

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2005, commencing at **6.30 pm**
In PILNING Village Hall

COUNCILLORS Mr I Humphries (Chairman), Mrs N Chappell, Mr S Cooper,
PRESENT (10) Mr A George, Mrs M Heslop, Mr D Humphries, Mrs J Macleod,
 Mr M Pullen, Mrs F Tyzack, Mrs C Woodhouse.

Also Present:- Mr P Tyzack (S Glos Councillor) and 9 members of the public.†

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At 6.30, prior to the commencement of the monthly meeting, Sarah Roberts and Claire Nelmes, of S Glos Council, spoke with members regarding the aims of the SB Regeneration Group and the grant funding that could be available.

Certain projects may require the involvement of the parish council, both physically and financially. Three councillors, AG, MP and CW, as well as the district councillor, PT, are members of the group.

The parish council expressed its verbal support for the scheme, the Chairman thanking both ladies for their attendance.

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Simon Cannell of the Standards Committee then addressed the meeting, explaining how the committee was set up, what were its aims, and other general information. He then invited questions from the floor.

On completion of this session the Chairman thanked Mr Cannell for his input.

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1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

J C Rawlinson (Clerk) – recovering from an operation – By prior request from the Clerk, and with all relevant documentation having been supplied, Mrs Woodhouse again recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman asked those present to join him in remembrance of Mr Reg Rathbone of Redwick Road, Mrs Christine Jackson of Severnwood Gardens and Mr E A (Tony) Smith of Ableton Court, all recently deceased.

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 4th July were approved as a true record.

1. AG 2. MH All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 – 1 River, Seawall & Environs

No contact yet by Jim Mitchell of the Severn Estuary Partnership. Also no response yet regarding comments made concerning the improper use of gaming machines at the Burger Bar.

Following attendance by Adeela Ahmed at the July meeting, and comments on her behalf concerning future development proposals at Beach House, Riverside Park, an article appeared in *In View*. Whilst the article raised some valid points there was some strong feeling regarding a number of ill-informed views that were expressed. Accordingly, having first consulted with the Chairman, CW wrote to *In View*, attempting to redress the situation. The application for Beach House (PT05/2586/F) is now in circulation.

3 – 2 Village Halls

Mr Hood, owner of right of way over Northover Court, has blocked the gateway with a pile of chippings. Clarke Willmott have forwarded a copy of the latest letter from Mr Hood's solicitors. This requires many answers. Clerk to deal with this as soon as possible.

Work at the Seawall and at the tennis court, Pilning, has been completed in a satisfactory manner. Payment has been made to Tree Ents (see 5-3, below).

3 – 3 Cemetery/Churches

The ride-on mower is now in action. Clerk has arranged for insurance cover in respect of this. For payment see item 5-16 below.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Audit/Precept

9781.01 Guidance re grant aid receipts in annual accounts.

Avon Local Councils' Association

9782.02 Nominations sought for appointments to committee.
9783.03 Minutes of executive committee meeting at Long Ashton, 7th March.
9784.04 ALCA Newsletter, issue 9, August edition – circulated.
9785.05 Trafalgar celebrations - circulated.
9786.06 Agenda for meeting at Bradley Stoke, 15th Sept; minutes of 16th June.
9787.07 Minutes of executive committee meeting at Poole Court, 6th June.
9788.08 Invitation to AGM, 15th October, at Long Ashton.
9789.09 Budget forecast for 2005/2006.
9790.10 ALCA constitution, revised July 2005.
9791.11 ALCA annual report 2004/2005.
9792.12 Agenda for AGM at Long Ashton on 15th October.
9793.13 Minutes of AGM held at Long Ashton on 6th November 2004.
9794.14 ALCA newsletter, September edition circulated.

Bus Services, Shelters & Signs

9795.15 Schedule of services, 624 and 625. Copies distributed.

- 9796.16 Campaign to Protect Rural England
Fieldwork, June edition – circulated.
- 9797.17 Clerk/Clerks' Society
 Notice of Society AGM at Stratford upon Avon, 9th October.
- 9798.18 Detail of Clerks Training Bursary Scheme.
- 9799.19 Student recruitment by University of Gloucestershire.
- 9800.20 Conference Info – “Managing Cleaner Communities”.
- 9801.21 Campaign to Protect Rural England
Fieldwork, June edition – circulated.
- 9802.22 *Fieldwork*, August edition – circulated.
- 9803.23 “Green Belts” – great development potential!
- 9804.24 *Countryside Voice*, summer edition – circulated.
- 9805.25 Elections/Applications for Parish Council
 Monthly alterations to electoral register (Aug), Pilning ward.
- 9806.26 Monthly alterations to electoral register (Aug), SB ward.
- 9807.27 Monthly alterations to electoral register (Sep), Pilning ward.
- 9808.28 Monthly alterations to electoral register (Sep), SB ward.
- 9809.29 Summary of Boundary Committee recommendations.
- 9810.30 Request for council member changes to be notified.
- 9811.31 Employment/Opportunities
 Age Discrimination measures.
- 9812.32 Environment Agency
 “Bye-bye Waste” booklet – circulated.
- 9813.33 *Grassroots*, June edition – circulated.
- 9814.34 Environment/Conservation
 “Wild plants and your village green” leaflet.
- 9815.35 ‘Local Works’ campaign for sustainable communities.
- 9816.36 Biodiversity Events in South Glos, July – September.
- 9817.37 ‘Glow Worm eveining’, Tuesday 19th July.
- 9818.38 ‘Earth-Care Day’, at Gloucester Cathedral, 29th October.
- 9819.39 New arrangements for Link Group meetings.
- 9820.40 Minutes of Link Group meeting at Pilning, 10th May.
- 9821.41 ‘The Fifth Fuel’ leaflet.
- 9822.42 Heritage open days for 8th to 11th September weekend.
- 9823.43 ‘Cyclotouring’ activity for the summer holidays.
- 9824.44 Health Authority and Care Services
 Accommodation and Care Strategy for older people (from S Glos).
- 9825.45 Capita Symonds offer their health and safety consultancy services.
- 9826.46 ICI/Zeneca & other Industrials
 Minutes of meeting held at Oldbury Power Station on 6th July.
- 9827.47 Info re Reactor 1 shutdown at Oldbury.
- 9828.48 Update on latest situation at Oldbury.

- Insurance
9829.49 Renewal premium for mower (now disposed of, not renewed).
- Medical
9830.50 Local surgery cancels the weekly transport service for pensioners.
- Playgrounds/Youth Activities
9831.51 Invitation from Kompany of Teignbridge to play seminar.
9832.52 Childrens Playlink seek funding to employ Play Rangers.
9833.53 Matta of Sunbury play equipment leaflet.
9834.54 Leaflet from Miracle Design and Play of Northampton.
- Police
9835.55 Safer leaflets. Summary documents distributed.
9836.56 Police authority annual report.
- Quotations
9837.57 Gibbs contract for required work at £2,110.
9838.58 Tree Ents contract for work above at £2,016 – contract awarded.
- Railways
9839.59 FoSBR, newsletter 52 – circulated.
9840.60 Timetables and guides to places accessible from the Severn Beach line.
- Redwick Road/New Passage
9841.61 Appeal allowed. 2 houses to be built at 67 Redwick Road.
- Roads/Road Signs
9842.62 Confirmation of receipt of letter re Cross Hands junction.
9843.63 Comments re improper use of Cross Hands junction by drivers.
9844.64 Confirmation of receipt of letter re Bristol Bridge.
9845.65 Comments re problems at Bristol Bridge.
9846.66 Response from Steve Webb MP re Bristol Bridge.
9847.67 Information from DoT re work at Bristol Bridge.
9848.68 Work on A403 at SB to commence shortly.
- Rural Areas/Local Plan
9849.69 'RSS Update', issued 2 – circulated.
9850.70 Forest of Dean development framework.
- Severnside Development
9851.71 Response from Steve Webb MP.
9852.72 Response from Police to Steve Webb enquiry.
9853.73 Redrow confirm sale of Western Approach properties to Gazeley UK.
- South Gloucestershire Council
9854.74 List of meetings for August.
9855.75 List of meetings for September.
9856.76 Council meeting, 13th July, Kingswood.
9857.77 Cabinet meeting, 1st August in Thornbury.

South Gloucestershire Council (cont)

- 9858.78 Cabinet meeting, 5th September in Thornbury.
- 9859.79 Cabinet meeting, 9th September in Thornbury.
- 9860.80 Accounts Committee, 27th July in Kingswood.
- 9861.81 Children & Young People Select Committee, 3rd Aug, now cancelled.
- 9862.82 Community Care, Housing & Health Select Committee, 20th July.
- 9863.83 Community Care, Housing & Health Select Committee, 7th Sep.
- 9864.84 Communities Select Committee, 20th July in Kingswood.
- 9865.85 Corporate Coordination Select Committee, 27th July in Kingswood.
- 9866.86 Corporate Coordination Select Committee, 10th August in Kingswood.
- 9867.87 Corporate Coordination Select Committee, 7th September in Thornbury.
- 9868.88 Development Control Committee, 4th August, Thornbury.
- 9869.89 Development Control Committee, 1st September in Thornbury.
- 9870.90 Health Scrutiny sub Committee, 31st August, Kingswood.
- 9871.91 Planning, Trans & Strat Enviro Sselect Committee, 27th July, Yate.
- 9872.92 Standards Committee, 18th August in Thornbury.
- 9873.93 Executive Decisions, w/e 8th July.
- 9874.94 Executive Decisions, w/e 15th July.
- 9875.95 Executive Decisions, w/e 22nd July.
- 9876.96 Executive Decisions, w/e 29th July.
- 9877.97 Executive Decisions, w/e 5th August.
- 9878.98 Executive Decisions, w/e 12th August.
- 9879.99 Forward Plan of Executive Decision-Making, Aug 2005 to July 2006.
- 9880.100 Forward Plan of Executive Decision-Making, Sep 2005 to Aug 2006.
- 9881.101 Annual Report on Council Performance, 2005 – circulated.
- 9882.102 Standards Committee, annual review.
- 9883.103 Standards Committee, briefing re parish councils.

Stationery/Circulars/Books

- 9884.104 Clerks & Councils Direct, May 2005, issue 39 – circulated.
- 9885.105 Local Council Review, Sept 2005, issue 31 – circulated.

Street Furniture & Lighting

- 9886.106 Invitation to display at Windsor from Ogilvie Engineering of Kilmarnock.

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy

- 9887.107 Enquiry from S Glos re local parking of large vehicles.

Travellers

- 9888.108 Stephen Pasterfield summarises current situation.
- 9889.109 SP provides final details and advises of charges involved.
- 9890.110 Steve Webb MP acknowledges receipt of enquiry re travellers.
- 9891.111 Response from Steve Webb MP, re above. Further detail to follow.

Utilites – Telephones

- 9892.112 BT proposals re pay ‘phone provision.
- 9893.113 Pillar Talk. issue 7, Summer 2005 edition – circulated.

Voluntary/Community Groups

- 9894.114 Senior Citizens’ Forum Newsletter, Summer 2005 – circulated.

Voluntary/Community Groups

- 9895.115 S Glos Deaf Association newsletter, issue 20 – copies distributed.
 9896.116 Senior Citizens' day, various venues and dates in September.
 9897.117 Senior Citizens' Forum enquiry re funding.
 9898.118 Community Development Unit meeting at Bradley Stoke on 28th Sept.

Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill

- 9899.119 Waste Management Forum to be held on 20th October in Thornbury.

Website

- 9900.120 'The Local Channel' offer help with setting up website.

Planning

- 9901.121 Delegated decisions, 12th June.
 9902.122 Delegated decisions, 19th June.
 9903.123 Delegated decisions, 26th June.
 9904.124 Delegated decisions, 3rd July.
 9905.125 Delegated decisions, 10th July.
 9906.126 Delegated decisions, 17th July.
 9907.127 Delegated decisions, 24th July.
 9908.128 Delegated decisions, 31st July.
 9909.129 Delegated decisions, 7th August.
 9910.130 Delegated decisions, 14th August.
 9911.131 Delegated decisions, 21st August.
 9912.132 Delegated decisions, 28th August.
 9913.133 Delegated decisions, 4th September.

Accounts/Donations

- 9914.134 Mr I Roberts, grass cutting for July. Item 5 – 1 refers.
 9915.135 Clarke Willmott, charges re travellers at Bank Road. Item 5 -2 refers.
 9916.136 Tree Ents, work at seawall and Pilning VH. Item 5 – 3 refers.
 9917.137 Tesco, extension lead, photo paper. Item 5 – 7 refers.
 9918.138 School Awards, £75 to local schools. Item 5 – 8 refers.
 9919.139 BT, Clerk's telephone charges. Item 5 – 9 refers.
 9920.140 AOL, internet fees to 16th August. Item 5 – 10 refers.
 9921.141 Mr I Roberts, grass cutting for August. Item 5 – 11 refers.
 9922.142 S Glos Council, dog bin fees, Apr-Jun. Item 5 – 12 refers.
 9923.143 Care for Elderly, attendance allowances, Apr-Jun. Item 5 – 13 refers.
 9924.144 Four Towns Transport, charges. Item 5 – 14 refers.
 9925.145 Bristol Water, allotment water rates. Item 5 – 15 refers.
 9926.146 Allianz Cornhill, premium for new mower. Item 5 – 16 refers.
 9927.147 SB School, hire charge for Information Day. Item 5 – 17 refers.
 9928.148 SB School, July meeting charge. Item 5 – 17 refers.
 9929.149 Victim Support, donation. Item 5 – 18 refers.
 9930.150 A VAT refund payment of £3,855.44 was received on 19th July. The refund relates to VAT paid by the parish council during the year 2003/4.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

Items 5-5 to 5-10, inclusive, paid as one cheque.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT (cont)

5 - 1	£ 350.00	Mr I Roberts	Grass cutting (July)	*
5 - 2	£ 822.50	Clarke Willmott	Legal Fees	LGMP
5 - 3	£2016.00	P Nesbitt-Bell	(Tree Ents – work at P VH)	LGMP
5 - 4	£ 356.00	Inland Revenue	Income Tax	111
5 - 5	£ 420.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (Aug)	112
5 - 6	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol	111
5 - 7	£ 11.41	Tesco	Printing Items	111
5 - 8	£ 75.00	Local Schools	Annual Awards	137
5 - 9	£ 47.40	B T	Clerk's telephone	111
5 -10	£ 47.97	AOL	Internet charges	111
5 -11	£ 350.00	Mr I Roberts	Grass cutting (Aug)	*
5 -12	£ 248.22	S G Council	Dog bins (Apr-Jun)	DFLA
5 -13	£ 409.20	Care for Elderly	Attendance (Apr-Jun)	LGRA
5 -14	£ 14.40	4 Towns Trans	Transport costs	LGRA
5 -15	£ 16.95	Bristol Water	Allotment water rates	SHAA
5 -16	£ 101.75	Allianz Cornhill	Mower Insurance	*
5 -17	£ 75.00	SB School	Booking charges	111
5 -18	£ 150.00	Victim Support	Donation	142
5 -19	£ 50.00	Mr & Mrs Collins	Toilet keyholder	PHA

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

5 - 2/3	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19
5 - 1/11/16	(Playing fields – LG(MP), as above (Sea wall gardens - Public Health Act 1875, s164
5 - 12	Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996
5 - 13/14	Local Government & Rating Act 1997
5 - 15	Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908, s26
5 - 19	Public Health Act 1936, s87

The accounts above were approved for payment. All agreed.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Mr G Moore spoke to members regarding the vacancy created by the resignation of JM. JM, who has continued to fulfil her role as a councillor until an appointment could be made, was again in attendance and it had been suggested that members should ask JM to reconsider her decision, something she was apparently prepared to do. However, with Mr Moore coming forward it was felt that a vote would be necessary in order to decide between the two. JM, believing such a vote to be demeaning to her, was unwilling to be involved in such a procedure, leaving the meeting and confirming her resignation. Council, having been favourably impressed by Mr Moore's presentation, agreed he should be asked to take up the casual vacancy (after discussing the matter *in camera* on conclusion of the meeting).

2. Mr E Neave raised concerns over the status of footpaths with the imminent development of Plots 5000 and 8000 at Western Approach.

3. Mr B Hood asked about progress with the footpath across the Pilning playing fields. IH informed him that this was on hold at the moment.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (cont)

4. Mrs L Gale spoke of her concerns regarding traffic through Pilning. She has been informed by S Glos that traffic calming measures have been shelved for the moment. Mrs Gale has organised a petition, and asked for parish council support.

Agreed a public meeting be called for 7.30 on 10th October at Pilning VH. Invites to be extended to Chief of Police of the Traffic Unit, S Glos Safety Officer, the Press, Mark Shearman of S Glos Council, the Western Area Traffic Authority, Network Rail, and Steve Webb MP. A letter supporting the petition also to be sent.

7. AGENDA7 – 1 Severnside Development

PT is to meet with representatives of Gazeley, the new owners of Western Approach. It is hoped the Chairman, and possibly the Vice Chairman will also be able to attend. Continuing complaints of motorbike nuisance were also discussed.

7 – 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields

IH has been approached by a group of youngsters who have asked whether the pile of earth on Pilning field can be moved to the skateboard area, for use as a skateboard ramp. This was agreed.

Mr Roberts has asked for extra money for his grass cutting services. He has to spend an hour each time on clearing glass and other litter at SB before he is able to cut the grass. Proposed AG, seconded FT, 5 For.

7 – 3 Annual Accounts

Copies have been seen by all members. Agreed the accounts should be accepted as a true record. 1. IH, 2. CW, All agreed.

7 – 4 Parish Website

Now up and running again!

7 – 5 Cross Hands Junction

MH and IH had queried the situation at the war memorial turning. Comments by the traffic authority re bad driving and standard road signing were noted (correspondence above).

7 – 6 Sea Wall/SB Station

AG indicated that dog and litter bins on the sea wall are being well-used and are invariably full. Suggested that an extra litter bin at the station entrance may prove useful. Agreed a costing should be sought.

7 – 7 Annual School Awards

Recipients of the first awards were as follows:-

Pilning School	- Liam Cottrell	Awarded by NC
R&N School	- Whole Class	Awarded by CW
SB School	- Tiffany Jones	Awarded by AG

The awards comprised, a certificate - identifying the recipient, the school, and the sponsors of the award (the parish council), and a £25 cash prize. NC, AG and CW reported on the success of the awards procedure. R&N children have sent letters of thanks which are to be circulated before being returned to CW.

7 –8 Parish Plan

SC and CW are to make contact with Richard Snelling, Community Action, to make arrangements for a meeting, to discuss possible funding opportunities.

7 – 9 Village Matters

Cranmoor Green – Reported that drains at this site are ‘smelly’.

Overgrowth – Extensive bramble growth is reported along the A403, and at Jackson Close.

Thornbury Bus – Following an enquiry, the Clerk can confirm the following – the 611 service, operated by S Glos Council, runs on a daily basis, Monday to Friday (not Bank Holidays), leaving Ableton Lane, SB at 07.52, arriving Castle School, Thornbury at 08.45. Return journey departs 15.35, arrives at 16.28.

Pumping Station – MP reported the broken fence at the pumping station.

Pilning Post Office – Reported that teenagers, gathered at the PO, have been ‘intimidating’ shoppers. Under age drinkers are also causing a problem. Police to be involved.

Northwick Road Rail Bridge – Repairs are still to be carried out. Prompting letter to be sent.

AG has invited Mr M Langdon of the Internal Drainage Board to attend the next meeting. Mr Langdon will address the council prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Ableton Lane – The road drain to the front of Ableton Court is loose and creates a noise nuisance when struck by passing vehicles. To be reported.

7 – 10 Reports

ENGLISH NATURE – PT was pleased to report that English Nature is adopting a positive attitude towards taking over the foreshore land adjacent to the A403. Currently owned by ICI Estates the site has been subjected to traveller invasions on more than one occasion.

SEVERN SIDE SIRENS – PT informed members the system is to be tested at 3pm on the 3rd day each month.

8. PLANNING8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT05/1940/F	Change of Use, Storage to Transport, Enron	Oppose
PT05/1948/F	Conservatory at 37 Riverside Park, SB	No Comment
PT05/2029/F	Wall/railings at Meadow View, Pilning	Oppose
PT05/2161/CLP	Non-compliance with conditions, Rosary Cottage	Comments
PT05/2200/F	Extension, 87a Beach Road, SB	No objection
PT05/2233/F	Extension, 16 Beach Avenue, SB	No comment
PT05/2272/F	Noise Bund, Nurseries, New Passage	No objection
PT05/2331/F	Extension, 19 Albert Road, SB	No objection
PT05/2334/F	Prefab at 2 Martingdale Cottages	Objection
PT05/2349/F	Extension at 111 Marsh Common Road	Support

8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT05/1073/RVC	Condition extension (PT01/0293/RVC) Redrow	Permit
PT05/1305/F	Vary conditions (PT04/0233/O) Enron	Permit
PT05/1567/F	Extension, 32 Gorse Cover Road, SB	Permit
PT05/1713/F	Agri to Horses + stable, Southern Dale	Refuse
PT05/1756/F	Porch at 9 Albert Road, SB	Permit
PT05/1948/F	Conservatory at 37 Riverside Park, SB	Permit
PT05/2029/F	Wall/railings at Meadow View, Pilning	Permit
PT05/2200/F	Extension, 87a Beach Road, SB	Refuse

8 – 3 Planning Investigations

1. Unauthorised car crossing point at 4 Beach Road – still under consideration.
2. Car crossing at 57 Redwick Road.- Following an earlier appeal in which S Glos were unsuccessful, agreed in the very similar circumstances at this site, there was no benefit to be gained from pursuing this matter. The crossing is to be permitted.

† 9 members of the public present were as follows:

Mrs B Cooper, Mrs J Hood, Mr B Hood, all of Northover Court, Mr A Briddon of Salthouse Farm, Mrs L Gale of Cross Hands Road, Mrs H Moore and Mr G Moore of Station Road, SB, and Mr E Neave and Mrs J Davey of Ableton Lane.

Next Council Meeting to be held at Severn Beach School on Monday 3rd October.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 9.32 PM

Signed.....Dated.....

These minutes have been produced by the Clerk from notes provided by CW.

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