

## PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009, commencing at 7.00 pm,  
in PILNING Village Hall

COUNCILLORS      Mr I Humphries (Chairman), Mrs N Bendall, Mr J Black,  
PRESENT      (8)      Mrs N Chappell, Mr S Cooper, Mr I Roberts,  
                         Mr N Webb, Mrs C Woodhouse.

Also Present:-      J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (S Glos Councillor), and 7  
                         members of the public (Mrs Gillian Cox & Mrs Jane Davey of  
                         Ableton Lane, Mrs Andrea Bevan, Mrs Yvonne Gaulton & Mrs Su  
                         Roberts of Cranmoor Green, Mrs Barbara Matthews of Salthouse  
                         Farm Park, and Mrs Jeanette Pruett of Crossing Cottage, Station  
                         Road).

**Sympathy was offered following notification of the deaths of:  
Mr Bob Chappell, formerly of Keens Grove,  
and Mrs Amy Cottrell, formerly resident in New Passage.**

1.      APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mrs F Barr MBE and Mr D Humphries (both due to prior commitments).

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*After accepting the invitation to fill the casual vacancy, Mrs F C A Barr MBE is duly co-opted as parish councillor. In the knowledge that Mrs Barr was committed to attending the Safer & Stronger Communities meeting this evening she duly completed the Register of Acceptance of Office and handed in the Register of Members Interests form on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Mrs Barr is accordingly a parish councillor as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.*

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2.      MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> March were approved as a true record.

1. CW      2. NC      All agreed.

3.      ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 – 1      Cemetery/Churches

CW confirmed that a builder has been granted the option on the church-owned land in Church Road. Should the builder choose not to take up the option, at £160,000 the cost is beyond that which the parish council could afford to pay for allotment land.

3 - 2      Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board

The board has confirmed by 'phone the concerns they have over work at Plot 7, Church Road. They are to inform us of any future progress in this matter.

4. CORRESPONDENCEAllotments

- 13161.01 Request for allotment from Mr Weeks of Cranmoor Green.  
13162.02 Request for allotment from Mrs Gaulton of Cranmoor Green.

Audit/Precept

- 13163.03 H M R C notify tax code for Cemetery Clerk.  
13164.04 Audit information for 2008/2009 returns.

Avon Local Councils Association

- 13165.05 Minutes of meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> February, at North Common.  
13166.06 Agenda for meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> May, at Greenfield Centre, Winterbourne.  
13167.07 ALCA newsletter, April 2009 edition – circulated.  
13168.08 Defra briefing on funding for national initiatives.

Bus Services, Shelters & Signs

- 13169.09 Information from Queensbury of Portsmouth.

Cemetery/Churches

- 13170.10 Request for information re local cemeteries.  
13171.11 Contact by Mrs Barr MBE, re comments re conditions at cemetery.

Clerk/Clerks' Society

- 13172.12 Final settlement re remuneration to Clerks, April 2008.

Campaign to Protect Rural England

- 13173.13 Info re Calor Village of the Year.  
13174.14 Hilary Severn advises need to appoint new branch Chairman & Secretary.

Elections/Applications for Parish Council

- 13175.15 Mr A Cloke confirms his continued interest in any further vacancy.

Employment/Opportunities

- 13176.16 Briefing re Employment Act 2008.  
13177.17 Briefing re Age discrimination and compulsory retirement age.

Environment/Conservation

- 13178.18 'Wildroots Celebration' event at Willsbridge Mill, 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Footpaths

- 13179.19 Cycle City Project information.

Grass Cutting

- 13180.20 Breakdown of charges by S Glos Council for grass cutting service.  
13181.21 Comment from IR re conduct of previous meeting (re grass cutting).

ICI/Zeneca & Other Industries

- 13182.22 Magnox North confirms Reactor No. 1 re-start.  
13183.23 Minutes of Stakeholder meeting, 21<sup>st</sup> January at Tortworth.  
13184.24 Minutes of Socio-Economic sub-group meeting, Oldbury, 29<sup>th</sup> January.  
13185.25 Land adjacent to Oldbury site nominated for new nuclear plant.

Licence Applications

- 13186.26 Request for comment re licence transfer, from Cross Hands to SB VH.

Newspapers/Publications/Advertising

- 13187.27 Information regarding publication of parish council information.

Parish Projects & Related Matters

- 13188.28 Minutes of Parish Plan Steering Group meeting, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February.  
13189.29 Minutes of Parish Plan Steering Group meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> March – distributed.

Playgrounds/Youth Activities

- 13190.30 Wicksteed notifies need for annual play equipment inspection.  
13191.31 Steve Webb MP notifies comment re lack of play equipment.  
13192.32 Newsletter, raising the voice of young people.

Railways

- 13193.33 FoSBR newsletter 69 - circulated.  
13194.34 FoSBR seek information re meeting at SB in October.

River, Seawall & Environs

- 13195.35 *Severn Tidings*, Spring 2009 issue – circulated.

Roads/Road Signs

- 13196.36 Mark Shearman response to complaint by Mrs Edwardes.  
13197.37 Proposals-improved traffic flow at junction 17 (Severnvale Area Forum).

Rural Areas/Local Plan

- 13198.38 Site allocations update from Bristol City Council.

South Glos Council

- 13199.39 A guide to Council Services – distributed.  
13200.40 *SGN* newsletter – copies distributed to all households.

Street Furniture & Lighting

- 13201.41 Neptune of Winchester, seating brochure.

Travellers

- 13202.42 Response from planning enforcement re complaints at Hearne site.  
13203.43 Response from development services re complaints at Hearne site.  
13204.44 Response from planning department re complaints at Hearne site.  
13205.45 Initial response from Steve Webb MP re complaints at Hearne site.

Travellers (cont)

- 13206.46 Steve Webb MP refers to multi-agency meeting re above.  
 13207.47 Traveller unit confirms multi-agency meeting planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> April.  
 13208.48 Mrs A Hill of Blands Row complains re conditions at Hearne site.

Trees/Tree Planting

- 13209.49 Tree Warden scheme to be re-instated.

Voluntary/Community Groups

- 13210.50 Link group meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> April in Easter Compton.  
 13211.51 Senior Citizens Forum information – notice posted.  
 13212.52 S Glos Disability Action Group leaflet – circulated.  
 13213.53 CVS, newsletter 30 – circulated.  
 13214.54 CVS (Children & Young People), newsletter 30 – circulated.

Planning

- 13215.55 Delegated decisions, w/e 21<sup>st</sup> February 2009.  
 13216.56 Delegated decisions, w/e 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009.  
 13217.57 Delegated decisions, w/e 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009.  
 13218.58 Delegated decisions, w/e 14<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

Accounts/Donations

- 13219.59 Post Office, postage stamps. Item 5-3 refers.  
 13220.60 McAfee, computer anti-virus programme. Item 5-4 refers.  
 13221.61 PC World, computer re-boot. Item 5-5 refers.  
 13222.62 Bricknells, 6 stationery holders. Item 5-6 refers.  
 13223.63 Grass Cutting Services, grass cutting, March. Item 5-8 refers.  
 13224.64 S Glos Council, SB School booking fee. Item 5-9 refers.  
 13225.65 Ist Pilning Guides, donation. Item 5-10 refers.  
 13226.66 O'Neill & Co, heating installation at Pilning VH. Item 5-11 refers.  
 13227.67 Mrs J Sellick, replace items at Pilning Cemetery. Item 5-12 refers.  
 13228.68 BWBSL, allotment water rates. Item 5-13 refers.  
 13229.69 H M R C, Clerk's income tax. Item 5-14 refers.  
 13230.70 F o S B R, annual subscription. Item 5-15 refers.  
 13231.71 S Glos Council, council tax, SB VH. Item 5-16 refers.  
 13232.72 S Glos Council, council tax, Pilning VH. Item 5-17 refers.  
 13233.73 S Glos Council, dog bin service. Item 5-18 refers.  
 13234.74 Care for Elderly, attendance allowance. Item 5-19 refers.  
 13235.75 C Thompson, ground clearance/repair. Item 5-21 refers.  
 13236.76 British Gas, payment for SB VH. Item 5-8, minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> March, refers.  
 13237.77 EDF, payment for SB VH. Item 5-9, minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> March, refers.  
 13238.78 Calor Gas, payment for Pilning VH. Item 5-10, minutes 2/3, refers.  
 13239.79 British Gas, payment for SB VH. Item 5-11, minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> March, refers.  
 13240.80 Letter of thanks from Katie Hanks. Item 5-7, minutes of 2 March, refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

The accounts below were approved for payment.

1. SC    2. CW    All agreed.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT (cont)

5 - 1	£ 784.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (March)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 - 3	£ 5.40	Post Office	Postage stamps	111
5 - 4	£ 29.34	McAfee	Computer security	111
5 - 5	£ 29.35	P C World	Computer reboot	111
5 - 6	£ 12.60	Bricknells	Stationery files	111
5 - 7	£ 100.00	J C Rawlinson	Parish plan exp (R Lees)	111
5 - 8	£ 400.00	Grass Cut Services	Grass cutting (March)	*
5 - 9	£ 35.00	South Glos Council	Booking fee: SB School	111
5 -10	£ 250.00	!st Pilning Guides	Donation	137
5 -11	£5101.80	O'Neill & Co	Heating at Pilning VH	LGMP
5 -12	£ 70.88	Mrs J Sellick	Items for cemetery	214
5 -13	£ 21.67	BWBSL	Allotment water rates	SHAA
5 -14	£ 573.00	H M R C	Income tax	111
5 -15		F o S B R	Annual subscription	----
5 -16	£ 215.82	South Glos Council	Council tax, SB VH	LGMP
5 -17	£ 230.37	South Glos Council	Council tax, Pilning VH	LGMP
5 -18	£ 499.50	South Glos Council	Dog bin service	DFLA
5 -19	£ 143.00	Care for Elderly	Attendance allowance	LGRA
5 -20	£ 50.00	Mr & Mrs Collins	Toilet keyholder	PHA
5 -21	<u>£ 145.00</u>	C Thompson	Odd job repairs	111
	<u>£8746.73</u>			

Item 5-15 above, £10 cheque sent but mislaid. Reissued minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

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

5 - 8	LG(MP) Act 1979, s19/Public Health Act 1875, s164
5 -11/16/17	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19
5 -13	Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, s26
5 -18	Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996
5 -19	Local Government & Rating Act 1997
5 -20	Public Health Act 1936, s87

Items 5-1 to 5-7, inclusive, paid as one cheque.

Items 5-16 & 17 paid as one cheque.

**Current bank balance, prior to payments listed above**

<b>£26,670.63</b>	(Interest included to end of March)
<b><u>£ 3,245.74</u></b>	+ Current account
<b><u>£29,916.37</u></b>	

Monies received since the entry under Item 5, minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008.

Sep 08	£228.84	Grant from SB VH (re gas)
Dec 08	£893.00	Grant from Pilning VH (re repairs)
Dec 08	£ 8.00	Collection (re play equipment)

## Monies received (cont)

Dec 08	£325.44	Grant from SB VH (re electricity)
Jan 09	£ 25.00	CVS prize (Parish Plan)
Jan 09	£610.00	NHS Inequalities grant (Parish Plan)
Jan 09	2000.00	Grant, Village Players
Jan 09	3000.00	Grant, SB VH (re gas installation)
Feb 09	1000.00	Grant, Pilning VH
Mar 09	£730.25	A P D, refund of overcharge
Mar 09	£377.36	Grant, SB VH (re gas)
Mar 09	£435.88	Grant, SB VH (re electricity)
Apr 09	£ 96.23	Grant, SB VH (re gas)
Mar 09	£110.00	Allotment fees, in full

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None requested.

7. AGENDA7 – 1 Major Local Developments

NC expressed concerns over the height of the Tesco foundation base. Although lagoons are planned for the south side, how will the area cope with water on the Marsh Common side. Environment Agency to be contacted over this.

7 – 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields

GC confirmed the youth club at SB VH is proving to be a success, with more than 40 regularly attending. Held on Monday evening, there has been some disruption. GC has indicated the ‘error of their ways’ to those concerned and matters now appear to be under control. It is hoped the opportunity for summer sports coaching will arise.

Referring to other local youth facilities, GC indicated that the rugby club may have folded. Though this would need to be confirmed, perhaps the site could be used to provide allotments, all other initiatives having been unsuccessful. Further suggested that an approach should be made to S Glos to ascertain whether the existing school site could be converted to allotment use.

IH confirmed that grants were being sought to cover the installation of heating at Pilning VH. Further to the report by PT, suggested that removal of the visitor centre could be beneficial to Pilning. Perhaps one of the structure modules could be transported to the field where there is a serious shortage of indoor space, particularly for storage use.

7 – 3 Parish Plan - Update

Weekly meetings currently being held to finalise the document. JD stated that one of the core wishes expressed in the survey was the provision of adequate landscaping around newly-developed warehouses. Whilst landscaping proposals for the new 8020 warehouse appear to be substantial (assuming they are fully implemented), it was suggested that much more planting is required, particularly of willow, alder and other water ‘hungry’ trees and shrubs. JD informed members that a willow required some 90 gallons of water per day to ensure healthy growth.

#### 7 – 4 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

NB attended at Pilning field following reports of oafish behaviour. A trolley was tipped into the rhine and attempts were being made to dismantle a filing cabinet. Whilst the incident was contained a larger group gathered in a threatening manner. As usual NB made every effort to identify with those present. NB confirmed (via PT) that a S Glos revenue account, formerly associated with council housing stock, could be available for a local project. PT has requested £9,400, which must be used for play equipment. Records to be checked to ascertain whether the section 106 fund (re Cranmoor Green) is still available.

Suggested that swings could be mounted on Cranmoor Green, subject to approval by S Glos and residents. IH suggested the school authorities should be asked to severely trim the hedge. This would open up the field, perhaps discouraging unsocial behaviour.

#### 7 - 5 Cemetery/Churches

Though the committee has not met, the Clerk suggested a meeting is unnecessary. Mr Smith has been written to regarding the need to remove the edgings from the memorial. It simply requires someone to carry out the task. IH confirmed that he would speak with the Cemetery Caretaker and arrange for this work to be done. SC stated that the Cemetery Clerk must write to other digressers before any further action can be taken.

NC mentioned the wish of her daughters to plant a tree to commemorate their late father. Agreed this could be done.

#### 7 – 6 New Parish Councillor

Clerk confirmed that although FB was unavoidably absent this evening, all requirements had been fulfilled and Mrs Barr was now a parish councillor, appointment effective as from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

#### 7 - 7 Village Matters

**Roads/Road Signs** – SC, absent from the last meeting, enquired about the status of Station Road, Pilning. Clerk confirmed that S Glos had made contact, the problem is identified, but action is delayed due to lack of funding. SC asked for a follow-up. The problem, created by poor workmanship, should be rectified free of charge.

IH queried the value of SatNavs, currently directing many lorries through the village. Police are to be asked to comment.

**IT/Website** – CW queried the status of the council website. Clerk stated the minutes of November should be the last ones on-line. SC confirmed this to be correct. Clerk has asked that all reference to member profiles should be removed, being considerably out of date. This has not been done. Clerk has not been able to access email since early January. Hopefully this will be rectified very soon.

**Footpaths** – IH has spoken with S Glos who are suggesting a ‘pram friendly’ access from the church path onto Bank Road. IH suggested the wicket gate be retained because of its former railway status, and that any access for prams should be organised onto the other side of the path. It will also be necessary to mount “No Cycling” signs. This was agreed.

**Annual Parish Meeting** – IH suggested the APM should again be held prior to the May meeting. This was agreed.



**Medical** – IH confirmed that following a refusal by British Telecom to transfer the lease, Dr Paterson would be unable to utilise the old exchange building to accommodate a new pharmacy. Accordingly the surgery premises would be extended. The facility will be run independent of the doctor's surgery and will be open 7 days per week, with extended hours from Monday to Friday. JD stated the provision of a pharmacy had been a key requirement in responses to the Parish Plan.

## 7 - 8 Reports

Having agreed to attend the Safer & Stronger Community meeting, PT gave his report at the start of the meeting. The information is recorded here to retain the usual format of the minutes. PT is to ask that future S&SC meetings should not clash with those of local councils.

**S GLOS COUNCIL** – PT confirmed there is a budget available for signage to be mounted locally. This will help visitors to identify any local facility. Having confirmed the parish council wishes to retain the “no cycling” status of the sea wall, he will also ask for the relevant signs to be mounted.

**RIVER, SEAWALL & ENVIRONS** – Pressure has been applied from the outset for the removal of the works complex under the new bridge. With the closure of the visitor centre there is now some action underway, and there is a need for the site to revert to open land, according to the initial agreement. Though the Highways Agency has certain rights under the Road Traffic Act they are currently involved in talks with S Glos.

PT has been involved in select committee discussions of Severnside Power, and has stressed the need for full local consultation should barrage proposals go ahead. Whilst we could usefully make a contribution, this council has not been informed of the consultation process.

**RAILWAYS** – Railtrack are to arrange for the platform at SB to be fenced – the cost to be borne by the developer/purchaser of the adjoining land. PT met with the SB line working group whose efforts can clearly be seen in the improved information points, and the generally improved condition of railway stations. Asking about litter clearance from tracks, PT was surprised to hear that the service was provided only twice yearly. Despite his suggestion that the process could more properly be carried out twice a month, the concession made is to increase the service to a quarterly procedure.

**ICI/ZENECA & OTHER INDUSTRIES** – PT reported the recent fault with the Severnside Siren. The siren at Aust, perhaps now surplus to requirements, may be removed. The siren at Pilning will definitely remain.

**ENVIRONMENT/CONSERVATION** – PT met with Gazeley, expressing his concerns over the tipping potential for the Ableton Lane *cul-de-sac* to the rear of plot 8020. A streetcare officer is assessing the need for action. The site of Grove Farm, now demolished, has not been included in the landscape plan. PT had suggested the old orchard could be re-planted, perhaps with varieties that are now ‘out of favour’. NC asked about the formerly resident Little Owls and a Barn Owl. With all farm buildings and the 2 nearby cottages demolished, and a decimated orchard, it is doubtful whether the birds are still in the area, though even a sparse orchard may still support a pair of Little Owls. PT is to ask whether owl boxes could be provided.

**FOOTPATHS** – PT informed members the new path from shops to seawall at SB is not yet ratified. A resident has objected to the proposal. Accordingly the full legal process now has to be followed.



