

# Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council

## Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 at 7pm at Pilning Village Hall, Pilning

COUNCILLORS    Mr I L Roberts(Chairman) Mr Mike Pruett, Mr T Lewis, Mrs J A Fennell, Mrs N Chappell,  
PRESENT (9)        Mr Ian Humphries, Mr Ivor W Humphries, Mrs C E Woodhouse & Mr Kevin Weeks

Also Present: -        Mrs Victoria Bywater (Clerk); Mr Robert Griffin of Shaymoor Lane, Pilning; Mr Peter Tyzack of Severn Beach & Mrs Jill Fysh of 43a Ableton Lane, Severn Beach.

**The Chairman asked those present to observe a minute's silence, as a mark of respect, for Ron Husband late of Severn Beach, now of Olveston and Heather Kieley of Church Road, Severn Beach both recently deceased.**

Item Number	Details	Action By
<b>2013-04-1 Apologies for Absence</b>	Apologies were accepted from Mrs Frances Barr MBE	
<b>2013 -04-2 Declarations of Interest</b>	None reported	
<b>2013-04-3 Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 had been previously circulated in the most part by email. An alteration to 2013-03-04 (page 3) was noted from IvorH. The minutes of the meeting of 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 were agreed as a true record with the alteration. Proposed by CW, seconded by IanH. All agreed	
<b>2013-04-4 Matters Arising</b>	2013-02-04 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> quote received for the sign at Pilning Village Hall from Avon Displays for £390 + VAT compared to the quote from Avonmouth Signs for £450 + VAT. VB to confirm order to Avon Displays and cancel fingerpost order with Avonmouth Signs.</li> <li>• A date for the Finance Committee meeting was not able to be agreed upon – date booked for the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013</li> <li>• Footpath at Bank Road to be dealt with under Planning</li> <li>• Annual Parish meeting set for 22<sup>nd</sup> April</li> <li>• A meeting date to be arranged with Rob Wiltshire of S.Glos, the head of Severn Beach Primary School, Cllr Robert Griffin and representatives of the Parish Council. Various dates were suggested but Head of the school available only after Easter break</li> <li>• Fencing on the bridge at Pilning Cemetery is now repaired</li> </ul>	<p>VB</p> <p>VB</p>
<b>2013-04-5 Standing Order</b>	Deferred to next meeting following the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2013.	
<b>2013-04-6 Correspondence</b>	Please see Appendix A - Attached <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An email had been received from an allotment holder at Severn Beach regarding the extended shed on the site. After discussion, it was decided to put up a notice on the shed requesting the return of the shed to the original specification which had been approved previously. A No-Smoking sign also to be added.</li> </ul>	VB

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter had been received from Almondsbury Charity regarding the appointment of a trustee from the Parish Council. IvorH had been the trustee for the last four-year term and indicated he wished to continue. It was agreed that IvorH to continue as a trustee. VB to respond to Almondsbury Charity confirming the decision.</li> <li>• NC requested clarification on the decision by S.Glos to reduce the grass cutting within the Parish from fortnightly to twice per year. Cllr Robert Griffin responded confirming the cost cutting exercise by S.Glos.</li> <li>• IvorH requested clarification on the 11.4% increase shown on the recent Council Tax bills. VB confirmed correspondence with Mr Chris Manvell of S.Glos Council which would be presented at the Finance Committee meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting. VB explained the reasons known for the apparent increase in the precept were in the large part due to changes within central government and the way in which Housing Benefit is paid out. Cllr Robert Griffin confirmed the position.</li> </ul>	VB
<b>2013-04-7</b> <b>Accounts for</b> <b>Payment</b>	<p>Please see Appendix B – Attached.</p> <p>Outstanding invoices expected from KN Office supplies for toner for the photocopier and from Severn Beach Village Hall for annual Council Tax. IvorH questioned the invoice presented by MJ Fisher for grass cutting in March 2013. He further questioned the whole contract to which MJ Fisher currently works. After much discussion the matter to be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2013.</p> <p>1. IvorH 2. KW, all agreed</p>	
<b>2013-04-8</b> <b>Public</b> <b>Participation</b>	<p>No requests had been received.</p>	
<b>2013-04-9</b> <b>New Business</b>	<p><u>1. Local Major Developments</u></p> <p>a) Zoo development – VB confirmed that no response had been received from Almondsbury Parish Council regarding the invitation already extended to Pilning &amp; Severn Beach Parish Councillors to attend a meeting and tour of the proposals at the Zoo Development. VB to pursue Almondsbury Parish Council to find out the date of the visit and inform Cllrs of the date when known.</p> <p><u>2. Village Halls/Playing Fields</u></p> <p><u>Pilning</u> – TL informed the Parish Council that it should expect some bills from Pilning Village Hall for essential items. NC confirmed that the following bills should be expected a) new cooker b) boiler servicing c) various bolts, clips and door repairs.</p> <p><u>3. Village Matters</u></p> <p>IR advised an improvement in the electrical blackouts should be seen due to the re-siting of the transformer.</p> <p>IR informed the Parish Council of recent fires in abandoned fields in the</p>	VB

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	<p>area. The Fire Brigade had advised to keep a close eye on the field in question.</p> <p>MP further reported hedges that had been interfered with along the area Gypsy Platt.</p> <p>IR noted the dilapidated paintwork in the Severn Beach toilet facility. CW advised the Regeneration Group had previously painted the toilet area. CW to investigate whether the Regeneration Group can assist again and to approach B&amp;Q. JF to ask at the Severn Beach Village Hall committee meeting if they have any paint contacts.</p> <p>IanH reported an incident with a Porsche on a test drive through Easter Compton towards Pilning. He went to see the Leon Vitti from the Porsche dealership to complain about the incident. Although helpful, Leon explained he is not responsible for the customers on the test drive.</p> <p>JR reported an indecent incident in daylight hours in the Shaft Lane area. Cllr Robert Griffin confirmed he too had received the report and had forwarded to Police.</p> <p>NC reported the huge increase in the number of dumped horses at various locations in the area. KW confirmed he also had seen horses corralled by the railway line.</p> <p><u>4.Cemetery</u></p> <p>a) Decision on tree contract at Pilning – IR confirmed a further quote had been received from Elm Tree Garden Services which was the cheapest quote. A third quote had not been able to be obtained due to contractors not turning up and not wishing to quote for work within a cemetery. It was proposed by CW and seconded by JF to instruct Elm Tree.</p> <p>b) Update on Northwick Tower see Appendix C – VB to instruct S.Glos contractors to start work on the quoted ‘day rate’ basis.</p> <p><u>5.Update on Ableton Court</u></p> <p>CW reported a meeting with residents at Ableton Court and the points raised had included intimidation by Merlin Housing Association and failed promises. Residents agreed to speak to the press which took place again at Ableton Court with the Thornbury Gazette. A report has been written along with photographs and the reporter is awaiting permission from Merlin Housing Association to go to print. Merlin Housing Association has since responded to the residents informing them of their intention to occupy the empty rooms with professional people.</p> <p>Cllr Robert Griffin informed the Parish Council of a meeting due to take place between himself and the MD of Merlin Housing Association.</p> <p><u>6.Big Spring Clean 2013 at the Allotment Sites – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 10am</u></p> <p>VB informed the Parish Council of intention to take part in the S.Glos Big Spring Clean with the main focus being the Allotment Garden sites at both Severn Beach and Pilning. All Cllr’s asked to help out if possible on the day at one of the sites.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CW/ JF</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB/ FCAB</p> <p>ALL</p>
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	<p>7. <u>Report from Cllr Robert Griffin</u> – Please see Appendix C</p> <p>Further to the report in Appendix C, Cllr Robert Griffin reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The A403 clean-up had been carried out by S.Glos Council and paid for by Chep.</li> <li>• Cllr Robert Griffin had written to Wessex Water asking if another water foul pipe could be installed to take the expected increased levels of water from the Western Approach site. VB to also write to Wessex Water mirroring this request. Cllr Robert Griffin to supply a copy of the original letter to VB.</li> </ul>	<p>VB</p> <p>VB/ Cllr RG</p>
<p><b>2013-02-10</b> <b>Planning</b></p>	<p><u>Footpath between Bank Road and Pilning Playing Fields</u></p> <p>VB informed the Parish Council of the position so far regarding the hearing due to take place with the Planning Inspectorate. A date has not yet been received for the hearing but is expected very soon. IR to lead the meeting along with Mr Jeff Rawlinson who had kindly agreed to support IR because of his involvement with the application so far in his capacity as Clerk to the Parish Council.</p> <p><u>Comments of PC sent to S Glos. Council via website</u></p> <p>PT13/0474/F Front and side extension at 63, Cross Hands Road, Pilning Neutral due to narrow access</p> <p><u>Decisions by S Glos. Council</u></p> <p>PT13/0493/F Scottish Power Generation Ltd Erection of replacement security fencing 3 m high PERMIT</p> <p>NC requested a meeting with a representative of the Parish Council, S.Glos Planning Enforcement, S.Glos Highways and the adjoining landowner to Mayburn Villa, Northwick Road, Pilning regarding the on-going retrospective planning applications at Mayburn Villa. VB to organise a meeting with the above mentioned people.</p> <p>IR informed the meeting that he and Cllr Robert Griffin had reported the situation at Mayburn Villa over 12 months ago.</p>	<p>IR/ VB</p> <p>VB</p>
<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at Severn Beach School, Severn Beach. The ANNUAL Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 at Pilning Village Hall followed by a presentation on the proposed new development at Pilning Village Hall.</p> <p>THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED 8.37@ PM.</p>	<p>VB</p>

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#### APPENDIX A – CORRESPONDENCE

Date Received	Received by	Details	ACTION
05.03.13	Post	Clerk's magazine	VB read & passed to NC
05.03.13	Email	Agenda for Development Control (West) Committee, Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 2.30pm	Circulated via email
05.03.13	Letter	Thank you letter from Church Organ Restoration Mr Roy Edwards	n/a
05.03.13	Email	Parish Clerk vacancy at Alveston Parish Council	Circulated via email
06.03.13	Email	LINK information regarding legal entity of Link concludes on 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2013	Circulated via email
06.03.13	Email	S.Glos Carers Event on 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2013 invitation	Circulated via email
06.03.13	Email	Response from Porsche with regard to test drive route	Circulated via email
07.03.13	Email	NALC – MP's attending the local democracy app local government finance meeting in parliament – 24 April 2013	VB asked Jack Lopresti MP
07.03.13	Email	S.Glos Council Press release	Circulated via email
07.03.13	Email	Parish Matters – Partners Conference 2013	Circulated via email
07.03.13	Email	Parish Matters – Racial Equality Network Meeting	Circulated via email
07.03.13	Email	S.Glos Local Involvement Network – March 2013 E-bulletin	Circulated via email
07.03.13	Email	S.Glos Council meeting – Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 now at 3pm not 7pm	Circulated via email
11.03.13	Email	Response from Jack Lopresti – unable to attend but happy to receive specific issues	n/a
11.03.13	Email	Survey on the future of Quality Parish & Town Council scheme	Circulated via email. VB to complete survey
11.03.13	Email	S.Glos Council meeting – Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 reverts back to 7pm	Circulated via email
11.03.13	Email	Agenda for Development (West) Committee, Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 11.30am	Circulated via email
11.03.13	Email	S.Glos LINK – 1 space left at the Partners Annual Conf on Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2013	Circulated via email
12.03.13	Email	Guidance from S.Glos on accessing the Landscape Character Assessment Review	Circulated via email
12.03.13	Email	Agenda for S.Glos Council meeting on Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 at Kingswood	Circulated via email
12.03.13	Email	NALC's 2013 Conferences. 6 June London, 11 July Sheffield; 19 Sept Bristol	VB would like to attend the Bristol Conference
13.03.13	Email	Free resource park for community renewable energy schemes	Circulated via email
13.03.13	Email	Response from Miriam Woolnough following my letter of thanks	Circulated via email
13.03.13	Email	Invitation to Chair's meeting of the Local Community Forums from 7-8pm on Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March at Scotch Horn Centre, Brockway, Nailsea BS48 1BZ	Circulated via email
13.03.13	Post	Open Space Spring 2013 Vol 30 No 6	Passed to NC
13.03.13	Email	Invitation to Introduction to the Planning Process on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March at 6pm – 8pm at Kingswood	Circulated via email
13.03.13	Email	Forwarded from Julie Fennell regarding damage to a motorbike from debris on the A403. Cc'd to Cllr Robert Griffin.	Circulated via email
13.03.13	Email	Avon LCA link to the new Policy & Parliamentary Affairs Consultation Response	Circulated via email
14.03.13	Email	Update from Programme Officer on the core strategy examination web page under 12 March update	Circulated via email
14.03.13	Email	Agenda for Safer Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2013 at 9.30am	Circulated via email
15.03.13	Email	Urgent motion added to agenda for Council on Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7pm	Circulated via email
15.03.13	Email	S.Glos Council Press Release	Circulated via email
15.03.13	Email	E-bulletin for County Associations, National Council & member councils	Circulated via email
15.03.13	Email	Forwarded from IR – notification from Planning Enforcement Officer on Wood pile on the A403/ Church Road site	Circulated via email
18.03.13	Email	E Bulletin for Count Associations, National Council & member councils	Circulated via email
18.03.13	Email	S.Glos Press release on 18.03.13	Circulated via email
18.03.13	Email	Agenda for Planning, transportation & Strategic Environment Committee on Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 3pm	Circulated via email
18.03.13	Email	Guidance notes forwarded from Cllr Robert Griffin with regard to CCTV	Circulated via email
18.03.13	Email	LINKs register to move to a volunteer champion for Healthwatch S.Glos.	Circulated via email
19.03.13	Email	Planning Enforcement Survey	Circulated via email & added to Apr Agenda
19.03.13	Email	Inclusive Play	Circulated via email
19.03.13	Email	Being a good Councillor – course & booking form for 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2013	Circulated via email
20.03.13	Email	Guidance notes on how to read the Landscape & Character Assessment	Circulated via email
20.03.13	Email	The Village Players – The Boobytrap – Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> to Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	VB to put on notice boards
20.03.13	Email	S.Glos Press Release 20.03.13	Circulated via email
20.03.13	Email	Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning 2013-2015	Circulated via email
20.03.13	Email	Core strategy update 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	Circulated via email
20.03.13	Email	CPRE M'ship changes (NALC New Policy Briefing)	Circulated via email
21.03.13	Email	Bristol Local Plan – Site Allocations & Development – Management Policies – SA&DMP Statement of Reqs Procedure	Circulated via email
21.03.13	Email	Reminder about filling in the QPS Survey by ALCA	Circulated via email
22.03.13	Email	Core Strategy – 22 March update	Circulated via email

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22.03.13	Email	S.Glos School Term Dates for 2014/ 2015	Circulated via email
22.03.13	Email	S.Glos Parish Matters – Festival 12 Sept to 1 Nov 2013	Circulated via email
23.03.13	Post	S.Glos Over 50's Newsletter Spring 2013	n/a
25.03.13	Email	Reply from S.Glos Enforcement regarding tipping of waste at Hearnies Site, Bank Road	n/a
25.03.13	Email	PCWG meeting papers for meeting to be held on 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr '13 at the Council Chamber, Poole Core Yate starting at 10am	Circulated via email
25.03.13	Email	Parish Matter from S.Glos re. oil fired central heating	Circulated via email
25.03.13	Email	Parish Matters from S.Glos re. S.Glos Core Strategy – further main modifications	Circulated via email
27.03.13	Email	Agenda for Policy & Resources Committee on Monday 8th April 2013 at 2pm	Circulated via email
27.03.13	Email	Notification of the closure of LINK website, facebook page and Twitter	Circulated via email
27.03.13	Email	S.Glos Parish Matters – meeting on April 13th 10am until 1pm	Circulated via email
27.03.13	Email	Agenda for Development Control (West) Sites Inspection Sub Committee on Fri 5th Apr 2013 at 9.30am	Circulated via email
27.03.13	Email	Email regarding the presentations from S.Glos Council Partners Conference	Circulated via email
27.03.13	Email	Forwarded by Cllr K Weeks from the Severn Beach Allotment Association regarding the expanding 'shed' on the site	See above
28.03.13	Email & Post	Appointment of nominated trustee for the Almondsbury Charity	See above
28.03.13	Email	Extension on the invitation to input to development of Landscape & Renewables Supplementary Planning Documents – now 8th March 2013	Circulated via email
28.03.13	Email	Department for Communities & Local Government – Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning 2013-2015	Circulated via email
01.04.03	Email	Reminder about 'Being A Good Councillor' course on 27th April 2013	Circulated via email
02.04.13	Email	Make it Mentoring – Youth Work in Bradley Stoke	Circulated via email
02.04.13	Post	Countryside Voice Magazine	At meeting
02.04.13	Email	ITV1's Secret Dealers – looking for people to appear on the show	Circulated via email

#### APPENDIX B – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Date	Payee	Details	Net	Reclaimable VAT	Total
02.04.13	Mr. Collins	Toilet key holder	60.00	0.00	60.00
02.04.13	Mrs. V Bywater	Purchase of 'Local Council Administration' by Charles Arnold Baker 8th ed.	67.19	0.00	67.19
02.04.13	Mrs. V Bywater	Clerks wages for March 2013 inc. petrol & office use for Feb & Mar 13	615.42	0.00	615.42
02.04.13	S.Glos. Council	Council tax bill for Pilning Village Hall	207.24	0.00	207.24
02.04.13	Mrs. V Bywater	Stamps for posting Big Spring Clean 2013	20.00	0.00	20.00
02.04.13	Mr. N Pearce	Mar-13	45.70	0.00	45.70
02.04.13	HMRC	PAYE & Employers NI for Jan, Feb & Mar 2013	653.58	0.00	653.58
02.04.13	MJ Fisher	Mar-13	750.00	0.00	750.00
02.04.13	HMRC	PAYE & Employers NI Rawlinson/ Pearce Apr-Dec	994.41	0.00	994.41
02.04.13	S.Glos. Council	Dog Waste Bins	238.56	47.71	286.27
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,652.10</b>	<b>47.71</b>	<b>3,699.81</b>

#### APPENDIX C – REPORT FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL (ROBERT GRIFFIN)

News for Pilning & Severn Beach.

7<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Dear Ward Members,

**New Zoo** – As this is reported to be opened in July, I have been requested to find out when the accompanying road works etc. are being completed. I passed this query to South Glos. Planning for their comment. The Zoo has given advanced notice that they will apply for their licence on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Another attachment is attached.

**M49 Junction** – The Dept. of the Environment list tells me this is tentatively on the governments Road Improvement Programme list for 2016.

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**A sick horse** was put down on a driveway in Wick Road and left. It was eventually removed after several days. I have complained to several organisations including the RSPCA, South Glos. & Merlin for their lack of response to this health violation. The Merlin Board are discussing this topic at their next board meeting and I am meeting their MD with several Board Members in mid-April.

**Abandoned Horses** – Only 12 remain on Western Approaches with some more on the foreshore. The bailiffs have done a wonderful job. 3 horses were found wandering on the A403 near Churngolds after coming up the road from Western Approaches.

**Smoke Complaints** – from Salthouse Farm Park. It appears to be coming from New Passage. South Glos. investigated. They gave an enforcement warning to the owner.

**Stolen Horse** – A horse stolen from Severn Beach has been found in Birmingham via its passport. It has now been returned home. It was apparently bought at a Travellers' Horse Market.

**Bilsham Lane, Northwick** – 266344 – A review of vehicular access size and pothole repairs has been requested. Also ditch flooding I have written to the adjoining landowners requesting them to clear their ditches. The one landowner is to rectify this within the next year.

**Ableton Court** – The Parish Council and I had a meeting with the residents to allow them to air their grievances about Merlin trying to move them out. A further meeting was held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> I was unable to attend due to prior South Glos. commitments.

**Marsh Common** – The destruction of trees at this time of the year does conform to the Environmental Regulations.

**A403 Plastic rubbish** – This appears to be caused by un-sheeted Chep used pallet lorries and I have written to them.

Chep have replied and are taking action with the lorry contractors. South Glos. Cleaning team on the A403 collected 180 sacks of rubbish last pass. The A403 is currently clear of rubbish.

**Horse Dragging** – I have had two complaints of travellers' ponies being dragged at 20 mph behind a van on local roads. This is apparently to make them trot fast but it cannot be either safe or humane.

**Easter Compton Flooding** – Major silting problems have been found in the drainage system and have been rectified.

**Sea Wall Dog Mess** – I met a gentleman on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> on the seawall clearing up the dogs' mess. What a wonderful example to us all.

**Gorse Cover Road** – A couple with a baby in a pram were seen picking up litter both sides of the road. Well done.

**COM/13/0155/BOC** – Enforcement order served again on wood chipping on the land adjoining the A403. – PT10/1235/RVC – APP/P0119/A/12/2188037 Land adjacent A403 and Church Road, Severn Beach, Bristol BS35 4NN – Planning permission failed on appeal. I have requested the site to be cleared up which will be backed up by an enforcement order. The owner has already been fined £1,000 for none compliance with existing Planning regulations.

**COM/13/0132/UNT** – Dumping of waste materials opposite Hallendale and Severdale in Severn Road.

**Land at Bank Road COM/12/0630/OD** – The extra Travellers' caravans have moved on from the site and Planning Enforcement tells me that the site now conforms to regulations.

**COM/13/0197/OD** – Waste is being dumped behind the Bank Road site. Enforcement has served an order.

**Berger Bar, S.B.** - Planning tell me it is likely they will serve formal enforcement in the form of a Section 215 Notice on the landowner to tidy up this site.

**Ward Member reports** undesirable in her garden in Albert Road. Neighbourhood Watch etc. contacted.

**Severn Beach late bus** – Only two residents are interested in this service.

**The approach to Salt House Farm Park** is being tidied up. What a difference it makes. Many thanks to John Miller but it's not finished yet.

**Speed watch** – The publicity has helped with local membership. When the databases are linked this will also become a Lorry watch as well. On the afternoon of the 22<sup>nd</sup> a Camera Van parked near the school to catch speeders.

**Streetcare** – Changes from April 2013. 1. All grass in S.G. will be cut only twice per year. 2. All S.G. Council Flowerbeds will be grassed over or passed to Parish Councils. 3. All S.G. provided doggy bins will be removed.

**Part Night Street Light** – The Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council is in consultation with South Glos. Streetcare over this issue and I am not involved. Please contact Email - pilningandsevernbeachparishcouncil@btconnect.com.

#### **Notification of intent to apply for a Zoo licence**

It has been known for some time that Bristol Zoo Gardens planned to create a new Conservation park at their site at Hollywood Towers, Blackhorse Hill, South Gloucestershire.

Preliminary discussions with zoo representatives in late 2012 indicated that work would commence at the site in 2013 with the project being split over 3 phases. Phase one would be a small development with limited numbers of animals being put on display, whilst phase 2 and 3 would expand the park to its full potential.

To comply with current legislation where non domestic wild animals are exhibited for more than 7 day in a 12 month period there is a requirement for the premises to be licenced by the local authority under the Zoo Licencing Act 1981.

The process for the application of a Zoo licence is long and complicated but below is a step by step guide to the process.

Currently we are at the notification of intent stage and have received the form and supporting documents relating to the proposed first stage of the new zoo development.

We have engaged the services of an experienced zoo consultant to assist us with our obligations in the process and will be arranging liaison meetings with all interested parties identified in step 2 of the above process.

In the meantime officers from South Gloucestershire Councils Trading Standards Trading Standards will be formulating a working group of officers from all departments to assist in the smooth transition into the next stage of the process.

For information the Notice of Intent does give some details regarding the proposals which have been summarised below.

- They expect between 300 – 1000 visitors per day.
- There will be provision for 130 cars, 3 coaches and 20 bicycles on site.

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- Animals intended for phase one included Lemurs, Eland & Zebra, Okapi, Red River Hog and African Pygmy Goats. (Pictures Below)
- There will be numerous aviaries on site with many exotic species of birds displayed.



Zebra



Eland

Red River Hog



Okapi  
Lemurs



Goats



African Pygmy

It is understood from the Notification of Intent that due to the small number of animals being kept at phase one of the plans the applicant is to request a dispensation from a full zoo licence process.

This dispensation is granted by DEFRA if they deem it appropriate, though the local authority is consulted before any decision is made. The dispensation relates to the number of inspectors required as part of the inspection teams prior to the issue of any licence.