

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 1st February 2010, commencing at 7.00 pm,
in SEVERN BEACH School

**COUNCILLORS
PRESENT (8)** Mr I Humphries (Chairman), Mrs F Barr MBE, Mr J Black,
Mrs N Chappell, Mr S Cooper, Mr I Roberts,
Mr N Webb, Mrs C Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (South Glos Councillor), 3 members of the public (Mr Mike Fisher of Shirehampton, Mrs Barbara Matthews of Salthouse Farm Park and Mrs Hayley Stephens of Keens Grove).

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Hayley Stephens made a presentation on behalf of the Severnside Out of School Club. It was noted the group has been established for 6 years and is a non-profit organisation. A financial summary was handed to members. CW proposed the council should back the group on the same basis as the backing given to the youth club at SB. FB countered CW's suggestion of £180, proposing £200 per month. 7 For, 1 Abstained (NW, on the basis that he had arrived well after discussion had got underway). By prior arrangement, HS left the meeting, needing to collect her son.

The Chairman asked all present to remember former resident Doreen Sheppard, recently deceased. Mrs Sheppard, widowed for the second time some 3 years ago, was previously the widow of Stuart Charles Pugh, Clerk of the Parish Council from January 1975 until August 1976. As a couple they lived at Station House, Stuart working as Station Master at Severn Beach until British Rail dispensed with the post. Subsequently Stuart continued to work for the rail authority, in the offices at Avonmouth, until his death on 14th August 1976, at the age of 50.

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE
Mrs N Bendall (holiday), Mr D Humphries (family health).
2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of the meetings of 4th January 2010 were approved as a true record. 1. IR 2. FB All agreed.
3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS
 - 3 - 1 Roads/Road Signs
Permission now granted for placement of a planter. Jefferies of Downend are struggling to trace a manufacturer/supplier. FB is make enquiries with other masons.
 - 3 - 2 Playgrounds/Youth Activities
The recent disco raised £289, following considerable help from parents. A ladies night is to be held on 27th February. NB recommended that 3 Metal Guppy bins be installed at Pilning field, and prices for metal seats are being assessed.

3 - 3 Trees/Tree Planting

Work at Pilning field has now been completed and payment made. Item 5-10, minutes of 7th December 2009, refers.

3 - 4 Allotments

Having drawn attention to the corresp below (relating to allotments at SB), Clerk ran through the questions raised and the response made. With current allotment agreements up for renewal and the need for allotment holders to sign the revised agreement he recommended an increase in rentals. The site in Bank Road was first brought into use in April 1977 when charges were set at £6. Charges were increased to £10 for the year 1991/92, remaining unchanged ever since. Should council manage to gain use of the rugby field, Clerk suggested that rentals should be commenced at £25 per annum. With a building on-site (changing and storage facilities, and running water, so tea-making options), rental could be set at a higher rate. However, he suggested that existing allotment rentals should be increased, perhaps to £15, with the *caveat* that a further increase to £20 would follow. NC agreed that rentals should not be increased to more than £15 but following discussion, agreed, 7 For, 1 Abstained (NC), that rentals should be increased to £20 with immediate effect – because of existing agreements with occupants the new rate would not be payable until March 2011. Clerk confirmed that rates in Bristol are currently £45 per annum, those in Peterborough currently £52. A full size allotment is measured at 300 square yards and whilst our allotments are thought to be of a somewhat smaller size – this is to be checked – the higher rate would still be very competitive.

4. CORRESPONDENCEAllotments

13731.01 Request for a decision re use of rugby ground at Severn Beach.
 13732.02 Proposals by parish council under consideration.

Audit/Precept

13733.03 Precept arrangements for 2010/2011.
 13734.04 Confirmation of bank payments for precept.

Avon Local Councils Association

13735.05 ALCA proposition for subscription fees.

Environment/Conservation

13736.06 Agenda for Link Group meeting at Pilning VH, 16th February.

Footpaths

13737.07 Contact re disabled access to church path at Bank Road.
 13738.08 Report from Footpaths Liaison Group meeting, 8th October.
 13739.09 Footpaths quarterly 'Issues Resolved Report'.

Health Authority/Care Services

13740.10 Agenda for "Transforming Lives Congress at BAWA, 5th February.

Industries – Local Sites

13741.11 PowerLines, issue 10, circulated.
 13742.12 Quarterly report from HM Nuclear Installations Inspectorate.
 13743.13 Environment Agency report to Stakeholder Group.
 13744.14 Magnox North report on socio-economic group.

Playgrounds/Youth Activities

13745.15 Assorted leaflets from Notts Sport (UK) Ltd, of Lutterworth.
 13746.16 Report by NB re activities at Pilning playing fields.
 13747.17 Open Spaces workshop at Thornbury, 10th February.
 13748.18 Brochure from SMP Playgroups.

River, Seawall & Environs

13749.19 S Glos to mount roadshows re council emergency planning.

Roads/Road Signs

13750.20 Permission granted for placement of new planting trough.
 13751.21 Consultation on parking restrictions at SB.
 13752.22 S Glos comment on winter pothole problems.

Schools

13753.23 Confirmation of waste water disposal across council land.

South Gloucestershire Council

13754.24 'Partners' Conference at Almondsbury on 26th February.
 13755.25 Safer Stronger Community group meeting on 3rd February.
 13756.26 Forum: Anti Social Behaviour, Almondsbury on 16th February.
 13757.27 Minutes of Parish Charter Working Group, 12th January at Yate.
 13758.28 Standards Committee, annual report, 2008-2009.

Stationery/Circulars/Books

13759.29 SGN newsletter: copies distributed.
 13760.30 *Our News* newsletter - circulated.

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy

13761.31 Transport section considering attendance at local public meeting.

Voluntary/Community Groups

13762.32 National Autistic Society confirm imminent closure of Hayes Unit.
 13763.33 DAG newsletter, January edition (S Glos Disability Action Group).
 13764.34 CVS newsletter, spring programme of workshops.

Planning

13765.35 Delegated decisions, w/e 19th December 2009.
 13766.36 Delegated decisions, w/e 26th December 2009.
 13767.37 Sites Inspection committee to consider local issues, 22nd January.
 13768.38 Local issues to be considered in committee on 4th February.

Accounts/Donations

13769.39 Printerinks, inks for printer. Item 5-3 refers.
 13770.40 Post Office, Clerk's telephone. Item 5-4 refers.
 13771.41 S Glos Council, dog bin service. Item 5-5 refers.
 13772.42 Care for Elderly, attendance allowance. Item 5-6 refers.
 13773.43 Grass Cutting Services, cutting. Item 5-7 refers.
 13774.44 Joshua Fry, donation request. Item 5-10 refers.
 13775.45 S Glos Council, SB School booking. Item 5-11 refers.
 13776.46 Childrens Playlink, letter of thanks. Item 5-12, mins of 7th Dec, refers.
 13777.47 Confirmation of receipt of S Glos play grant (£2,000).
 13778.48 Danwood credit note (£50). Item 5-5, minutes of 4th January, refers.
 13779.49 A J Engley, tree cutting. Item 5-10, minutes of 7th December, refers.
 13780.50 Severnside Out of School Club, financial report. Item above refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 - 1	£ 769.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (January)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 - 3	£ 120.43	PrinterInks	Complete set inks	111
5 - 4	£ 87.32	Post Office	Clerk's telephone	111
5 - 5	£ 397.67	S Glos Council	Dog cleansing	CNEA
5 - 6	£ 82.00	Care for Elderly	Attendance allowance	LGRA
5 - 7	£ 400.00	G C Services	Grass cutting	*
5 - 8	£ 576.00	HMRC	Income Tax	112
5 - 9	£ 100.00	J C Rawlinson	For R Lees, Parish Plan	111
5 - 10	£ 100.00	Joshua Fry	Community service grant	137
5 - 11	£ 35.00	S Glos Council	Booking charge (SB School)	111
5 - 12	£ 787.08	Calor Gas	Gas delivery	LGMP
	<u>£3504.50</u>			

Note that activities formerly authorised under The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 are now covered by the Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005.

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

5 - 5	Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005
5 - 6	Local Government & Rating Act 1997
5 - 7)Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1979, s19)Public Health Act 1875, s164
5 - 12	Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1979, s19

Bank balance, prior to payments above = **£27,969.49** (with interest to Sept inclusive).

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

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. SC 2. FB All agreed

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Mike Fisher of Shirehampton spoke with members regarding tenders for the grass cutting contract. He stated that he had submitted a quote and worked for himself. He answered questions raised by IH regarding equipment and the possibility of ill health. IH thanked him for his input.

7. AGENDA

7 - 1 Major Developments

Despite the promise of early contact following the public meeting on 23rd November, no responses by Emma Webster have yet been forthcoming.

7 - 2 Avon Local Councils Association

The problems with annual subscriptions caused by the decision of the larger councils to withdraw from the association (corres above) are to be addressed at a meeting on 18th March in Emersons Green. IH will make every effort to attend.

7 - 3 Roads/Road Signs

Proposals for alterations to yellow line restriction markings have now been received. Following consideration by FB, IH and CW, agreed, with one exception that all proposals are acceptable. A query is to be made regarding restrictions on the narrow road between the Rustic site and the hairdresser's.

7 - 4 Village Halls/Playing Fields

NC commented on the tidy appearance of the playing field at Pilning. This results from ongoing work carried out by the Odd Job Man.

7 - 5 Cemetery Matters

Although council agreed the cemetery account should be transferred to the Alliance & Leicester, FB has found the post office will accept payments of funds into Lloyds bank accounts, thus obviating the need to pay in at Westbury on Trym, as well as move the account. Conversation between Clerk and FB led to this option being used. Council agreed this to be acceptable.

7 - 6 Parish Plan

BM thanked Clerk for his comprehensive proof-reading efforts and confirmed that agreement has already been reached on most photo's to be incorporated into the document. As soon as the photographic aspect has been completed the document will be submitted to the printers.

7 - 7 Audit/Precept

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting have been distributed. Clerk apologised to members, having already submitted a request for £54,000 (because of time constraints), as agreed by committee. Members were, however, in agreement with the need to limit the request to last year's level.

7 - 8 Village Matters

Roads/Road Signs – SC pointed to the large pothole near the end of Station Road. NW reported bollard damage at New Passage Road and Gorse Cover Road.

Water – IR reported problems are increasing with water continuing to lie on Pilning field. IH stated that the ditch on the school side of the hedge is currently blocked and in need of clearance. FB reported on sewage problems in Beach Road.

Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill – CW complained of the lack of service during recent weeks. Bin collections have been unreliable.

7 - 9 Reports

PLANNING – PT, to attend this week's committee meeting, clarified one or two points relating to the Tesco and Pilning Railway Station applications.

POLICE - It is proposed to alter some local Police accommodation. Filton Police Station is expected to be moved. The former station at Pilning will continue in its current usage.

8. PLANNING

8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT09/6006/F	Greenfield Farm, goathouse	No objection
PT09/6102/F	Pilning Wetlands, Wardens lodge	No comment
PT09/6103/F	Pilning Wetlands, land change of use	No objection
PT09/6105/F	Pilning Wetlands, create new wetland habitat	No objection
PT10/0047/CLP	Birches, New Passage, rear dormer windows	No objection

8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT09/0461/RM Plot 8020, Govier Way Permit
PT09/5319/F 23 Redwick Road, rear extension Permit

8 – 3 Permitted Development

PT09/5910/PNA Salthouse Farm, agri barn, judged not to require permission.

8 – 4 Applications Withdrawn

PT09/5691/CLP	Queens Lodge, use of outbuilding for accommodation
PT09/5955/CLP	The Birches, New Passage, rear dormers
PT09/6033/F	Northwick School, additional living accommodation

Next Council Meeting - Pilning Village Hall on Monday 1st March 2010

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 8.47 PM

Signed..... Dated.....

(<http://sites.google.com/site/pandsbpc>) – parish website

psbparish@mypostoffice.co.uk – parish council email address

7 – 10 Grass Cutting

Because Mike Fisher (t/a Planet Turf) was in attendance, agreed to discuss the tenders after the closure of the meeting.

Planet Turf –	- £6,300 (no VAT)	- 3 votes (IR, FB, CW);
Ambience Landscapes	- £5,980 (+VAT)	- 1 vote (IH);
Landscape Services	- £4,900 (+VAT)	- 2 votes (SC, NW);
S Glos Council	- £8,595 (+ VAT)	- 0 votes;

On a choice between Planet Turf and Landscape Services votes were cast 3-2, as above. JB, NC and IH abstaining.

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