

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 3rd December 2007,
In SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS Mrs C Woodhouse (Chairman), Mr J Black, Mrs N Bendall,
PRESENT (9) Mrs N Chappell, Mr S Cooper, Mr D Humphries,
 Mr I Humphries, Mr D Nethercott, Mr A Webber

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (S Glos Councillor); 7 members of the public (Mrs Frances Barr MBE of Beach Road, Mrs Gill Cox and Mrs Jane Davey both of Ableton Lane, Mr Rod Lees of Abbott Road, Mr Mike & Mrs Barbara Matthews of Salthouse Farm Park, Mr Nick Webb of Gorse Cover Road).

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At 6.30 Michael Follett of South Gloucestershire Council made a presentation, supported by computer generated photos, on the council's initiative aimed at opening up areas for play. Much of the space previously available, including streets, has been lost as technology has taken over modern life. He drew attention to multi-purpose open spaces set up in Germany, unrivalled by anything available in this country, and pointed to legislation set up for the well-being of pigs, which could not be matched by anything designed to look after the leisure time of children.

Shortly before 7.00 the Chairman asked if there were any questions and after a brief session Mr Follett departed, the Chairman thanking him for his attendance.

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The Parish Plan Steering Group then made a short presentation on their work. Rod Lees reported on the financial situation, stating that with all VAT payments reclaimed there would still be more than £2,000 available in the fund, though some of this money will be required to pay for the printed reports. Jane Davey commented on the scale of the printed comments received in addition to the questions answered on the survey forms. Finally, Mike Matthews projected a number of diagrams which summarised some of the findings of the survey. Of the 1405 survey forms distributed, 840 (almost 60%) had been returned. The returns contained comments from 1409 parishioners. Copies of the summary document were handed to the Clerk for distribution.

With the time now a little after 7.15 the Chairman thanked the group for their work. It was pledged that council would be willing to fund the plan should costs go over budget. It was also stated that funding is available to members of the group who had built up extra household bills through carrying out the 'voluntary' tasks involved in formulating the parish plan.

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1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mr G Moore (business commitment). Apologies for their late arrivals, due to other commitments, were received from Mr S Cooper and Mr P Tyzack. MrD Nethercott and Mr A Webber also apologised for their need to leave the meeting at around 8.15 pm.

The Chairman asked that members join in remembrance of Mrs Jacqueline Caradine of Gorse Cover Road, and Mr Frank Georgeson of Salthouse Farm Park, both recently deceased.

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 5th November were approved as a true record.

1. IH 2. NC All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 - 1 Village Halls

Work on the former play area has now been completed, though 5 large concrete slabs remain, awaiting removal when ground conditions are suitable.

3 - 2 Grass Cutting

Clerk confirmed that a telephone conversation on this matter had led to a referral to the relevant department and that a written response will follow. IH again complained of the quality of the workmanship, a recent visit had resulted in only part of the grass at Redwick cross roads being cut. Other areas had not been touched, though there is evidence of better service in other parishes. When the response is received Clerk is to refer the complaint by IH regarding leaves and grass.

3 - 3 Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill

AW reported some fly-tipping on Severn Road.

3 - 4 Roads/Road Signs

AW met with Mark Shearman. An examination of the area showed some weight restriction signs to be covered by overgrowth. This is to be dealt with by Streetcare. MS suggested a 'weak bridge' sign could be mounted on Northwick Road bridge and he is to issue a letter to local residents asking that they should record the numbers and names of any vehicles which transgress the regulations.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Avon Local Councils Association

- 11961.01 *Local Councils Update*, issue 97 – new legislation listed.
11962.02 Budgeting for ALCA affiliation fees.

Building-New Developments-Housing

- 11963.03 S Glos Strategy for People Over 50 – circulated.

Clerk/Clerk's Society

- 11964.04 Clerks Conference Programme, 2008.
11965.05 National salary award for Clerks, 2007-2008.

- 11966.06 Environment/Conservation
Networking News, Autumn edition - circulated.
- 11967.07 Footpaths
The Joint Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
- 11968.08 Church path to be included on list of works to be carried out.
- 11969.09 ICI, Zeneca and other Industries
Minutes of Site Stakeholder meeting, Berkeley, 16th October.
- 11970.10 *Power Lines*, issue 3 – circulated.
- 11971.11 Minutes of joint group meeting, 16th October.
- 11972.12 Local Facilities & Amenities
Certificated Caravan site application turned down.
- 11973.13 Street trading application for Govier Way, Western Approach.
- 11974.14 Engage 2007 Festival of Cultural Freedom at Bradley Stoke.
- 11975.15 Trading Standards warning re door to door repair men.
- 11976.16 Playgrounds/Youth Activities
SMP of Egham, Surrey: *Freeplay* brochure.
- 11977.17 rekk of Nottingham: info on youth shelters.
- 11978.18 Police
Safer and Stronger Communities event at Cleeve, 21st November.
- 11979.19 Railways
New Sunday timetable only applicable for journeys to Avonmouth.
- 11980.20 FoSBR newsletter 63, December issue – circulated.
- 11981.21 Newsheet, Bristol needs reliable transport service.
- 11982.22 Redwick Road/New Passage
Comment from Rob Maggs re extension of domestic curtilage.
- 11983.23 River, Seawall & Environs
Habitats, Archaeology & Archaeological activity booklets – circulated.
- 11984.24 Severn Estuary Conservation Group; statement on barrage proposals.
- 11985.25 Roads/Road Signs
Notified problems scheduled for action.
- 11986.26 Rural Areas/Local Plans
Consultation on local development framework proposals.
- 11987.27 South Gloucestershire Council
Council meeting, 21st November.
- 11988.28 Special meeting, prior to council meeting above.
- 11989.29 Cabinet meeting, 3rd December in Thornbury.

South Gloucestershire Council (cont)

- 11990.30 Appointments panel, 23rd November in Thornbury.
- 11991.31 Audit and Accounts Committee, 28th November in Kingswood.
- 11992.32 Communities Select Committee, 14th November in Kingswood.
- 11993.33 Community Care & Housing Select Committee, 5th Dec in Kingswood.
- 11994.34 Corporate Coordination Select Committee, 28th Nov in Kingswood.
- 11995.35 Development Control Committee, Monday 26th November in Thornbury.
- 11996.36 Development Control Committee, Thursday 6th Dec in Thornbury.
- 11997.37 Economy & Skills strategic partnership, 20th November in Yate.
- 11998.38 Health and Well-Being Strategic Partnership, 4th December in Kingswood.
- 11999.39 Health Scrutiny Select Committee, 28th November in Thornbury.
- 12000.40 Local Strategic Partnership, 29th Nov in Thornbury.
- 12001.41 Planning, Trans & Strat Enviro Committee, 28th November in Thornbury.
- 12002.42 Safer & Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership, 30 Nov, Thornbury.
- 12003.43 Executive Decisions, w/e 9th November.
- 12004.44 Executive Decisions, w/e 16th November.
- 12005.45 Executive Decisions, w/e 23rd November.
- 12006.46 Executive Decisions, w/e 30th November.
- 12007.47 Forward plan, executive decision making, Dec 2007 – Nov 2008.
- 12008.48 Forward plan, as above, amended.
- 12009.49 Events to promote Quality of Life initiative.
- 12010.50 Parish Charter working group, notes on 25th September meeting.

Stationery/Circulars/Books

- 12011.51 *Clerks & Councils Direct*, November edition – circulated.
- 12012.52 *LCR*, November edition – circulated.

Street Furniture & Lighting

- 12013.53 Fitzpatrick Woolmer of Rochester, Kent: notice boards info sheet.

Travellers

- 12014.54 Direct action may be taken re clearance of Mongan site, Bank Road.

Village Halls

- 12015.55 Courses available: “Greening your community building”.

Voluntary & Community Groups

- 12016.56 Age Concern newsletter – circulated.
- 12017.57 Community Action advertise an Information Day, 17th January 2008.
- 12018.58 Volunteer Centre newsletter – circulated.
- 12019.59 S Glos Disability Action Group newsletter; winter edition – circulated.

Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill

- 12020.60 Waste Management Forum, meeting 11th December in Kingswood.
- 12021.61 Litter bin in Vicarage Road to be added to cleansing schedule.

Planning12022.62 Delegated decisions, w/e 25th September 2007.12023.63 Delegated decisions, w/e 2nd October 2007.12024.64 Delegated decisions, w/e 9th October 2007.Accounts/Donations

12025.65 Letter of thanks, SB School. Item 5-10, Oct minutes, refers.

12026.66 AOL, internet charges. Item 5-3 refers.

12027.67 PC World, inks for printer. Item 5-4 refers.

12028.68 Mr I Roberts, grass cutting. Item 5-5 refers.

12029.69 Mr R Hicks, hedge cutting. Item 5-7 refers.

12030.70 Gibbs Garden Maintenance, work at Pilning fields. Item 5-8 refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 - 1	£ 674.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (Nov)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol	111
5 - 3	£ 15.99	AOL	Internet charges (Nov)	111
5 - 4	£ 33.97	PC World	Inks for printer	111
5 - 5	£ 400.00	Mr I Roberts	Grass cutting (Nov)	*
5 - 6	£ 100.00	Mr & Mrs Collins	Toilet keyholder (2 pmts)	PHA
5 - 7	£ 58.75	Mr R Hicks	Hedge cutting	AA/MP
5 - 8	£2445.00	Gibbs GM	Work at Pilning fields	LGMP
5 - 9	<u>£ 150.00</u>	Mrs C Woodhouse	Chairman's Honorarium	15(5)
	<u>£3927.71</u>			

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

5 – 5*	(Playing fields	-LG(MP) Act 1979, s19
	(Sea wall gardens	-Public Health Act 1875, s164
5 - 6	Public Health Act 1936, s87	
5 - 7	(Bank Road	-Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908, s26
	(Village Hall	-Local Government (MP) Act 1979, s19
5 - 8	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, s19	

Items 5-1 to 5-4 above, inclusive, paid as one cheque.

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. NC 2. DH All agreed

Current bank balance, prior to payments above

£42,092.55 (Interest to June inclusive, only)

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gill Cox of 'Oregon', Ableton Lane, spoke briefly, stating that play items were now ordered for SB playing fields and should be installed by mid-January.

DN and AW left the meeting at this point.

7. AGENDA

7 – 1 Youth Activities

NB recently made a presentation to the Brownies. A number of suggestions have been received – including cycle track and BMX track provision. Some local groups are already involved in fund-raising. NB's article in *In View* has so far produced 1 volunteer. Cutting back the hedge at Pilning fields has revealed scores of plastic bottles and cans. NB will attempt to organise a 'youth' clean-up campaign. PT commented that although charges are levied against all councils this is not an equitable system, some areas being provided with many more facilities than others.

7 - 2 Village Matters

Bus Services, Shelters & Signs – IH commented on the problems with the local voluntary bus service. Despite the doctor's surgery service each Wednesday being a known and pre-booked service, on 2 occasions during the past 2 months no bus has been available. This is not reasonable.

IH also suggested that action should be taken regarding the Vicarage Road shelter. As previously suggested, the end of the shelter to be removed to allow for pedestrian movement. Proposed IH, seconded DH, 6 For, 3 Abstained (JB, DN, AW). Agreed also that highways officers should be requested to attend a site meeting, covering the problems at the bus shelter, and the memorial at Cross Hands.

Advertising – Attention was drawn to an advertising hoarding on the road verge opposite The Plough. Whilst it seems that this area is owned by the publican, it is felt that the advert is illegally placed.

Caravans – A number of caravans have appeared on ground to the rear of Marsh Cottage. Though this may simply be storage, on a domestic site this constitutes commercial use.

Travellers – The condition of the 'Mongan' site in Bank Road is a matter of concern. Despite the referral of this matter (which has resulted from our letter), the claim that ownership is not known was derided. No action will be taken, however, until the result of the referral is known.

Schools – Following the donation from this council, SB School has now acquired the books required. DH commented on the range and good quality of those purchased.

Consideration of a new site for St Peters School is now down to 2 sites. With Pilning playing fields short listed as one of those sites it was agreed the Charity Commission should be contacted for their opinion, in case local public opinion should be in favour of accommodating the new school.

7 - 3 Reports

TREES/TREE PLANTING – NC reported that despite her entreaties the authorities had insisted on cutting down a large, healthy tree in Keens Grove, rather than trimming it back, yet congested trees growing close by the road have been ignored. ICI/ZENECA – CW confirmed that together with NC and IH she is to attend the Terra/Astra Zeneca liaison meeting on Thursday, thus being unable to attend the meeting at Thornbury in which the Marsh Common access road is to be considered.

ST PETERS SCHOOL – PT explained his late arrival, having attended the governors meeting. The governing body is to be re-formulated in January.

