

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2011, commencing at 7.00 pm,
in SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS Mr I W Humphries (Chairman), Mrs F C A Barr MBE,
PRESENT (5) Mrs N A Chappell, Mr I L Roberts, Mrs C E Woodhouse.

In addition, Mrs Y Gaulton, Mr R W Hampson and Mr A J Lewis, newly elected members, were in attendance.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P L Tyzack and 1 other member of the public (Mr D Nethercott of Beach Road).

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No election was held in the Pilning ward with 5 applicants for 5 places. Mr Stephen G Cooper (May 2003-May 2011) did not apply to continue his membership of the council. Mr Ian L Roberts transferred out of the ward, submitting his application for the SB ward. The 2 vacancies were automatically filled by the 2 new applicants, Mrs Yvonne Gaulton of Cranmoor Green and Mr Anthony John Lewis of Bank Road.

An election held in the SB ward resulted in the following-

<i>Mrs F C A Barr</i>	<i>466 votes</i>	<i>Mr Roger W Hampson</i>	<i>262 votes</i>
<i>Mr D T A Humphries</i>	<i>251 votes</i>	<i>Mr Michael D Pruett</i>	<i>274 votes</i>
<i>Mr I L Roberts</i>	<i>301 votes</i>	<i>Mrs C E Woodhouse</i>	<i>368 votes</i>

With the lowest number of votes, Mr Dave T A Humphries now relinquishes his position on council, having served for 12 years 9 months (Aug 1998-May 2011). Mr John A Black (May 2007-May 2011) did not apply to continue his membership of the council. A further change in the SB ward is the departure of Mr Nicholas D Webb (April 2008-May 2011). He had previously advised his intention of standing for election in Newport East (He polled 23.1% of the vote, coming second to the Labour Co-op candidate in the election for the National Assembly of Wales). In this ward there are 2 new members of council: Mr Roger William Hampson of Gorse Cover Road; and Mr Michael David Pruett of Station Road.

An election for the District Council had the following outcome-

<i>Mr Robert Griffin (Conservative)</i>	<i>627 votes</i>
<i>Mrs Julie Snelling (Labour)</i>	<i>197 votes</i>
<i>Mr Peter L Tyzack (Liberal Democrat)</i>	<i>538 votes</i>
<i>Accordingly Mr Griffin replaces Mr Tyzack as local representative.</i>	

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1a REGISTER of INTERESTS/DECLARATION of ACCEPTANCE

The 5 returning members and the 3 newly elected members all handed in their completed Register of Interests. These were checked by the Clerk. All 8 present then signed the Declaration of Acceptance, thus taking on their responsibilities as newly elected councillors.

1b ELECTION of CHAIRMAN

After 3 years as chairman IWH, being no longer eligible for office, nominated ILR as Chairman, seconded by CEW, all agreed, Mr I L Roberts being so elected. Having taken his place as Chairman, ILR invited nominations for vice chairman. IWH, nominated by FCAB, seconded CEW, all agreed, was duly elected.

1c APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mrs N Bendall (health reasons), Mr M Pruett (holiday), Mr R Griffin (S Glos Council – prior commitment).

1d WELCOME

The 3 new members present were welcomed and on invitation gave brief summaries of their backgrounds and motivation for taking up office.

1e ELECTION of OFFICERS

Officers were duly elected. The full list appears at Appendix A, filed prior to these minutes.

2a MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 4th April 2011 were approved as a true record.

2b MINUTES of the PRE-ELECTION MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 28th April 2011 were approved as a true record.

2c MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the APM, held on 4th April 2011, were read by the Clerk and approved as a true record.

Re all meetings above: 1. FCAB, 2. CEW, All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS3 - 1 Allotments

All plots have been let, as from mid-April.

3 - 2 Schools

Following on from the extra meeting on 28th April, Mr Ian Lyons from S Glos has made telephone contact. He claims that S Glos are ready to act but awaited confirmation of action required re tarmac/edgings. IWH criticised the course of action by the Clerk who had failed to set a 7-day deadline for completion. Clerk explained that having been charged with making direct contact with Mrs Amanda Deeks, Chief Executive at S Glos, he could not in good conscience set deadlines for her without first noting the response that was drawn. IWH felt that 'phone contact was inadequate, a written response being required. Clerk felt that the response from Mr Lyons had probably been prompted by the CEO. Agreed the matter should be dealt with promptly. Clerk has since arranged a site meeting for Wednesday 11th May with IL and Wayne Matthews at which the outstanding points can be clarified. The demand for edgings is dropped, a more pragmatic approach to be adopted.

3 – 3 Severnside Development

Despite early contact following last month's meeting, no response from Malcolm Logistics has been forthcoming.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

14771.01 Allotments
Nigel Brown of Bristol Water, consent re water connections.

14772.02 Clerks' Society
Clerks & Councils Direct: May 2011 edition – circulated.

14773.03 Campaign to Protect Rural England
Branch AGM, 13th May in Bath.

14774.04 Programme of events, evening of 13th May.

14775.05 Agenda for the above evening.

14776.06 Charities/Representation
IWH to attend Almondsbury Charity annual meeting at Pilning VH.

14777.07 Elections/Applications for Parish Council
Details of requirements for newly elected councillors.

14778.08 Notice of uncontested election in Pilning ward.

14779.09 Letter from Robert Griffin re new status as district councillor.

14780.10 Environment Agency
Report by EA to Oldbury licensed site.

14781.11 Legal Representation
Gregg Latchams confirm action by S Glos is awaited.

14782.12 Local Industry
Report by site inspector re Oldbury site.

14783.13 Factsheet re earthquake activity in Japan (and nuclear effects).

14784.14 Detail of Socio-Economic sub-group meeting, 20th April in Olveston.

14785.15 Minutes of Stakeholder meeting in Olveston, 20th April.

14786.16 Quarterly site report for Oldbury Nuclear Power Station.

14787.17 “NDA Monthly Update”, April 2011.

14788.18 Office for Nuclear Regulation, launched April – report due.

14789.19 *PowerLines* magazine, Spring edition – copies distributed.

14790.20 Playgrounds/Youth Activities
Wicksteed play inspection report.

14791.21 SMP newsheet with offer of 10% reductions.

14792.22 Roads/Road Signs
Info on road marking at entrance to cemetery in Bank Road.

Schools
 14793.23 Sale of Pilning school: offer of small plot - refused.

South Glos Council
 14794.24 Five-year report on 'South Glos Leisure'.

Street Furniture & Lighting
 14795.25 Glasdon Direct: product brochure 2011.
 14796.26 Glasdon, products for local councils brochure.

Travellers
 14797.27 Update on Bank Road site activity.

Trees/Treeplanting
 14798.28 Mr D Nethercott on damage problems on seawall site.

Utilities – Electricity
 14799.29 Western Power newssheet.

Voluntary/Community Groups
 14800.30 Senior Citizens Forum, meeting on 31st May.
 14801.31 SCF, Spring newsletter, copies distributed.

Planning
 14802.32 Delegated decisions, w/e 13th March 2011.
 14803.33 Delegated decisions, w/e 20th March 2011.
 14804.34 Delegated decisions, w/e 27th March 2011.

Accounts/Donations
 14805.35 Bristol Locksmiths, padlock for allotments. Item 5-3 (part) refers.
 14806.36 Bristol Locksmiths, keys for gate. Item 5-3 (part) refers.
 14807.37 Post Office, Clerk's 'phone/internet. Item 5-4 refers.
 14808.38 Able Waste, skip for allotments. Item 5-5 (part) refers.
 14809.39 Able Waste, skip for allotments. Item 5-5 (part) refers.
 14810.40 Mr N Pearce, odd jobs, March/April. Item 5-6 refers.
 14811.41 R Kirby, water butts for allotments. Item 5-7 refers.
 14812.42 C P R E, annual subscription. Item 5-8 refers.
 14813.43 Pilning Carnival, donation. Item 5-9 refers.
 14814.44 SB School, donation. Item 5-10 refers.
 14815.45 M J Fisher, grass cutting. Item 5-11 refers.
 14816.46 SB Playgroup, donation. Payment withheld re this item.
 14817.47 SB M&T group, donation. Item 5-12 refers.
 14818.48 Friends of SB School, donation. Item 5-13 refers.
 14819.49 M Gibbs, footpath grass cut. Item 5-14 refers.
 14820.50 ALCA, receipt for payment. Item 5-7, minutes of 4th April, refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 - 1	£ 797.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk's wages (April)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 - 3	£ 52.91	Bristol Locksmiths	Allotment padlock/keys	SHAA
5 - 4	£ 78.05	Post Office	Telephone/Internet	111
5 - 5	£ 338.40	Able Waste	2 x Skips –Allotments	SHAA
5 - 6	£ 113.94	Mr N Pearce	Odd job man	111
5 - 7	£1000.00	R Kirby	Water butts-Allotments	SHAA
5 - 8	£ 29.00	C P R E	Annual subscription	142
5 - 9	£ 200.00	Pilning Carnival	Donation	137
5 - 10	£ 500.00	SB School	Donation	137
5 - 11	£ 630.00	M J Fisher	Grass cutting	*
5 - 12	£ 200.00	SB M&T	Donation	137
5 - 13	£ 100.00	Friends of SB School	Donation	137
5 - 14	£ 35.00	Mike Gibbs	Cut at Footpath	HA80
	<u>£4124.30</u>			

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

5 - 3/5/7	Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, s26
5 - 11)Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19
)Public Health Act 1875, s164
5 - 15	Highways Act 1980, s36

Items 5-1 to 5-6 inclusive, paid as one cheque.

Bank balance, prior to payments above = **£18,277.84** (interest to March inclusive).

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. FCAB 2. NAC 7 For, 1 Abstained (CEW, in respect of 5-10 & 5-14, not wishing to vote as a Governor at SB School).

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PLT reported on his activities since the last meeting and prior to losing his post in the election. He had to relinquish his S Glos personal computer with immediate effect, but transferred information relating to ongoing activities on to Robert Griffin. PLT expressed an interest in offering help to the parish council in any planning matters, should it be required. He will also continue his involvement in the Severn Estuary partnership, again recommending the parish council should become directly involved with the group.

PLT reminded members that the SITA Inquiry is currently underway. He had been asked to facilitate transport for Danny Alexander MP during a recent visit to the area. He took the opportunity to show him around the district and DA appears to be persuaded of the need for a local motorway junction, needed to prevent overload of the local road system. PT also recently attended a Green Industry Forum.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (cont)

PLT completed his report by expressing his shock at losing his position but stressing how much he had enjoyed the privilege of working with the parish council. He thanked the Clerk for the letter written on behalf of the parish council.

7. AGENDA

7 – 1 Local Major Developments

IWH informed members that Morrisons and Asda are seeking to establish new distribution centres. The local area has been included in their search. There is also a possibility that Tesco may wish to re-locate. It is rumoured that their new local site is too small.

7 - 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields

Nothing to report.

7 – 3 Parish Plan

No information received from S Glos. Agreed to follow up on this matter.

7 – 4 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

The report on local playgrounds is due. The inspector advised that it is not compulsory for a play area to be fenced, although this might well increase the dog hazard. IWH to meet ILR on site to consider the viability of using chain link fencing instead of the current wooden pickets. A chain on the bridge is now loose, a bolt having been removed. Odd job man to investigate.

7 - 5 St Peter's School

AJL reported on the drive-in/out system at the school which appears to be working well. Surface markings are now enforceable rather than advisory. AJL was asked to advise governors of the need to ask drivers, when parking, not to block the entrance onto the cemetery grounds. This could create problems should it occur when a funeral was taking place. YG asked about the status of the Lollipop Lady. It appears the post is surplus to requirements as buses now enter the school grounds to drop-off their charges.

A large number of Calor Gas tanks have been dumped near the school gates. Clerk asked to contact the Calor Gas company.

7 - 6 Village Matters

Grass Cutting – FCAB complained of recent actions in Beach Road. Grassed areas outside the properties appear to have been treated with weed killer rather than mowers, yet growth along the path between Beach Road and Osborne Road has remained untreated.

Roads/Road Signs – IWH questioned when the surface of Marsh Common Road is to be reinstated. A date to be sought. AJL commented on the condition of Beach Road, particularly difficult for motor cyclists. NAC commented on the condition of the footway between Redwick Road and the Keens Grove garages, which continues to be a matter of concern, despite earlier requests for work to be carried out.

Travellers – AJL questioned the status of the land next to the school, all of the known facts being relayed to him.

Local Facilities & Amenities – RWH asked for an update on the burger bar at SB. Again all the known facts were relayed.

ILR asked about the scheme to provide parking spaces at SB. Clerk confirmed the land was offered free of charge. Further moves had been halted by a reluctance to consider breaching the tidal wall onto Beach Road. The solution could be a moveable tidal board. ILR is to investigate.

7 – 7 Reports

PILNING PIPS – CEW reported on the recent visit following the Pips' invitation. It was a richly rewarding morning, all those present being presented with cards made by the children.

7 – 8 Allotments

FCAB drew attention to a problem at the site yesterday. Complaints had been registered over the smoke from a fire blowing into Salthouse Farm Park. The Clerk had attended on site immediately, apologising for the problem and accepting the blame because the allotment holder responsible had not been issued with a contract. This had been remedied and the regulations drawn to the attention of the tenant, who apologised for the nuisance, promising not to encourage the fire any further.

NAC queried the placement of this particular allotment, it being outside the perimeter of the former playing area. However, the whole site is leased by council and no restriction has been placed on the number, or position, of allotments. In addition, Clerk and ILR had previously considered the possible need to provide extra allotments should there be further demand. The most likely option is to provide further plots at the east of the site, adjacent to the club room. Any additional income raised from extra plots has to be of benefit. There are currently 3 names on the waiting list at SB, with 1 for Pilning.

This area needs to be cleared of debris left following demolition of the rickety shed to the rear of the club room. John Miller has offered £300 towards the cost of using grab skips to remove debris rather than burning. This was mentioned at the meeting of 28th April, though not recorded in those minutes. At that time council agreed to add funding sufficient to fund a total of 2 grab skips. The likelihood of allowing sheds to be placed at the allotments was considered though the use of secure tool boxes was thought to be a better 'visual' option. S Glos has already been approached re the opening up of the former club house. As this could provide storage space agreed to await the outcome of these approaches before further consideration of this matter.

8. PLANNING

<u>Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council</u>		
PT11/0637/F	Foxhole Farm, internal work to barn	No comment
PT11/0639/F	Foxhole Farm, convert barn to dwelling	No comment
PT11/0697/RVC	The Nursery, NP, vary work conditions	No comment
PT11/0876/F	Queens Lodge, NP, photovoltaic panels	No objection
PT11/1174/R3F	St Peter's School, 2 windows to west elevation	Objection

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8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT11/0637/LB	Foxhole Farm, convert barn to dwelling (internal)	Consent
PT11/0639/F	Foxhole Farm, convert barn to dwelling	Permit
PT11/0726/F	Ingleside, rear extension with balconies	Permit
PT11/0733/F	89A Beach Road, rear conservatory	Permit

8 - 3 Planning Permission

PT11/1039/PNA Rednend Farm, Station Road, Pilning – Excavation work to facilitate restoration of land to agricultural use – Judged that permission not required.

Next Council Meeting - Pilning Village Hall on Monday 6th June 2011

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 9.10 PM

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

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