



Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at Pilning Village Hall on **Monday, September the 6th** starting at 7pm.

BEACH CLEAN EVENTS



The Parish Council received a request for permission for Amey plc to carry out the annual beach clean from New Passage to Aust, which they proposed should take place on Thursday, the 16th of September. Reassurance was given that Amey will dispose of the litter in their skips and will ensure that everything is recycled properly. It is good to know that Amey plc are always looking for community things to get involved in. If you have any ideas for what else they can do to assist our parish, please let our Clerk know.

We also understand that Severn Estuary Partnership (SEP) and BMMjv are also looking to organise some volunteers for a beach clean event **#SpruceUpTheSevern**, from the 24th to the 27th of September. If you would like to get involved, please either contact the parish clerk, who will pass your details on to the organisers.

PILNING WAR MEMORIAL

In advance of Remembrance Sunday, parish councillors will clear away last year's wreaths, etc.; but we shall leave in place the painted pebbles that people have put there. If you have left any artwork at the memorial, please could you retrieve it as soon as you can? We are looking to have the memorial cleaned, and would like to avoid upsetting the residents if their artwork gets ruined or lost (also it would be easier to clean the memorial if it is free from decorations).



BMMJV (FORMERLY BAM NUTALL)



On the 28th of July we held our bi-annual meeting with BMMjv for an update on the sea defence project. We raised questions concerning the design of the new sea wall, pedestrians' and cyclists' safety at New Passage and the Coast Road, replacing the removed hedges, and various other small improvements that can be made while the project is on-going.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL – A JOINT STATEMENT WITH ALMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

In July we wrote to the Chief Executive Officer of South Gloucestershire Council to raise a number of concerns about the local matters which are not receiving the attention that is warranted, predominantly the growth of the local enterprise area and its effects upon the local rural communities, in particular, local roads, public transport and traffic volumes. Whilst we are keen to see the ASEA area grow and play its part in the economic recovery of the country, we believe that proper attention needs to be paid by South Gloucestershire Council to the needs of the local communities, which should not be sacrificed in achieving that.

A prompt response was duly received, with an invitation for a meeting to discuss these concerns in a greater detail. We hope then agree with us that, for the benefit of everyone, the two councils must work together more effectively.

REPORT IT

With the advance of the winter months, we are likely to see more flooding in the area. We have already noticed that during some particularly wet days in August the drains were not coping. So in the near future, we could be safe from the sea at high tides, but still get flooded due to blocked drains!

We would like to appeal to the residents of all villages – please check the condition of the drains in your street! If you see a blocked drain or gully, remember to report it to South Gloucestershire Council using the online form at

<https://www.southglos.gov.uk/general-information/online-services/report/>



RELOCATION OF THE DEFIBRILLATOR AT SEVERN BEACH

After a few years being left in situ following the move of the estate agents across the road, the defibrillator at Severn Beach is looking to take up a permanent residence on the wall by Severnside Estate Agents in the very near future.

SEVERN BEACH 100

The centenary events next year will focus on the five weeks between the Platinum Jubilee (June the 2nd) and the Severn Vale Festival (July the 9th). We are hoping that everyone will join in and be thinking about what they can do to contribute to the fun. We look forward especially to working with the schools to make it a very special time. How about dressing up the front of your house with bunting and flags and putting a scarecrow in the front garden – or would a pirate be better? Oooh AARRGGHH!



SEVERN BEACH CRAFT FAYRE AND FAMILY DAY – 4 SEPTEMBER 2021

Please come and say hello to us at the Craft Fayre and Family Day! The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be having a stall, and some parish councillors will be running a bookstall raising funds for Severn Beach Library and other local causes.

Article by Olga Taylor on behalf of the Parish Council