

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 1st June 2009, commencing at 7.00 pm,
in PILNING Village Hall

COUNCILLORS Mr I Humphries (Chairman), Mrs F Barr MBE, Mrs N Bendall,
PRESENT (9) Mr J Black, Mrs N Chappell, Mr S Cooper, Mr D Humphries,
 Mr I Roberts, Mrs C Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (S Glos Councillor), and 2
 members of the public (Mrs Gillian Cox & Mrs Jane Davey both of
 Ableton Lane).

**Members were asked to join in remembrance of:
Christine Savickas, formerly of Wick Road,
and Mr Bill Provis of Severnwood Gardens,
both recently deceased.**

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mr N Webb (work commitment).

2a MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Clerk read the entry in the minute book. Proposed FB, seconded CW, all agreed,
the entry be accepted as a true record. IH signed and dated the entry.

2b MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 5th May were approved as a true record.

1. FB 2. JB All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 – 1 IT/Website

Clerk has not yet discussed this matter with Mr Mike Pruett. The official (S Glos) website has not yet been updated, though alterations were submitted 7 weeks ago. This amply demonstrates the benefit to be gained from setting up an independent site.

3 - 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields

IH sought 3 tenders for repairs to the gate at Pilning VH. Mr Blackburn is currently too busy, and Mr Thompson has not yet followed up on this. Agreed the quote of £450 by Pilning Forge should be accepted. They also quoted £350 for replacing the railings on the bridge with higher ones. With the Carnival due to take place on 20th June agreed to accept this quote. Completion of this work will cut down on any possible hazard for children crossing the bridge.

1. NC 2. FB, All agreed.

3 – 3 Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill

No progress yet with arrangements for the bottle recycling bin.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Audit/Precept
 13301.01 Early warning by PT of 'Funders Fair' to be held in Yate, 9th July.
 13302.02 Capital applications deadline is set at 15th June.

Bus Services, Shelters & Signs
 13303.03 4T & VL Community Transport meeting, 18th June, in Filton.
 13304.04 Minutes of 4T&VL CT meeting, held 25th November 2008, in Thornbury.

Cemetery/Churches
 13305.05 Contact by Mr G David, re cemetery regulations – response 15th May.

Campaign to Protect Rural England
 13306.06 Response invited to Government proposals for Green Belt – response 27/5.

Environment Agency
 13307.07 Comment re flood risk assessment, Tesco development, Marsh Common.

Environment/Conservation
 13308.08 *Heritage & Archaeology*, Spring 2009 edition - circulated.

Footpaths
 13309.09 Comment by Mark Shearman re cycling on sea wall at Severn Beach.

Health Authority/Care Services
 13310.10 *Our Area, Our Health*, annual report – circulated.

ICI/Zeneca & Other Industries
 13311.11 Comment sought on Oldbury Stakeholder Group constitution.
 13312.12 Minutes of Socio-Economic sub-group meeting, Oldbury, 22nd April.
 13313.13 Minutes of Site Stakeholder Group meeting, Oldbury, 22nd April.

Licence Applications
 13314.14 Licence transfer -from Cross Hands to SB VH- now completed.

Medical
 13315.15 Surgery support group seek contact with Age Concern re 'toe nail cutting'.

Parish Projects & Related Matters
 13316.16 Gardeners' Club requests update on progress with obtaining planter.

Playgrounds/Youth Activities
 13317.17 Wicksteed report on annual play equipment inspection.

Police
 13318.18 Policing Plan 2009 – 2012 - circulated.

River, Seawall & Environs
13319.19 Severn Estuary Coastal Group meeting, 8th June in Clevedon.

Roads/Road Signs
13320.20 Acknowledgement of advised problems in Redwick Road.

Rural Areas/Local Plan
13321.21 Ackn of comments re Regional Spatial Strategy for the South West.

Schools
13322.22 S Glos seek cooperation in connecting drainage at new site. Agreed in principle, but Proposed FB, seconded IH, all agreed, that S Glos be asked to fund drainage connection for the VH.

South Glos Council
13323.23 Annual report by the Standards Committee – circulated.
13324.24 Minutes of Parish Charter Working Group meeting – circulated.

Street Furniture & Lighting
13325.25 Glasdon of Blackpool to make future contact by email.

Trees/Tree Planting
13326.26 *Forest of Avon Review* - circulated.

Voluntary/Community Groups
13327.27 Deaf Association newsletter, June edition - circulated.
13328.28 Volunteer Centre, Thornbury: annual report – circulated.

Planning
13329.29 Delegated decisions, w/e 28th March 2009.
13330.30 Delegated decisions, w/e 4th April 2009.
13331.31 Delegated decisions, w/e 11th April 2009.
13332.32 Delegated decisions, w/e 18th April 2009.
13333.33 Delegated decisions, w/e 25th April 2009.
13334.34 Delegated decisions, w/e 2nd May 2009.
13335.35 Delegated decisions, w/e 9th May 2009.

Accounts/Donations
13336.36 Post Office, postage stamps. Item 5-3 refers.
13337.37 Mr John Shaw, internal audit. Item 5-4 refers.
13338.38 British Gas, SB Village Hall. Item 5-5 refers.
13339.39 Calor Gas, Pilning Village Hall. Item 5-6 refers.
13340.40 Grass Cutting Services, grass cutting, May. Item 5-7 refers.
13341.41 Avon Local Councils Association, subs. Item 5-8 refers.
13342.42 Wicksteed, annual play inspection account. Item 5-9 refers.
13343.43 Senior Citizens Forum, donation. Item 5-10 refers.
13344.44 Vitalise, donation. Item 5-11 refers.

Accounts/Donations (cont)

13345.45 SB Regeneration Group, donation. Item 5-12 refers.
 13346.46 Friends of SB School, donation. Item 5-13 refers.
 13347.47 KP Badges & Trophies, garden show awards. Item 5-15 refers.
 13348.48 EDF Energy, no payment due – SB VH.
 13349.49 SB VH, contribution to EDF bill for SB VH.
 13350.50 British Gas Business, SB VH. Item 5-16 refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 – 1	£ 760.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (May)	112
5 – 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 – 3	£ 8.10	Post Office	Postage stamps	111
5 – 4	£ 80.00	John Shaw	Internal audit	ACA
5 – 5	£ 69.68	British Gas	SB VH	LGMP
5 – 6	£ 56.76	Calor Gas	Standing charge, PVH	LGMP
5 – 7	£ 600.00	Grass Cut Services	Cutting (May)	LGMP*
5 – 8	£ 744.32	Avon LCA	Annual subscription	142
5 - 9	£ 103.50	Wicksteed	Inspection charges	LGMP
5 -10	£ 50.00	Senior Citizens Forum	Donation	137
5 -11	£ 25.00	Vitalise	Donation	137
5 -12	£ 300.00	SB Regeneration	Donation	137
5 -13	£ 150.00	Friends SB School	Donation	137
5 -14	£ 50.00	Mr & Mrs Collins	Toilet keyholder	PHA
5 -15	£ 26.26	KP Badges	Plaques-garden show awards	137
5 -15	£ 44.01	British Gas	SB VH	LGMP
<u>£3117.63</u>				

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

5 - 4 Audit Commission Act 1998, s3
 5 – 5/6/9 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19
 5 - 7 LG(MP) Act 1979, s19/Public Health Act 1875, s164
 5 -14 Public Health Act 1936, s87

Items 5-1 to 5-4, inclusive, paid as one cheque.

Current bank balance, prior to payments listed above

£44,344.82 (Interest included to end of April)

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. IR 2. NC 7 For, 2 Abst (FB, CW).

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None requested.

7. AGENDA7 – 1 Major Local Developments

Environment Agency/S Glos both confirm that Tesco have presented an adequate Flood Risk Assessment. Local residents are complaining of dust and piling without mufflers, though developers claim these are fitted.

7 – 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields

IH reported on a fire, set in a bin, at Pilning VH. He attended for 3 hours on Sunday 17th May after the alarm had been raised by a resident in Northover Court. More than £5,000 worth of damage was caused. Police did not attend the incident, merely issuing a crime number. IH forcefully vented his feelings, both over the youngsters involved – who sat nearby observing – and at the lack of attendance by Police.

This again led to complaints over the failure to attend at any meetings, despite the new officers having been in post for some time. The local PC, who was on duty this morning, has apparently gone off-duty, feeling unwell, but had stated in conversation with FB that she was unaware of any ‘requirement’ to attend council meetings.

Reference was made to the report issued by Wicksteed in respect of play equipment needing attention, and the need to keep dogs off the playing fields.

IH observed that 2 separate residents of Northover Court had spoken of reference in their house deeds to a right of access onto the field. When asked, SC confirmed that he had not seen his deeds and was unable to comment. Clerk summarised the proceedings so far. With no legal contact yet made (with a view to obtaining an injunction requiring removal of the padlock from our gate), IH suggested formal contact directly with Mr Hood. Having volunteered his services, it was agreed PT would act as a mediator and attempt to obtain a key.

7 – 3 Cemetery/Churches

Attention was drawn to the letter from Mr David, and to the response by both Clerk and Cemetery Clerk. 1. NC 2. FB, all agreed a notice board be provided on which a copy of the cemetery regulations could be displayed.

PT advised that all the necessary action had been taken, as the parish council had published an *In View* article stating that the ‘new’ cemetery was to operate as a lawn cemetery. No comment had been forthcoming from the public at that time.

FB drew attention to the memorial to a father and 2 children who had been killed during WWII. With no relatives available, FB asked whether the parish council would be willing to pay for the memorial to be re-lettered. This was agreed and FB is to obtain quotations. Agreed that FB could also approach Pilning School to ascertain their willingness to allow children to maintain the grave, those buried there having formerly been attendees at the school.

7 – 4 Parish Plan - Update

JD commented on the poor weather in April and the resultant poor attendance at the Farmers’ Market. May had proved somewhat better on both counts though economic problems have led to a reduction in traders able or willing to attend. The possibility of a ‘themed’ market had been considered, though considerable complications with licences and extra fees may render this impractical. With the market high on the list of requirements indicated by the public it is up to local residents to ‘use it, or lose it’.

JD confirmed the Parish Plan document is very close to completion.

7 – 5 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

NB presented her thoughts on the provision of facilities – relating to age groups 2-6 and 6-12. JB has provided valuable support in this endeavour. With costings at over £17,000, some £2,400 would need to be provided by the parish council. Proposed IH, 2 FB, all agreed, NB to proceed, subject to an official quotation being obtained.

7 - 6 Allotments

FB asked if it might be possible to utilise the sports field between the seawall and Beach Road for allotments, now that the rugby club has folded. Clerk has already asked about this following discussion (item 7-2, April 2009). PT confirmed discussion is already underway at S Glos. However, play and sports field considerations have to be carried out first. Should no proposals be forthcoming conversion for allotment use could be considered

7 - 7 Village Matters

Roads/Road Signs – NB complained of excessive speed by motor vehicles in the Cross Hands area. Despite the '30 flasher' drivers ignore the restrictions. Police action is required, or, if volunteers are forthcoming, a 'Speed Watch' operation can be mounted by residents.

JB stressed how annoying it had become with foreign lorry drivers attempting to negotiate Gorse Cover Road in their search for Ableton Lane and the Hale's vehicle reclamation site. There are, of course, 2 remnants of the original Ableton Lane, one in our parish, the other off Hallen Road, though, as CW confirmed, the official address for Hale is Severn Road.

Street Furniture & Lighting – Despite claims that lights are to be extinguished in South Gloucestershire after midnight, FB asked whether this was yet underway as lighting appeared to be on as before.

Planter – CW drew attention to the letter from Mr A George and the plan by the Gardeners' Club to service a planter. Clerk confessed he had overlooked this and would make the necessary arrangements.

Building/New Development/Housing – IH asked whether anyone had heard of proposals to develop land to the north of Cross Hands Road. A developer has apparently been 'sounding out' some local residents and would demolish a house to gain access to land terminating at the church path.

7 - 8 Reports

YOUTH CLUB – PT attended the youth facility at SB, admitting that he was impressed by the general demeanour of those present. He also guided a prospective European Parliamentary candidate around the area to make them aware of the community they may be representing.

ENVIRONMENT/CONSERVATION – PT advised of the "Give it Away, Take it Away" event to be mounted in Thornbury on Sunday 7th June. Last year's event was a great success, very little remaining for SITA to dispose of when it ended.

SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITY – PT advertised the next event, to be held in SB School on 1st July.

HEALTH AUTHORITY/CARE SERVICES – PT has visited the Hayes Unit and commented that the Supervisor would be contacting council to keep us informed.

ROADS/ROAD SIGNS – The 'long awaited' boundary sign for Northwick has been ordered and should be in place in the near future.

SCHOOLS – FB announced that SB School would be hosting a "Churches Together" event on Sunday 14th June. This will include a Barbecue and a continuation of the current good weather would help in making this a success!

8. PLANNING

8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT09/0721/F	3 Council Houses, Northwick, extension etc	No objection
PT09/0751/O	Warehouse, Western Approach, B2/B8 use	Comments
PT09/0753/F	118 Gorse Cover Road, rear extension	No objection
PT09/0790/F	Bert's Burger Bar, café and decking	Support
PT09/0801/ADV	Bert's Burger Bar, illuminated fascia & flag	Concerns
PT09/0986/F	SB School, construction of new car park	Support

8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT09/0324/F	111 Beach Road, flats & dwelling to business	Permit
PT09/0530/CLE	Land at A403/Church Road, container storage	Refuse

Next Council Meeting - at Severn Beach School on Monday 6th July 2009

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 8.58 PM

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