

Minutes of Meeting held at
Pilning Village Hall 6th April, 1970.

Apology was received from Councillor T. Hooper.

Councillor S. Parsons acted as Chairman in the absence of Mr. Hooper.

470. Bus Services.

The Bus Co., apologised for disruptions of services, caused by severe shortage of staff, they endeavour to ensure that the rural services are affected to the smallest possible extent. Childrens school services are always given high priority. The Councillors suggested that more information should be given to intending passengers of late running or cancellations at points of ~~the service departure~~, this and other suggestions were to be given the Bus Co.

467. Pilning Telephone Exchange.

The Glos: Parish Councils Assoc: are taking up the question of lack of information being passed to the Parish Council regarding the extension to the telephone exchange.

468. Drains Severn Beach Station Approach.

Mr. Andain states that when labour becomes available he will have drains renewed.

The British Rail is to be asked to clear the ditch into which the drains flow.

328. Church Road, Severn Beach Verges.

Mr. Andain states the condition of the verge is caused by residents parking thereon, and the County Council have no powers to prevent this.

Kirbing the verge might deter the practice, but no funds are available at this stage for such work to be undertaken. He will record the request for the extension to the pavement but the estimates for year 1970/71 have been finalized.

357. Life buoy at Severn Beach.

The R.D.C. are to be thanked for their prompt attention, and for their promise of a weekly inspection of the safety appliance.

471. Public Sewage Scheme.

Mr. Frost is to be given an apology for not being invited to the Annual Public Meeting.

The Clerk explained he had met by chance Mr. Frost a few days previously, and had given that gentleman the regrets of the Parish Council, and explained why the Agent of the construction Co., had been invited along with the R.D.C. Clerk of Works.

433. Pilning Playing Field.

To decide who has to manage the playing field a meeting has been arranged with the Village Hall Management Committee, Mr. Hodges of the Drainage Board, Mr. Scarrott of the Parish Councils Association have been invited to attend on the 10th April.

358. Yellow Lines Severn Beach.

The Glos: County Council are applying for an Order to the Ministry of Transport to lay down the Yellow Lines. A copy of the Schedule was given to Councillor C. Dyde to put on show at Severn Beach Post Office.

431. Public Notice Board.

This board has been erected in the grounds of Pilning Mission Hall by permission of the Vicar and Church Council.

A board is to be erected at Severn Beach but the Planning Authority's sanction has to be obtained before erection can be done.

473. Town and Country Planning.

The Parish Councillors decided they would support the appeal against the decision to allow the erection of a dwelling at 64 Beach Avenue made by the County Council. The hearing is at Thornbury R.D.C. 21st April, 1970.

459. Street Lighting. Lamp Standard & Phase (1).

The question of the delay in dealing with these two items is to be taken up direct with the S.W.Elec. Board. A copy of the letter is to be sent the R.D.C. to give added weight to their complaints regarding the same subjects.

139. Playing Fields Association £1/1/-

266. Parish Councils Assoc: £19. 5. -.

321. Glos: Trust for Nature Conservation £1. 5. -.

The Councillors decided to renew their Annual Subscriptions.

320. Hire of Village Hall 1969/70.

Payment of the Annual Charge was authorised £12. -.

474. Sunnylands & Gormelys Cafe, Severn Beach.

Complaints concerning the sorry state and eyesore at both places, coupled with vermin having been seen were received and a report to the Public Health Officer is to be made.

192. Wainbridge Crescent, Pilning.

The entrance to Wainbridge Crescent from Redwick Road is an eyesore, building materials and huts have been left on the site for many months.

The Clerk is to endeavour to find the address of the owner and get him to clear the materials, which are becoming a danger to children who use the space as a playing area.

475. Lakelands.

A quantity of frayed wire rope has been left lying about near the path leading from Beach Road to the North end of the promenade. This being dangerous, the Clerk is to try and get this scrap material collected.

476. Air Pollution.

Mr. Denner stated the National Smelting Co., were greatly concerned of any air pollution emanating from their Works. ~~They should be immediately advised of any such complaint when a member of their staff will be sent to investigate.~~ *They would be willing to send anyone to a future meeting if requested, to answer questions.*

Retirement. Councillor Mr. C. Ball.

To the regret of the Parish Councillors, Mr. Chas. Ball announced his retirement. He spoke of various places in which parish meetings had been held during his fifty years of service as a Councillor. *

The Chairman praised Mr. Ball and thanked him for all he had done, and said how much his vast knowledge of the parish would be missed. He wished Mr. Ball a long retirement, other Councillors added their wishes and thanks, and also sorrow that such a fine gentleman would no longer be with them at their meetings. *33 years only.*

Resignation. Councillor Mrs. J. Webb.

Mrs. Jane Webb handed in her resignation, she is leaving the district in the near future.

The Chairman said what a blow the Council had just received by the loss of two such valued members.

Mrs. Webb had served the Council faithfully and well, her work had been very individualistic. Being the only woman on the Council she had given a woman's point of view on many tricky questions for the guidance of the male members, and this was much valued.

The Councillors praised her work, and gave her their best wishes for her future welfare.

Parish Council Elections.

It was decided it would be futile to hold a Parish Council Meeting in May due to the elections, and the next would be held on 1st June.

The meeting closed at 9:45 p.m.

* Mr Ball first elected 16/4/35 - MAY 49
then May 51 - retired 6/4/70

Signed S. Parsons
1st June 1970

Accounts authorised:-

	£	s	d
Locke	4.	10.	-.
Free	1.	1.	-.
Thornbury R.D.C.	40.	-.	-.
E.Bailey	2.	2.	-.
Dyde	5.	-.	-.
Pullin	50.	-.	-.
Church Council	-	9.	-.
Pullin	23.	3.	11.
Thomas error	23.	3.	11.

Signed S. Parsons,

1st June 1970