



# Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council

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## ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A virtual APM took place on Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of May followed by the Full Council Meeting. Alderman Peter Tyzack was re-elected as the Chairman, and representatives to various parish council groups and committees were appointed. The position of the Vice Chair remains vacant. For further information please see the minutes of both meetings on the Parish Council website - <https://www.psbpc.co.uk/minutes-agendas>

Our next Full Council meeting will take place on **Monday, July the 5<sup>th</sup>**. Our June meeting has been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions – at the time of writing this article, the legislation states that parish councils are no longer able to meet virtually, but a physical meeting cannot take place until June the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT HECK ACCIDENT

We thank the resident who reminded the Parish Council about the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Heck disaster. In February 2001, a motorist fell asleep at the wheel near Selby in North Yorkshire and was able to drive straight onto the high speed railway line, causing a derailment and a major rail crash resulting in 10 deaths and serious injuries. In the wake of this disaster, a survey was carried out in our parish, which highlighted a number of similarities between the road and the track layout at Great Heck and Pilning, with regards to the location of the points and the overbridge (Bristol Bridge along the B4055). A decision to install bull nosed kerbing at Pilning was made and kerbing stones delivered; however, when some improvements were made, the team stopped short of putting the stones in place. We have written to South Gloucestershire Council asking them to consider whether the kerbing could be installed now, as a mitigation against a possible accident.

## PILNING CEMETERY – COULD YOU HELP?

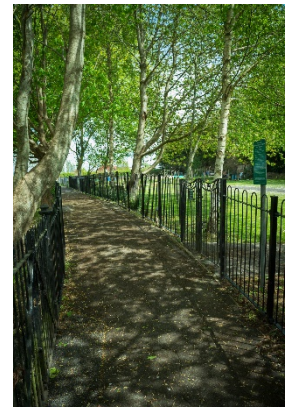


We are looking for some volunteers to make up a working party to tidy up the Cemetery. The Parish Council maintains the Cemetery with grass cutting and general maintenance, but some of the graves no longer have family about to give them some TLC. The aim is to weed the graves, wipe clean headstones and remove dead flowers.

Come along at 10.00am on Saturday, June the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Cemetery Gates in Bank Road, Pilning and give us a

hand for a half an hour or so (it would be helpful if you brought your own equipment). Many hands make light work. Should the weather be bad or there is much to do, we will meet again on Saturday, June the 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

On a separate note, we hope that you like the new fence, now both sides have been installed.



## PROGRESS ON THE ASEA FLOOD DEFENCE SCHEME

BAM Nuttal sent us their update confirming that they completed the excavation and installation of their access track at Severn Beach. They started to string out the precast concrete units along the side of the access track. The next phase will be the placing of a concrete blinding layer, which will form the foundation for more precast concrete units. BAM Nuttal will commence the installation of the units at the North end near Station Road and work back towards the South. The section adjacent to Salthouse Farm is also under construction, and they are looking to reopen the footpath at the end of Shaft Road during June.



Both Photos: BAM Nuttal



## BMX / PUMP TRACK

Further to our appeal in previous issues of InView (December 2020), we note that there is a growing interest in getting a BMX / skate facility in our parish.

As some residents pointed out, it would be great if there were a pump track to help get children and adults alike on their surfskates. Having somewhere for surfskaters to practice would open up a new avenue into sport and fitness, but would also tie in very well with further improving our surfing skills at the Wave in Easter Compton.



Patchway BMX track, a.k.a. the Tumps

We are looking to form a team of interested people who would help us decide what type of a track we need and where it should be constructed. Please do get in touch if you want to help!

## SEVERN BEACH 100

Roll on 2022 when Severn Beach celebrates its centenary! We hear that the Village Players are looking to put on a show to entertain us all. I wonder what it's going to be about!



In the meantime, we noticed that there wasn't a big uptake of our V.I.P. visit questionnaire, and we blame technical issues rather than residents not being interested in helping up making this Very Important decision about whom we want to share our celebrations with – whether it should be a royal, a celebrity, a politician or a well-known local person.

The survey is still open at [www.piln.in/svb100](http://www.piln.in/svb100) - please click on to tell us what you think!

*Article by Olga Taylor on behalf of the Parish Council*