

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 5th December 2011, commencing at 7.00 pm,
in SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS Mr I L Roberts (Chairman), Mrs F C A Barr MBE, Mrs N A
PRESENT (9) Chappell, Mrs J A Fennell, Mrs Y Gaulton, Mr I W Humphries,
 Mr A J Lewis, Mr M D Pruett, Mrs C E Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk) and 2 local residents (Mrs Gillian Cox of Ableton Lane, Mr Peter Tyzack of Little Green Lane).

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The Chairman asked those present to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Mr Reginald R Knott, formerly resident in Cranmoor Green, and Mr Ken Meachin of Abbott Road, both recently deceased.

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mr R W Hampson (unwell) and Mr R C Griffin (S Glos Council – prior commitment).

2a MINUTES of the PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 7th November 2011 were approved as a true record. 1. FCAB, 2. YG All agreed.

2b NOTES on CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING

The notes compiled by FCAB on the meeting of 28th November 2011 having been distributed to all members were read through by CEW and approved as a true record.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 - 1 Redwick Road/New Passage

NAC reporting, Roy Edwardes confirmed the glass case donated by the parish council is to be re-located from Trinity Hall to St Peter's Church.

3 - 2 Roads/Road Signs

The provision of grit bins, recommended by RCG, was left unresolved. In principle the idea is sound, though general opinion is that human nature being what it is some might be inclined to act selfishly. If this were so, most residents would gain no benefit from the scheme.

MDP confirmed that the installation of a concrete ring to prevent access to 4 x 4 vehicles is not agreed, rather that developers are negotiating for this option.

Bristol City Council has confirmed that cleansing operations for A403 to the south of the parish are now in hand.

Footway works at Marsh Common are now completed. The strip from Chequers Farm to the West View terrace will be dealt with in next year's programme.

Overgrowth at 23 Gorse Cover Road has now been cleared.

3 – 3 River, Seawall & Environs

The clearance work requested by the resident at 122 Beach Road has now been completed. Toby Jefferies of Jarvis Jefferies has been unable to contact the burger bar owner. Accordingly this matter is left in abeyance.

3 - 4 Railways

NAC reported on a press article claiming a 90% increase in passenger numbers since 2007. Meanwhile, on the morning of Friday 25th November, 15 would be passengers were stranded at SB station when the 9.54 service failed to arrive. When reporting this on the railway intercom those persons stranded were met with a complete lack of cooperation by staff. Clerk to write again.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Avon Local Councils' Association

15011.01 General information on the Localism Bill – circulated.

Building-New Development-Housing

15012.02 Merlin Housing Society meeting at Ableton Court, 7th December.

15013.03 Prospective purchaser of Trinity Hall seeks advice.

Environment Agency

15014.04 Response from Jack Lopresti MP re EA role in respect of sea wall.

15015.05 EA responsibilities regarding sea wall at Severn Beach.

Environment/Conservation

15016.06 Heritage Forum AGM, Wednesday 30th November, in Thornbury.

Local Facilities & Amenities

15017.07 Kate Williams of Cardiff advises availability for local events.

Local Industry

15018.08 Community briefing on the nuclear effects in Japan.

15019.09 Minutes of Stakeholder meeting, 2nd November in Falfield.

15020.10 Minutes of Socio-Economic sub group meeting, 2nd November.

15021.11 Management of UK plutonium stocks.

Parish Projects & Related Matters

15022.12 Safer Stronger Group community awards programme.

15023.13 Michelle Dixon enquiry re progress of parish plan.

Playing Fields/Youth Activities

15024.14 Brochure from Greenfields Garden Services.

15025.15 News sheet from Notts Sport.

River, Seawall & Environs

15026.16 Info from Valuation Admin team re car parking proposals.

15027.17 Severn Estuary partnership meeting, 19th November in Chepstow.

Roads/Road Signs

15028.18 Mark Perry comments on road clear markings for Beach Road.
 15029.19 Business Support team reference to above item.
 15030.20 Bristol City Council comments on difficulties re Severn Road.
 15031.21 New road at Western Approach to be named “Goldcrest Way”.

Schools

15032.22 Deed of Easement now signed and completed.

South Glos Council

15033.23 Standards Committee meeting, change of timing.
 15034.24 Parish Charter working group to meet 10th January in Dodington.
 15035.25 Charter refresh – sign up necessary.
 15036.26 Council budget consultation with local community.
 15037.27 RCG, notification of submission to *In View* magazine.
 15038.28 Charter annual meeting, 27th October in Yate – circulated.

Utilities – Electricity

15039.29 Contact by Nick Webb re 3-parish meeting later this month.
 15040.30 Email from Sarah Pomfret re meeting on 17th November.
 15041.31 Contact from PT re meeting of wind power group.
 15042.32 Olveston Parish Council comment re wind power proposals.

Village Halls

15043.33 Pilning VH balance sheet for October 2010/2011.
 15044.34 Mr D Nethercott follow-up re VH funding and other matters.

Voluntary/Community Groups

15045.35 S Glos Deaf Association newsletter, December edition – circulated.

Planning

15046.36 Survey info (From PT) re land off Northwick Warth (PT11/2592/F).
 15047.37 Delegated decisions, w/e 17th September 2011.
 15048.38 Delegated decisions, w/e 24th September 2011.

Accounts/Donations

15049.39 Post Office, postage stamps. Item 5-3 refers.
 15050.40 Currys/PC World, inks for printer. Item 5-4 refers.
 15051.41 Copier Repair Man, toner refill. Item 5-5 refers.
 15052.42 Mr N Pearce, odd jobs, November. Item 5-6 refers.
 15053.43 M J Fisher, grass cutting. Item 5-7 refers.
 15054.44 S Glos Council, election costs. Item 5-8 refers.
 15055.45 Avon Alarms, Pilning VH. Item 5-9 refers.
 15056.46 Marlwood School, community service prize. Item 5-10 refers.
 15057.47 BWBSL, Water rates, SB allotments. Item 5-12 refers.
 15058.48 SB School, booking fee, Oct meeting. Item 5-13 refers.
 15059.49 Childrens Playlink, donation. Item 5-13, minutes 7th Nov, refers.
 15060.50 Citizens Advice Bureau, donation. Item 5-14, mins 7 Nov, refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 - 1	£ 791.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk's wages (Nov)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 - 3	£ 8.64	Post Office	Postage stamps	111
5 - 4	£ 33.97	Currys/PC World	Printer Inks	111
5 - 5	£ 50.00	Copier Repair Man	Toner refill	111
5 - 6	£ 63.75	Mr N Pearce	Odd job man	111
5 - 7	£ 630.00	M J Fisher	Grass Cutting (Nov)	*
5 - 8	£2532.44	S Glos Council	Election costs	RPA
5 - 9	£1689.60	Avon Alarms	Pilning VH	LGMP
5 - 10	£ 30.00	Marlwood School	Donation	137
5 - 11	£ 50.00	Mr/Mrs Collins	Toilet keyholder	PHA
5 - 12	£ 201.84	BWBSL	Water rates – SB allotments	SHAA
5 - 13	£ 35.00	S Glos Council	Booking fee, SB School	111
	<u>£6166.24</u>			

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

5 - 7)Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19)Public Health Act 1875, s164
5 - 8	Representation of the People Act 1983, s 36(5)
5 - 9	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19
5 - 11	Public Health Act 1936, s87
5 - 12	Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, s26

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

Bank balance, prior to payments above = **£46,204.49** (interest to Sept inclusive).

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. CEW 2. FCAB All agreed.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PT addressed the meeting seeking support for those seeking development of the former Pilning School, for whom he is acting. He sought to assure members of the sympathetic use of the property and the lack of detrimental impact on the local community.

7. AGENDA7 - 1 Local Major Developments

ILR read out a summary of the Core Strategy document he had copied from the internet. In the document S Glos Council clearly indicate that further development at Western Approach will cause local roads to be completely clogged up if the site is not connected into the motorway.

Asked for a decision by ILR, members expressed their overwhelming opposition to the proposed wind farm at Ingst. In response to his offer, members indicated their wish that PT should represent the views of council in respect of the application at Ellinghurst Farm.

7 - 2 Village Halls

The recent SB VH committee meeting was well-attended. YG reported the AGM is to be held on 9th January 2012.

7 - 3 Playing Fields/Youth Activities

In answer to an enquiry by CEW, Clerk confirmed that funds had not yet been received from Mrs Bendall. Meanwhile, a newly-formed group appears to be fund-raising with no reference to the parish council.

7 - 4 Annual Finance Meeting

The meeting is arranged for Monday 12th December in Pilning Village Hall.

7 - 5 Standing Orders

Members were asked to study their copies of SOs and draw attention to any anomalies they may note. Recommended by FCAB that the sum quoted in SO 13 be increased to £500. The need for a review having been raised by Mr D Nethercott, Clerk had examined the SOs. He drew attention to 3 minor errors and 2 more serious anomalies, namely in SO 2 and SO 13 where the adopted orders are contrary to legislation covering parish councils. Motions covering these points to be brought forward at the January meeting.

7 - 6 Village Matters

Roads/Road Signs – NAC has contacted S Glos regarding the fallen leaves gathered on the footway near the Wick Road bus shelter. Clerk to follow up. NAC also commented on overgrowth along A403, still to be cleared despite a number of approaches.

IWH complained re overgrowth outside the Old Vicarage and trees growing over the road at the corner of Chessell Avenue.

FCAB asked for contact with S Glos concerning the 30 mph sign on the left of the turn from A403 onto Redwick Road. The sign is obscured by another one. FCAB also asked that the footway which crosses A403 near the forge should be retained. This has existed for many years and despite the claims by RCG should be retained as the major foot route from SB to Pilning.

Bus Services, Shelters & Signs – IWH complained of the condition of the Wick Road bus shelter. As there is no obscene graffiti S Glos will not act, nor will the bus company. Clerk to ask OJM to deal with this.

Police – IWH expressed concerns re adult cyclists using the footway in Redwick Road, asking that Police should act. CEW also asked whether Police or traffic wardens could act re parking on verges and destruction of the grass. This is a particular problem at Denny Isle Drive and Ableton Lane.

River, Seawall & Environs – JAF asked about cyclists on the seawall path, and was informed that byelaws exist which ban cycling. As always it is the lack of officers to enforce the law which allows the problem to continue. JAF was advised that current Ordnance Survey maps showing the path to be a cycle track are incorrect. Horse manure is a problem, though horses are also officially banned from the route.

Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill – AJL drew attention to the debris dumped at the end of Bank Road; still there despite being reported to S Glos by RCG.

Travellers – Trotting races again took place at the week end. AJL did not report to Police. Previous reports have led to attendance by Police, though, as usual, ‘after the event’. Evidence could perhaps be found on U-tube as it is known that races are photographed from the van following the event.

Schools – IWH was critical of ILR for signing the Deed of Easement agreement with S Glos, there still being a problem with the inspection cover. ILR stated that council had reached agreement many months ago, subject to all outstanding problems being dealt with – which they had - albeit the cover now being found to be unsafe. Ian Lyons to be contacted to rectify this problem.

Utilities – Electricity – A meeting to discuss the prospective wind farm in Ingst is to be held on Friday 16th December. It appears that no one is able to attend.

7 - 7 Reports

ENVIRONMENT/CONSERVATION – ILR commented on his attendance at the recent Heritage Forum meeting. He suggested that it was unlikely he would wish to attend any such future event. It took more than 45 minutes to elect a chairman after considerable time was spent over tea and cakes. It appeared likely that little else would be achieved and he left early.

ALLOTMENTS – ILR and RCG met with Chris Cox from S Glos at the SB allotment site. Following earlier approaches it was suggested that S Glos would be prepared to: reduce the lease fee to £500 pa; extend the lease agreement to 20 years, with an ongoing 5 year option; and, permit use of the building. There was some criticism of ILR's attendance at such a meeting without co-opting someone else as back-up. ILR felt that having RCG in attendance was sufficient. It was reasonable to attend without including anyone else as he was now reporting on the meeting. No decisions were made and council would be duly informed by letter of any proposals, allowing councillors to consider any offer before reaching any conclusions.

8. PLANNING

8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT11/3510/RM	Ellingham Farm, erect 2 warehouses	Objection
PT11/3538/F	Pilning primary school, convert to house/business	Comments
PT11/3606/F	Foxhole Farm, garage & store	Comment

8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT11/2794/ADV Central Avenue/Severn Road, advertising Consent

Next Council Meeting - Pilning Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd January 2012

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 9.15PM

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

(<http://sites.google.com/site/pandsbpc>) – parish website
psbparish@mypostoffice.co.uk – parish council email address

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Meeting held *IN CAMERA*

All 9 members of the council listed as present in the minutes above, remained for the duration of this meeting. The 2 members of public had vacated the premises.

In accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it had been resolved, and advised on the public notice, that: "In view of the special nature of the business to be transacted, it is advised that, both in the public interest and that of parish councillors, the public and press will be excluded from the meeting before discussion of this topic commences."

THE PARISH COUNCIL & ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PUBLIC

1. Following comments of a racist nature by Mr R W Hampson, at the meetings of October and November, exception was taken by another councillor. The Chairman wrote a formal letter to RWH, admonishing him for his behaviour. In response, RWH wrote an apology, both letters being read to members. RWH pledged not to act in such manner again. Accordingly, this matter is now closed.
2. Former councillor Mr D Nethercott has been in contact with council, expressing an interest in planning future use of the 2 village halls. His first letter was copied for all members but due to an oversight by the Clerk was not listed amongst correspondence. Following up with a further letter to the Chairman, he was dismayed that this letter was also overlooked for listing amongst correspondence received. DN was critical of the council, the Chairman writing a formal apology on behalf of the council. DN's letters and the response were read to members. Views were mixed, some members feeling it to be a matter of little significance. DN's comments on the need to update Council Standing Orders are to be considered by individual members. The Clerk, having studied the SOs and picked out 2 instances where SOs are contrary to parish council legislation, will present a motion at the January meeting advising the need for alterations
3. At the Cemetery Committee meeting held on 28th November, Mr I W Humphries, arriving later than the other members, greeted them in a derogatory fashion, collectively referring to them with a vulgar term. Members were stunned by this. The Chairman called IWH to task for his attitude. In response IWH stated that he always spoke his mind stating one councillor and he had already settled their differences. The Chairman asked that IWH should in future express his opinions in a more modulated manner. This matter is now closed.

With the time now 9.34, the meeting was drawn to a close.

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