

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2011, commencing at 7.00 pm,
in PILNING VILLAGE HALL

COUNCILLORS Mr I L Roberts (Chairman), Mrs F C A Barr MBE,
PRESENT (10) Mrs N A Chappell, Mrs Y Gaulton, Mr R W Hampson,
 Mr I W Humphries, Mr A J Lewis, Mr M D Pruett,
 Mrs C E Woodhouse and Mrs J A Fennell.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr R C Griffin (S Glos Councillor), Mrs Gillian Cox of Ableton Lane, Mr Doug Nethercott of Beach Road, Mrs Mary North of Northwick Road, Mr Peter Tyzack of Little Green Lane, plus 3 other members of the public.

The Chairman asked those present to observe a minute's silence, as a mark of respect, for the 7 who died and the 51 others injured, in the M5 accident that occurred prior to the weekend. Some of those involved are known to local residents.

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Having submitted a signed Register of Members' Interests, Mrs Julie Angela Fennell signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book. Accordingly, Mrs Fennell is now able to commence her duties as a member of council.

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1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

None, all members being present.

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 3rd October 2011 were approved as a true record. 1. CEW 2. NAC All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 – 1 Village Halls

MDP did not paint over the marking on the door at SB village hall. Further vandalism occurred. The graffiti was photographed by MDP for the benefit of the Police, FCAB then prompting the committee to arrange for the graffiti to be painted over. The marking on the door was dealt with at the same time.

3 - 2 Grass Cutting

Following contact with Elmtree, the grounds at 48 Redwick Road have been cleared to a very high standard.

3 - 3 Cemetery/Churches

The Cemetery Committee is to meet at 10.00 am on Monday 21st November.

3 - 4 River, Seawall & Environs

The OJM has met with the owner of 122 Beach Road to arrange for clearance work to be carried out as arranged.

3 - 5 Allotments

The debris at SB allotments has now been cleared. Mr R Kirby obtained the services of a grab skip lorry for 2 loads, charged at £700. John Miller is to be thanked for his generous donation of £300 towards this cost.

3 - 6 Roads/Road Signs

RCG recommended that grit bins could usefully be sited within the parish. Whilst we are fortunate enough to have the bus route cleared, no other roads are likely to be dealt with. There was some scepticism regarding the way residents might react, possibly adopting a selfish attitude. Agreed to consider the matter.

MDP confirmed that road sweepers were operating in the area today. Developers have agreed to install a concrete ring designed to prevent entry by 4 x 4 vehicles onto fields at Western Approach. Developers also have had enough of the damage caused by the encroachment of these inconsiderate vehicle owners.

4. CORRESPONDENCEAllotments

14931.01 Internal Drainage Board comment on need for access to the ditch.
14932.02 Allotment Association comment on possible use of clubhouse.

Audit/Precept

14933.03 Small Revenue Grants now available through S Glos Council.

Avon Local Councils Association

14934.04 Next ALCA meeting at North Common, 10th November 2011.
14935.05 Training events for councillors.
14936.06 The future of Standards of Conduct and the Localism Bill.

Campaign to Protect Rural England

14937.07 Cancellation of meeting scheduled for 13th October.

Clerks' Society

14938.08 *Clerks & Councils Direct*, November 2011 edition – circulated.
14939.09 *The Clerk Magazine*, November edition – circulated.

Elections/Applications for Parish Council

14940.10 Confirmation that vacancy to be filled by co-option.

Environment/Conservation

14941.11 Confirmation of progress on delivery of Biodiversity Action Plan.
14942.12 Minutes of Link Group meeting, 14th June.
14943.13 Agenda for Link Group meeting, 11th October at Armstrong Hall.

Environment/Conservation (cont)

14944.14 Agenda for BAP action plan review meeting, 16th Nov at Poole Court.
 14945.15 Carol singing event at Winterbourne Barn, 17th December.

Footpaths

14946.16 Objections received re claimed footpath, Bank Road to playing fields.
 14947.17 Programme of walks for winter months.

Health Authority and Care Services

14948.18 Survey of Rough Sleepers, Wednesday 2nd November.

Local Industry

14949.19 Stakeholder group meeting at Oldbury, 2nd November.
 14950.20 Annual security report to the Site Stakeholder Group.
 14951.21 Environment Agency report to SSG.
 14952.22 Office for Nuclear Regulation report to SSG.
 14953.23 Nuclear Decommissioning Authority report to SSG.
 14954.24 SSG, agenda for meeting on 2nd November at the Gables in Falfield.

Parish Projects & Related Matters

14955.25 Guide to taking part in the Diamond Jubilee beacon event.

Playgrounds/Youth Activities

14956.26 Wicksteed brochure on inspirational playscapes.
 14957.27 Greenfields brochure on services available.

Police

14958.28 Response re 'rave' at Hallen, 1/2 October.

Railways

14959.29 First Great Western response re cancelled services.
 14960.30 FoSBR Newsletter, issue 78 – circulated.

River, Seawall & Environs

14961.31 D Nethercott confirms details of owner of burger bar.
 14962.32 Detail of owner and agent, Bert's Burger Bar.
 14963.33 Mr P Tyzack comments on possible parking facility area.
 14964.34 Severn Estuary Partnership meeting in Bristol, 8th November.

Roads/Road Signs

14965.35 Comment by Bristol City Council re mud on Hallen Road.
 14966.36 Gritting facilities for local areas.
 14967.37 Keep clear markings for Beach Road.

Rural Areas/Local Plan

14968.38 Concerns re draft National Planning Policy Framework.
 14969.39 S Glos Consultation Draft, review and update.

Schools

14970.40 Any last minute amendments to Deed of Easement?
 14971.41 R Hill advises S Glos of last minute requirements by parish council.
 14972.42 Final draft of Deed of Easement.

Severnside Development

14973.43 Response from James Cooke re problems at Western Approach.
 14974.44 Response from Lindsay Saunders re above.

South Glos Council

14975.45 Workshop on Localism, 21st November.
 14976.46 Workshop on Localism, 6th December.
 14977.47 Clarification of welfare benefits payments by S Glos (£268,540 pa).
 14978.48 Comment by R Griffin re various local problems.
 14979.49 SGN magazine, autumn edition.

Stationery/Circulars/Books

14980.50 *furniture @ work* brochure.

Street Furniture & Lighting

14981.51 Brochure from Arien Signs of Somerset; passed to regeneration group.

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy

14982.52 Local sustainable transport fund, comment sought.
 14983.53 Preparatory work on M4/M5 managed motorway scheme.

Utilities - Electricity

14984.54 National Grid meeting on 1st November.
 14985.55 National Grid meeting at Yatton, 13th December.
 14986.56 Details of NG presentation on 10th October.
 14987.57 Mr P Tyzack provides info re proposed wind turbines at Ingst.
 14988.58 Appeal against Oldbury wind farm to be heard on 16/17 November.

Village Halls

14989.59 D Nethercott comments on various matters.

Voluntary/Community Groups

14990.60 Senior Citizens Forum newsletter, autumn edition – distributed.
 14991.61 Volunteer Centre Thornbury, November newsletter.

War Memorials

14992.62 Warnings re theft and malicious damage.

Planning

14993.63 Delegated decisions, w/e 20th Aug 2011.
 14994.64 Delegated decisions, w/e 27th Aug 2011.
 14995.65 Delegated decisions, w/e 3rd Sept 2011.
 14996.66 Delegated decisions, w/e 10th Sept 2011.

Planning (cont)

14997.67 Ecological survey work in progress at Warth Lane.

Accounts/Donations

14998.68 Post Office, 'phone and internet. Item 5-3 refers.
 15999.69 MBC, Clerk's diary. Item 5-4 refers.
 15000.70 Danwood, printing paper. Item 5-5 refers.
 15001.71 M J Fisher, grass cutting. Item 5-6 refers.
 15002.72 L Liddiatt, grass cutting at Northwick. Item 5-7 refers.
 15003.73 S Glos Council, booking (SB School). Item 5-8 refers.
 15004.74 S Glos Council, new dog bin & fitting. Item 5-9 refers.
 15005.75 S Glos Council, dog bin services. Item 5-10 refers.
 15006.76 R Kirby, rubbish clearance. Item 5-11 refers.
 15007.77 T Wheeler, work at Pilning VH. Item 5-12 refers.
 15008.78 Childrens' Playlink, donation. Item 5-13 refers.
 15009.79 Citizens Advice Bureau, donation. Item 5-14 refers.
 15010.80 Calor Gas, supplies at Pilning VH. Item 5-15 refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 - 1	£ 791.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk's wages (Oct)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 - 3	£ 80.98	Post Office	Telephone/internet	111
5 - 4	£ 1.00	MBC, WoT	Clerk's diary	111
5 - 5	£ 1.54	Danwood	Printing paper	111
5 - 6	£ 630.00	M J Fisher	Grass Cutting (Oct)	*
5 - 7	£ 840.00	L Liddiatt	Grass at Northwick	214
5 - 8	£ 25.00	S Glos Council	Booking, SB School	111
5 - 9	£ 315.20	S Glos Council	New dog bin	CNE
5- 10	£ 753.98	S Glos Council	Dog bin service	CNE
5 - 11	£ 400.00	R Kirby	Rubbish clearance	SHAA
5 - 12	£1462.00	T Wheeler	CCTV at Pilning VH	LGMP
5 - 13	£ 150.00	Childrens Playlink	Donation	137
5 - 14	£ 350.00	C A B	Donation	142
5 - 15	£ 704.70	Calor Gas	Supplies to Pilning VH	LGMP
	<u>£6555.40</u>			

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

5 - 6)Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19
)Public Health Act 1875, s164
 5 - 9/10 Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005
 5 - 11 Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, s26
 5 - 12/15 Local Government (MP) Act 1979, s19

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

Items 5-9/10 paid as one cheque.

Bank balance, prior to payments above = **£52,759.89** (interest to Sept inclusive, and including 2nd precept payment of £28,000).

Accounts above were approved for payment. 1. FCAB 2. CEW All agreed.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public expressing an interest in the possible development of wind power facilities at Ingst, spoke with the council about the efforts they are putting into rallying support against the proposals.

A dozen people are currently on board in a group designed to bring awareness of the problems likely to be encountered. Development would be in the Green Belt and all of the older properties are built on clay without foundations. The volume of traffic that would result from this development would be hugely detrimental to such properties. The parish council promised to be involved as much as possible, fully realising that access to the site would only be through Northwick, thus causing problems for this area as well. PT stated that this parish had every right to be involved in the planning process. RCG is to speak with S Glos to make sure they include P&SB in the process.

7. AGENDA

7 – 1 Local Major Developments

Concerns arose concerning the number of local lorry movements. Suggested the Police should be involved, but it was confirmed that action could only be taken if observers recorded times and vehicle numbers. Only then would progress be made.

7 - 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields

YG was unable to attend the recent SB VH committee meeting but confirmed that she had been provided with a copy of the minutes. YG commented on the recent spray painting damage.

NAC reported contact by Police, following the damage caused at Pilning VH. A £150 fine was the most severe punishment for those involved, reprimands for the others. A suggestion for community reparation work was not accepted.

Plans to hold a fund raising event at Pilning field were cancelled at the last minute, due to the heavy rain on that day.

7 – 3 Village Matters

River, Seawall & Environs – FCAB spoke of an approach regarding a Diamond Jubilee run. Starting in Wales, the plan is to erect a temporary gazebo-style structure at the finishing line – on the former swimming pool site. The event is to be held in June 2012. CEW suggested it was important to assess how many would be involved and whether there would be any car parking problems.

Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill – RWH drew attention to rubbish problems in Bank Road. RCG already has this matter in hand.

Concerns were expressed re the condition of the A403, south of the Bristol boundary. Overgrowth and litter are widespread. Bristol CC to be contacted.

Roads/Road – NAC reported loose covers on Redwick Road, near the junction with The Glebe. The drain cover opposite the bus stop, near to Wainbridge Crescent requires attention, being blocked with mud and debris.

IWH questioned the footway works at Marsh Common, feeling the area coned-off is excessive. It was generally considered the extensive protection area is necessary for worker safety reasons.

Bank Road/Station Road – MDP questioned the ‘dog training arena’ that appeared to have been constructed in the Gumhurn Farm vicinity. The site appears to be outside this parish and within the parish of Olveston.

AJL queried the condition of the road surface in the vicinity of the junction with Station Road. Edges are crumbling and in need of attention.

Railways – Following the response by Great Western, attention was drawn to more recent problems. Further cancellations have been experienced on the morning of 26th September, the evening of either 3rd or 4th November and on the morning of 7th November, when a taxi was provided for the journey to Avonmouth.

Village Halls – DN referred to items he had raised in his letter, some of which have been previously discussed. No further decisions were reached.

Burger Bar – ILR has spoken with Toby Jefferies of Jarvis Jefferies concerning the premises. The owner now lives in Exeter and is burdened with financial problems and a sick wife. TJ advised that he could build the new facility providing the owner was agreeable and a manager could be found. If able to contact the owner he will present the facts to council as and when possible.

Church Road – The former church site, sold and cleared, is now again for sale. This could be problematic as travellers own 40 acres to the rear of the site.

Overgrowth – Branbles at 23 Gorse Cover Road are blocking the footway.

Car Sales – Vehicles are currently parked on grass at the north junction of Beach Road and Beach Avenue. Is this a commercial venture? At the least it is a contravention of highway regulations, involving pavement parking.

Car Parking – Suggested that ownership of land adjacent to SB station should be ascertained in order that the owner might be approached to allow car parking on a portion of the land.

Travellers – With council activity in Essex leading to the removal of illegal caravans from Dale Farm, ILR concluded his summary of village matters by asking whether it might be possible to remove caravans from the Bank Road site, leaving just the Hearn family. RCG has contacted Gail Russell. ILR to ‘phone.

7 - 4 Reports

RIVER, SEAWALL & ENVIRONS – FCAB reported on the recent flooding appraisal. Wall degeneration and weed problems were noted. A sandbag storage area is to be provided at SB VH.

Topics raised by RCG have been covered during the course of the meeting.

8. PLANNING

8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT11/2951/LB	Severn Lodge Farm, conv to dwellings	Comments
PT11/2978/F	52 Beach Road, rear extension	No objection
PT11/3045/EXT	The Firs, Northwick – extend time for extn.	No objection
PT11/3398/ADV	Illuminated display tower at Western Appr.	Objection

8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT11/2780/F	Foxhole Farm, barn conversion	Permit
PT11/2978/F	52 Beach Road, 2 storey extension	Permit

8 - 3 Permitted Development

PT11/3074/PNA Northwick House Farm, agri store. Work at this site falls within that considered to be permitted development.

8 - 4 Planning Enforcement

PT10/2091/F Access and works to bridge at Pilning Surgery. No breach of planning has occurred and no further action is to be taken. IWH was unhappy about this and demanded that a further letter be written requesting reinstatement of the bridge wall.

COM/11/0813/OD Work to outbuilding may continue under the previous criteria.

Next Council Meeting – Severn Beach School on Monday 5th December 2011

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 9.21 PM

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

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