

November 1970
meeting.

MINUTES OF A MEETING held on 2nd November 1970 in Pilning Village Hall.

All Parish Councillors were present, also R.D. Councillors Mr. Dyde and Mr. Fowler.

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PILNING HALL AND PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.

A receipt for the expenditure of £445. 18s. paid by the Parish Council was received. Mr. Free stated Grants were expected from Glos. County Council in the region of £135. Seeing that the cost of erecting the equipment was £173. the Councillors thought that enquiries might be made in order to buy equipment more locally and so save on the erection costs in future.

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POLLUTION OF RIVER SEVERN.

The River Severn Authority advises that the persons responsible for the Swimming Pool should for their own protection have the quality of the water taken from the Severn tested. The Authority also stated they are prohibited by the Act of 1961 from disclosing analytical information concerning effluents to any other than the discharger. Routine examination of water is being undertaken and a comprehensive programme being put into practice.

482 PATH BETWEEN BEACH ROAD AND OSBORNE ROAD.

The District Planning Officer has been unable to discover who owns the strip of land between 39 and 41 Beach Road, and suggested a Mr. R.C. Smith may be helpful as to ownership. That gentleman is to be written. 10

138 FOOTPATH SWANNOOR TO NCOR GOUT.

This footpath runs diagonally across the I.C.I. Sports Field. Mr. A. Ball kindly offered to talk over this matter with the firm, and a diversion of path may be the outcome.

394 LOCKED GATE ON FOOTPATH. MR. SALVIDGES LAND.

Mr. Fowler stated he would shortly be seeing Mr. Salvidge, and would report on any arrangement made.

506 OVERGROWING HEDGE, CROSS HANDS ROAD.

British Rail acknowledges receipt of the complaint of overgrowing trees on their land, North approach to Bristol Road Bridge.

494 ROADSIDE SEATS.

The Councillors decided to order three seats, one each for Cemetery and Severn Beach Sports Field at £14. 1. 9d. each, one at £17. 6. 6d. for site outside Severn Beach Shops; also one litter basket for Severn Beach Sports Field.

439 WEIGHT RESTRICTION ORDER REDWICK TO CRIBBS CAUSEWAY.

The Divisional Road Engineer, Cheltenham, has asked for the Glos. Surveyor's observations on this matter, and will write us again.

477 OBSTRUCTION TO FOOTPATH, MARSH COMMON TO SHAYMORE.

The Glos. C. Council has passed on the complaint to Thornbury R.D.C. who have powers to deal with a public right of way obstruction.

263 SCHOOL MANAGER. SEVERN BEACH.

The Chief Education Officer has agreed to the appointment of Mr. A. Ball as a School Manager.

500 PILNING CEMETERY - BAD ORDER.

In consequence of complaints received, of the bad state of the Cemetery, people getting wet from the uncut grass etc., it was decided that the Chairman, The Clerk, and one other Councillor should meet the Caretaker at the Cemetery, and see what could be done to improve matters.

499 SEWERAGE SCHEME. ROAD DAMAGE.

The installation of sewerage has led to numerous complaints about the Contractors' trench filling in the roads. Mr. Fowler stated he would be meeting the Contractors and R.D.C. Officials regarding the bad state of road repairs. He was asked to express the deep concern of the Parish Councillors and local residents who had to suffer the results of the poor finish to the trenches.

The Highways Authority will put the roads in good order when the sewage system is completed.

504 ABLETON LANE.

A street plan of the widening, pavements etc. of Ableton Lane has been received. This plan is being circulated in turn to the Councillors.

490 FOOTPATH SIGN, PILNING LOW LEVEL.

Mr. Ball reported that Mr. Ford had placed the sign under cover. The sign is to be re-erected on grass verge outside field gate.

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FOOTPATH. AUST ROAD TO NORTHWICK CHURCH.

Apparently a stile is broken, the path overgrown, and the footpath through Northwick churchyard is in bad order. These matters are to be looked into further and inspected.

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LIASON COMMITTEE.

A meeting of this committee and the I.C.I. is taking place shortly and a number of suggestions were passed to Mr. Parsons, Mr. Ball, and Mr. Free, for discussion at the meeting.

Several small complaints requiring attention were passed to the Clerk.

The meeting ended at 10.25. p.m.

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SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN PILNING VILLAGE HALL 23rd November 1970

PROPOSED PERMANENT GYPSY ENCAMPMENT ON PILNING TIP.

Mr. Jessop, Area Planning Officer and Rural District Councillors Mr. Dyde and Mr. Fowler attended with approximately 250 local residents.

Mr. Jessop explained the Government Instruction to County Councils to find permanent sites for Gypsy Encampments. Objections to the proposal were put forward by many in the room.

A resolution was unanimously passed, urging Thornbury R.D.C. (the owners) to honour their pledge to return the land to Agricultural use, and not to sell the land to Glos. County Council as a site for a Gypsy Encampment.

Signed S. Parsons.
Date 7th December/70.