

# Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council

## Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.15pm at Pilning Village Hall, Pilning

COUNCILLORS (8) Mr I.L. Roberts(Chairman), Mrs J.A. Fennell, Mrs N Chappell, Mr Ian Humphries, Mr Ivor Humphries, Mrs F.C.A. Barr MBE, Mr M Pruett & Mr K Weeks.

Also Present: - Mrs Victoria Bywater (Clerk), Mr & Mrs I Moir of Fairfield, Northwick Road, Mr J Mason of Rose Cottage, 125 Marsh Common Road, Mr C Brickell of School Way, Severn Beach, Mr J Heming of Turville, Northwick Road and Cllr Robert Griffin.

**The Chairman asked those present to observe a minute's silence for Mrs Tyson late of Vicarage Road, Pilning as a mark of respect who had recently deceased.**

Item Number	Details	Action By
<b>2014-01-1</b> <b>Apologies for absence</b>	Apologies were accepted from Cllr A Lewis and Cllr C Woodhouse	
<b>2014-01-2</b> <b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None	
<b>2014-01-3</b> <b>Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting</b>	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2013 had been previously circulated in the most part by email. VB reported an omission from the minutes that meeting had agreed to instruct Mr R Kirby to insert a hand rail at the Burger Bar steps. The minutes of the meeting of 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2013 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by FCAB and seconded by KW. 7 in favour, 1 abstained.	
<b>2014-01-4</b> <b>Matters Arising</b>	JF reported she had not received copies of the minutes. VB to check emails and give copies to JF. IR asked if the new hand rail at the Burger Bar steps could be painted to prevent rust. VB to ask Mr R Kirby to paint the hand rail. IR reported that some spraying of dog foul had commenced but rapidly stopped due to reports of dogs becoming ill. It is not thought that the illnesses were caused by the spray paint but the work has ceased for the time being until the true cause is identified. NC asked if the gate to the playing field at Pilning had a new padlock. IR & IvH to insert a new padlock onto the existing chain on the gate.	VB  VB       IR & IvH
<b>2014-01-5</b> <b>Correspondence</b>	Please see Appendix A	
<b>2014-01-6</b> <b>Accounts for Payment</b>	Please see Appendix B Proposed by FCAB and seconded by IvH, all agreed.	
<b>2014-01-7</b> <b>Public Participation</b>	Mr Ian Moir of Northwick Road, Pilning addressed the meeting regarding the planning application ref. PT13/3720/F (Land At Northwick Lane, Pilning BS35 4HA – Change of use of land to gypsy and traveller caravan site to facilitate the stationing of 1no. existing mobile home, 1no. touring	

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	<p>caravan and erection of 1no. amenity unit and associated works). Mr Moir objects to this application on the grounds of being sited in the greenbelt, located within Flood Zone 3 (high risk) and a number of errors within the application. He also advised the meeting that the Enforcement Notice to remove the hard standing which had been illegally put down previously had not been adhered to or enforced by South Gloucestershire Council. IR thanked Mr Moir for attending and assured him that the Parish Council also intend to object strongly to this application. He also recommended that if any other local residents had any view on the proposal that they too write to South Gloucestershire Council.</p> <p>Mr C Brickell reported the unusually excessive flooding outside Shirley's Café. FCAB responded informing him that it is due to the drains being blocked.</p>	VB
<p><b>2014-01-8</b>  <b>Precept 2014/</b>  <b>2015</b></p>	<p><u>Report from Finance Committee Meeting</u>  IR reported that the Finance Committee had met earlier in the evening to discuss the Parish Council accounts and make their recommendation for the 2014/ 2015 precept. The Finance Committee recommended that the precept is left unchanged for 2014/ 2015 at £56,000. If an unexpected situation were to arise, there are reasonable reserves available. Proposed by IvH, seconded by MP. A vote was taken with 6 for and 2 against. VB to supply all councillors not on the Finance Committee with a copy of the year-to-date accounts.</p>	VB
<p><b>2014-01-9</b>  <b>New Business</b></p>	<p><u>1.Local Major Developments</u>  VB reported that a meeting had taken place with the planning consultant with regard to the Westgate Development where all information available had been given to him. His report is yet to be received.</p> <p><u>2.Village Halls/Playing Fields</u>  a) Severn Beach Village Hall – JF reported that a meeting had not taken place due to illness.  b) Pilning Village Hall – repairs to play equipment  A quotation had been received from Sutcliffe play to remove the broken, obsolete play equipment and replace with a suitable alternative. It was agreed to accept this quotation. VB to instruct Sutcliffe Play to carry out the work as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>3.Allotments</u>  VB reported that an allotment garden had become vacant in Pilning but is in a poor state. VB to organise for the hedge to be cut back on the allotment side and the ground to be rotivated prior to re-letting.  VB had been approached by an allotment holder at Severn Beach where one plot is much smaller than the other plots. VB to offer a third off the full price for this smaller allotment.  VB updated the meeting on the demolition of the former rugby pavilion. EDF energy demolition team will be contacting the clerk to arrange the date for the metre to be removed which then in turn will mean Western Power can remove the electricity and Smiths of Gloucester can demolish the building. Mr R Kirby had kindly agreed to stop up the water and put a</p>	VB  VB

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	<p>cover over the stop tap.</p> <p>IvH asked if the Severn Beach allotments could be tidied up and in particular the makeshift greenhouses. VB advised that 2014 were currently still being received and once the tenants had paid then those who had an unacceptable plot would be contacted.</p> <p><u>4.Cemeteries</u></p> <p>FCAB &amp; VB to organise for quotations for the paths to be inserted at the new Pilning cemetery so that work can commence in the Spring of 2014.</p> <p><u>5.Village Matters</u></p> <p>IR asked if the bus shelters could be cleaned (2 in SB &amp; 2 in Redwick). FCAB offered to ask a local window cleaner to clean the bus shelters.</p> <p>IR thanked FCAB and South Gloucestershire Council for all their help with the recent flooding issues in the area.</p> <p>IvH asked if a letter could be written regarding the speeding lorries along the A403 especially with recent fatalities. VB to write to S.Glos Council and the Highways Agency.</p> <p>IvH advised that Parish Councillors should be aware that from the elections in 2015 the new split of councillors SB: 6 and P: 4 and this may impact decisions in the future.</p> <p>FCAB reported that today was the final day for PCO and the new officer is now in place for the area.</p> <p>MP asked if we could write again to the EA regarding the parking on the Sea Wall as the cars are damaging ramp. MP further reported the breach of the sea wall near the pipeline. VB to write to EA.</p> <p>IR asked if support could be given to Mr &amp; Mrs Biggs regarding the car parked at the entrance to the cul de sac and the Village Hall. VB to contact the traffic enforcement team for advice.</p> <p>IR reported a meeting with Aust PC and Reg Windpower regarding the development in Ingst. VB to circulate the documents to all councillors.</p> <p><u>6.</u></p> <p><u>1) Report for S.Glos Council – See Appendix C</u></p> <p>Further to the report Robert Griffin reported that the recent problems to livestock (sheep and dogs) may be coming from cleaning fluid used in the bunker tanks at Aust Wharf.</p> <p><u>2) Report from meeting with S.Glos Council regarding the Buy Back Scheme</u></p> <p>IvH reported that the only major change to the contract was the opportunity to change some chargeable dog-waste bins to dual use bins. This would incur cost for 2014/ 2015 but thereafter reduce costs.</p>	<p>FCAB, VB</p> <p>FCAB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p>
<p><b>2014-01-10</b> <b>Planning</b></p>	<p>VB reported that from today the Parish Council is now only receiving planning applications, notices etc. via the new electronic system. Some teething problems are expected as the new system settles in so to mitigate against this VB to print out planning applications and circulate in the current way until further notice.</p> <p>IvH questions Robert Griffin on his support of a new bus timetable which</p>	<p>VB</p>

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	<p>means the frequency of buses between 9am and 9.45am is increased. Robert Griffin responded advising the meeting that he had received 20 requests to include a bus route that did not go via Hallen.</p> <p><u>Comments sent to S.Glos Council</u>            PT13/4412/F – 131 Marsh Common Road, Pilning – Erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation – No Comment            PR13/4265/F – The Vicarage, The Glebe, Pilning – Erection of 1no. detached dwelling with associated works – OBJECT            PT13/3720/F – Land at Northwick Lane, Pilning – Change of use of land to gypsy and traveller caravan site to facilitate the stationing of 1no. existing mobile home, 1no. touring caravan and erection of 1no. amenity unit and associated works – OBJECT            PT13/4579/F – Whitehouse Barn, Whitehouse Lane, Severn Beach – Conversion of garage and store to form 1no. holiday let – OBJECT            PT13/4686/LB – Whitehouse Barn, Whitehouse Lane, Severn Beach – Internal and external alterations to facilitate the conversion of garage and store to form 1no. holiday let - OBJECT</p>	
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p>The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Monday 3rd February 2014 at Severn Beach School, Severn Beach            THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @8.55pm</p>	VB

### APPENDIX A – CORRESPONDENCE

Date Received	Received by	Details	ACTION
03.12.13	Email	S.Glos Council Press Release – Sporting Heroes of 2013 honoured by council	Circulated
03.12.13	Email	Agenda for Council, Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2013, 7pm Kingswood	Circulated
03.12.13	Email	Change of date and location of Policy & Resources Committee – 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2014 at 1.30pm at Kingswood	Circulated
03.12.13	Email	Almonds bury Parish Council request for assistance to help towards the cost of the planning consultant	Circulated
04.12.13	Email	Course details on Lone Working & keeping safe	Circulated
05.12.13	Email	Response from EA regarding the drainage grids along the sea wall at Severn Beach	Circulated
05.12.13	Email	ITV Series secret dealers looking for applicants	Circulated
05.12.13	Email	Presentation on the Affordable Housing & Extra Care Housing Draft Supplementary Planning Document – Tues 17 Dec 2013	Circulated
06.12.13	Email	Agenda for Development Control (West) Committee, Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2013, 10am at Filton	Circulated
06.12.13	Email	S.Glos Council Press Release – Free Christmas events at S.Glos libraries	Circulated
06.12.13	Email	Response from S.Glos Council regarding Core Strategy CS21 & Meadow View	Circulated
06.12.13	Email	NALC EU VAT Rules for Public Sector	Circulated
07.12.13	Post	Letter from Wessex Water advising of a large increase in the SB Allotment water bill.	Passed to NC
08.12.13	Email	E Bulletin for County Associations, National Council & member councils	Circulated
09.12.13	Email	S.Glos Council Core Strategy Final Report	Circulated
09.12.13	Email	Invitation to take part in the Big Spring Clean 2014	Circulated
10.12.13	Email	Agenda for Development Control (West) Committee, Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2013 2.30pm Thornbury	Circulated
10.12.13	Email	Planning, Transport & Strategic Environment Major Schemes Sub Committee Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2013 3pm, Thornbury	Circulated
10.12.13	Email	S.Glos Groups – Parish Matters Tues 7 Jan 2014 at 10am at Cadbury Heath	Circulated
10.12.13	Email	All papers relating to the Core Strategy Item 9, Council meeting Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2013	Circulated
10.12.13	Email	S.Glos Council Press Release – New community bus service launches in Filton	Circulated
10.12.13	Post	LCR Winter 2013	Passed to NC
11.12.13	Post	Sevenside SSCG – 7pm 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2014 at Almonds bury Old School Hall, Almonds bury	Passed to NC

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11.12.13	Post	Teenage Cancer Trust – information on the work	Passed to NC
11.12.13	Email	S.Glos Press Release – S.Glos adopts Core Strategy	Circulated
11.12.13	Email	Info. Re. ALCA affiliation fees for 2014/ 2015	Circulated
11.12.13	Email	Confirmation of completion of works from Avon Displays	Circulated
11.12.13	Email	Letter of thanks from HorseWorld re. donation of £250.00	Circulated
12.12.13	Email	Interim information on Tax Base for 2014-15 Update	Circulated
12.12.13	Email	S.Glos Press Release – S.Glos Council runs away with athletics award	Circulated
16.12.13	Email	Response from S.Glos Council regarding the pruning of the Oak tree at Gorse Cover Road, SB	Circulated
18.12.13	Email	Summary of proposed changes to 0-25 disability services from S.Glos.	Circulated
18.12.13	Email	S.Glos Press Release – Minister helps switch on superfast Broadband in Yate	Circulated
18.12.13	Email	Response to planning app ref. PT13/3720/F from P.Tyzack	Circulated
19.12.13	Email	Planning Enforcement news – Dec 2013	Circulated
19.12.13	Email	Open Spaces Society Enews	Circulated
20.12.13	Email	Agenda for S.Glos Local Strategic Partnership, Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2014 at 2pm, City of Bristol College, Soundwell Centre, Room SE02.02/SE0.03	Circulated
20.12.13	Email	Agenda for Policy & Resources Committee, Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2014 at 1.30pm, Kingswood	Circulated
20.12.13	Email	Confirmation from S.Glos regarding paperless planning system from 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2014	Circulated
20.12.13	Email	Information on Buy Back scheme re. grass cutting etc. from S.Glos	To be discussed
21.12.13	Email	CiLCA briefing – section 12, Freedom of information	Circulated
21.12.13	Email	Nomination requests for Royal Garden Parties 2014	Circulated
21.12.13	Email	E Bulletin from NALC	Circulated
21.12.13	Email	Grant Funding Agreement Annex A information from ALCA	Circulated
21.12.13	Email	DGLG Local Government Finance Statement information from ALCA	Circulated
24.12.13	Email	Response from S.Glos re. verges and litter picking	Circulated
24.12.13	Email	Response from S.Glos re. dog fouling	Circulated
30.12.13	Email	Community Spaces Consultation & Info Jan 2014	Circulated
30.12.13	Email	Speed Reading Course	Circulated
31.12.13	Email	From Sharon Biggs re. Waste collection and parking issue Cross Hands Road	Circulated
06.01.14	Email	Offer of posters re. dog waste posters	VB responded
06.01.14	Email	Site Allocations & Development Management Policies Local Plan: Proposed Main Modifications	Circulated
06.01.14	Email	S.Glos Press Release – reminder re. primary school applications	Circulated
06.01.14	Email	EA update on new nuclear reactor	Circulated
06.01.14	Letter	Thank you letter from Victim Support	Passed to NC

### APPENDIX B – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Date	Payee	Details	Net	Reclaimable VAT	Total
06.01.13	Mrs V Bywater	Wages + office payment & fuel allowance	655.20	0.00	655.20
06.01.13	HMRC	NI & PAYE	245.83	0.00	245.83
06.01.13	Mr N Pearce	Odd jobs	90.00	0.00	90.00
06.01.13	Mr M J Fisher	Grass cutting	750.00	0.00	750.00
06.01.13	Care for the Elderly	Quaterly payment	250.00	0.00	250.00
06.01.13	Mr Collins	Toilet Key Holder	60.00	0.00	60.00
06.01.13	Mr I Roberts	Expences	22.74	0.00	22.74
06.01.13	BWBSL	Water charges for SB Allotment site	259.69	0.00	259.69
06.01.13	RE & AM Hicks	Hedge cutting at Bank Road	25.00	5.00	30.00
06.01.13	RG Kirby	Burger bar steps	460.00	0.00	460.00
06.01.13	BT	Direct Debit	49.82	9.96	59.78
06.01.13	S.Glos Council	Emptying of dog waste bins	257.04	51.41	308.45
06.01.13	Mr M J Fisher	Grass cutting - Bank Road x 2 plus Beach Road SB x 1	340.00	0.00	340.00
06.01.13	Dunkley's	1 Sept - 31 Dec 2013 payroll	40.00	8.00	48.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,505.32</b>	<b>74.37</b>	<b>3,579.69</b>

### APPENDIX C – Report from Robert Griffin

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Dear Ward Members,

**South Glos. Core Strategy** – This was adopted by the Full Council on 11th December. It is the blueprint for our county future until 2027 in housing and infrastructure. It is a milestone in Planning that has been achieved. Patrick Conroy and his team of officers and councillors involved are to be congratulated on this success.

**A403** – On Thursday 12th December at mid-afternoon there was a serious head on collision between Northwick and Pilning in which a lady was seriously injured. Currently the Police are investigating this incident. I hope the government will increase the priority of our M49 junction, find the outstanding millions required and release a timetable for work to start.

**623 Bus** – After requests from local passengers, I have talked with my friends and colleagues at 4T/VL about amending this route to go from the Fox, Easter Compton to ASDA and The Mall, before proceeding to the Hallen sector. The reverse would happen on the return journey. This is now subject to approval of South Glos. Council and the Traffic Commissioners, which may take three months.

**Sea Wall steps by the Burger Bar** – The Parish Council have installed and paid for a banister to help the less able get to the seawall. It is good to see people using it.

**Merlin Housing** – They have produced an on-line document ‘Managing your Money’ designed to help with the Welfare Reforms for Social Housing e.g. monthly paid Universal Credit etc. You can obtain it by downloading it from their website: - [www.merlinhs.co.uk](http://www.merlinhs.co.uk). If you have problems, please contact me, as I have a copy on my PC.

**February 19th 2014** – I shall be presenting the two petitions below at the South Glos. Council Meeting.

**Severn Beach Online Fare Petition** – This has 90 signatories (at the time of writing) and we need some more before we can submit it: <http://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/first-great-western-trains-provide-more-ticket-collectors-on-trains-on-the-severn-beach-line-2> Please be courteous to the train staff as they are only doing their job and unnecessary unpleasantness does not help our cause. It could also lead to your prosecution.

**Green Bin Petition** – There is a local on-line petition objecting to the removal of the free green bin collection service in March. I have given this petition publicity as many Ward members have complained to me on this issue. <https://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/all-council-tax-payers-of-south-gloucestershire-continue-with-the-existing-free-green-bin-service-2> with 72 signatories (at the time of writing). A paper copy of this petition is also in Severn Beach (60 signatories) & Pilning (100 signatories) Post Offices as requested.

**North Bristol Hospital A&E Department at Frenchay** – On the 9th December, I visited the unit already mentioned. What I found was a very professionally and pleasantly run unit. At no time did I feel the dedicated staff were not giving at least 100%. I will be producing a full report later on receiving some data from NBT. I did not witness any delay in seriously ill patients waiting to be attended to and the triage process in admissions where the Emergencies are separated from the many minor injuries ran very smoothly. In fact, at one point, there was spare capacity awaiting the next Emergency and the staff were cleaning up their area. Although I admit to being a lay member of the Trust and hospital inspector, I feel a great injustice was done today, to very hard working staff whose professionalism and compassionate attitude was called into doubt in many hospitals on the media. The 4-hour waiting time appears to include the many minor injuries etc., which are included in the media figures.

**Abandoned Horses** – These are again causing problems and concern. Radio Bristol mentioned that horses were loose in Ableton Lane on Tuesday 17th. They were shepherded into the S.B. Playing Field but have since been transferred to the foreshore adjacent to Shaft Road and then moved on again. The Playing Field is now secured. The horses on Western Approaches are now in the middle of a flooded building site. I hope we can again contain this problem in the year to come. Is there a retired person who would like to volunteer to take over from me as a Horse Warden? These horses are taking up a large part of my District Councillor’s day. Currently during the festive season, our farms etc. are in lock down to stop any unauthorised intrusions.

**Wind Turbines** – The two at the Sevalco site have been commissioned and are contributing to the National Grid. We can see the 9 wind turbines turning from our bedroom window and so can most of Marsh Common Road and Easter Compton.

**Gorse Cover Road** – The mature oak opposite no 142 was recently inspected and a significant amount of decay was found at the base. This rendered the tree unsafe and it has been pollarded to 4metres after the Tree Preservation regulations were complied with.

**Parking on our pavements** – This is a major problem but no official enforcement is available to rectify it.

**Car Tax discs** – These are being phased out in September 2014 as both the DVLC and the Police in cars have electronic access to Road Tax, Insurance and MOT certificates information. No paper applications will be accepted after this date, the applying for a Tax disc on-line will become the norm. You only need the Registration Document number, the Registration number and a bankcard.

**Roadside Shrines** – I have a copy of the South Glos. Policy on this topic.

**Immigration Bill changes** – I have been requested for information about the pending new Immigration Bill. I asked Jack Lopresti MP to obtain the answers for us. Mark Harper MP replied by letter about the tightening up of the Appeal procedure of failed Asylum seekers and their quicker removal. Some Appeals can be heard after these seekers have returned home. I have a paper copy if anyone would like a copy.

**My New Year’s wishes** are for a Pedestrian Crossing for children outside Severn Beach Village Hall, which is already planned and in the Severn Beach School’s Travel Plan. A P&R Car Park on the wasteland next to our station, a little less litter and dog waste on our foreshore and streets, some more of the derelict eyesores tidied up by Planning Enforcement. Longer term I should like to see an all-weather sports pitch in my ward. These will all be in conjunction with my friends on our Parish Council.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Robert