w/e 20th October 2010.
 14580.50 Delegated decisions, w/e 27th October 2010.
 14581.51 Delegated decisions, w/e 3rd November 2010.
 14582.52 Delegated decisions, w/e 10th November 2010.
 14583.53 Delegated decisions, w/e 17th November 2010.
 14584.54 Delegated decisions, w/e 24th November 2010.
 14585.55 Delegated decisions, w/e 1st December 2010.
 14586.56 Simplification of the Planning requirement list brought in.

Accounts/Donations

14587.57 Post Office, postage stamps. Item 5-3 refers.
 14588.58 PC World, printer ink. Item 5-5 refers.
 14589.59 FoSBR, annual subscription. Item 5-6 refers.
 14590.60 Childrens Playlink, thank you. Item 5-10, minutes of 6/12, refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 – 1	£ 768.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk's wages (December)	112
5 – 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 – 3	£ 6.40	Post Office	Postage stamps	111
5 - 4	£ 50.00	Mr & Mrs Collins	Toilet keyholder	PHA
5 – 5	£ 21.00	PC World	Printer Ink	111
5 – 6	£ 10.00	FoSBR	Annual subscription	142
5 – 7	<u>£1200.00</u>	Severnside OoSC	Booking fees	LGMP
	<u>£2105.40</u>			

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

5 - 4 Public Health Act 1936, s87

5 - 7 Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1979, s19

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

Bank balance, prior to payments above = **£38,344.43** (with interest to Sept inclusive).

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. DH 2 IR All agreed

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None requested.

7. AGENDA

7 – 1 Local Major Developments

Comment was submitted on the application by Bericote for development of 31.77 hectares of land at Astra Zeneca. Developers are happy to consider the request to maintain the current building line but are not so impressed by the need to use the current access road. They are to consult with traffic over this.

Questions were asked over the proposal to set up a liaison group to consult with local business. PLT confirmed the delay is due to the poor health of Sheila Cook who had agreed to set up the group.

7 - 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields

Nothing to report.

7 – 3 Parish Plan

Clerk provided details of local residents who had volunteered to take part in the process. Most interest has been shown in the section relating to traffic. Agreed this would be a topic that could best be dealt with first. PLT confirmed he still awaited confirmation by S Glos of the acceptance of the plan.

7 – 4 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

Nothing to report.

7 - 5 St Peter's School

Nothing to report. See item 3-5 for comment on the school development and link onto the village hall entrance.

7 - 6 Village Matters

River, Seawall & Environs – FCAB questioned the need for the foghorn to sound even when tides prevented shipping from using the river. There were mixed views, some rather ‘liking’ the sound. Agreed to contact Gloucester Harbour Authority, who are responsible for safety on the river, to query the situation.

7 - 6 Village Matters (cont)

Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill – FCAB praised the efforts by the waste disposal teams who have coped well over the holidays. IWH commented on the new system of disposal for cardboard waste. It seemed to be much tidier previously when green bins were used. Now the team has to cope with large quantities of loose board – problems will increase in wet weather. PLT confirmed that cardboard composts very poorly, but fetches a good price for recycling, thus the decision to change the system.

Bus Services, Shelters & Signs – NAC noted a problem relating to the bus stop opposite the police station. The new resident of the adjacent house uses the space for car parking. Bus users need to step into the road to hail the bus. Agreed to query the situation with S Glos.

7 – 7 Reports

LOCAL INDUSTRY – IWH reported on his (with NAC & CEW) attendance at the recent meeting with Zeneca. Due to weather-related air transport problems the Scottish Power rep was unable to attend. IWH contacted the gentleman who was delighted by the courtesy shown by the parish council.

PLT confirmed that Sirens were tested yesterday, the local one being under power and to receive attention shortly.

FOOTPATHS – PLT confirmed the programme of local walks will continue during 2011. The programme is designed to both provide a walk and identify any problems that exist. Copies of the programme were distributed.

SCHOOLS – PLT, having attended the local Christmas events, commented on the quality of the choirs from both local schools. It was generally agreed the quality of the groups was outstanding. PLT also commented on the quality of the Christmas lunch at St Peter's School – far superior to that provided at an official function serviced by professional caterers.

BUILDING-NEW DEVELOPMENT-HOUSING – PLT deplored the service by Merlin, now responsible for all the local public housing. Their response times when contacted about problems during the inclement holiday weather proved to be wholly unsatisfactory.

TREES & TREE PLANTING – PLT confirmed there is to be a survey by S Glos of the historic orchards in the area. Volunteers are being sought to cover their home areas. Suggested that this is something Rod Lees might be interested in taking on. PLT to make contact.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS/TRANSPORT POLICY – PLT confirmed that legislation required that charges for bridge crossings were only to last for a maximum of 30 years, or until the building costs had been recouped. After that the requirement is for maintenance costs only to be covered. The Welsh Secretary has suggested that responsibility for the bridges to be passed into the hands of the Welsh Government who will then be free to make use of any profits that may accrue. PLT has strongly spoken against this. If any benefit is to be gained from the bridges fund it should be passed into local hands, local residents being the ones who have suffered most from the building of the bridges. PLT commented on a recent visit to Oldbury on an unrelated matter. He noted the open aspects of the area and the continuing existence of natural sounds – birds, cattle and the river – all of which have been lost to local residents since the arrival of motorways and bridges.

RIVER, SEAWALL & ENVIRONS – PLT is to host a meeting of interested parties (riverside authorities) who are to consider the status of the coastal path and its future requirements.

8. PLANNING

8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT10/3277/ADV Plot 1000, 3 non-illuminated signs

No objection

8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT10/2799/F 55B Cross Hands Road, build new dwelling

Refuse

PT10/2965/F Sunnyside, Church Road, extensions

Permit

Next Council Meeting - Pilning Village Hall on Monday 7th February 2011

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 8.32 PM

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

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