

Minutes of Meeting
at
Pilning Village Hall 1st June, 1970.

All the ten Councillors were present and signed their "Acceptance of Office" forms.

The following Officers were elected:-

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| | <u>Chairman</u> Mr. S. Parsons | <u>Vice Chairman</u> Mr. Denner. |
| 486. | <u>Treasurers:</u> Mr. A. Ball, | Mr. H. Lewis. |
| | <u>School Managers:-</u> | |
| 263. | <u>Pilning:</u> Mr. J.M. Free, | Mr. S. Parsons. |
| 263. | <u>Northwick:</u> Mr. A. Denner, | Mr. R. Edwards. |
| 263. | <u>Severn Beach:</u> Mrs. P. Barry, | Mr. A. Ball. |
| 115. | <u>Patchway High:</u> Mr. W. Fowler, | Mr. A. Denner. |
| 485. | <u>Footpath Committee:</u> Mr. A. Ball, | Mr. C. Ball. |
| 163. | <u>Sandford & Grey and</u> | |
| | <u>Edmonds & Coles</u> | |
| | <u>Charities.</u> | Mr. C. Ball Mr. T. Webb, Mr. A. Ball. |
| 76. | <u>Pilning Village Hall</u> | |
| | <u>Representative:</u> | Mr. M. Elliott. |
| 484. | <u>Lighting Committee</u> | |
| | <u>Representative.</u> | Mr. F. Pullin. |
| 483. | <u>Old Peoples Welfare</u> | |
| | <u>Representatives:</u> Mr. J.M. Free, Mr. J. Snell. | |
| 391. | <u>Liaison Committee:</u> Mr. J.M. Free, Mr. A. Ball, Mr. S. Parsons. | |

The Chairman paid tribute to Mr. Tom Hooper, who had retired due to ill health, and spoke of the years of invaluable work he had done for the benefit of the parish. All members agreed to send a "Vote of Thanks" to him.

276. Insurance of Councillors, Property, etc.
The Councillors decided to renew the insurance with the Cornhill Insurance Company.
452. Reduction in 'Bus Fares for O.A.P's.
The Clerk to Thornbury R.D.C. informs that a meeting of Authorities in the neighbourhood of Bristol to discuss this common interest, is to be shortly arranged. Mr. Fowler stated the R.D.C. could not act on their own, and the matter must remain in abeyance.
422. Footpaths in Thornbury District.
The Parish Council at the Council's expense have already investigated the most important paths and signposted them. It is understood minor paths will eventually be signposted by Glos: County Council.
433. Pilning Village Hall Management Committee.
A letter from this Committee requesting aid for the grass cutting of the Pilning Playing Field £30 was agreed to.
Application for future grants may be made in future years. The cost of attention to the overgrown hedge on the west boundary £35, will also be paid by the Council, this will be a non re-curring item.
427. Abbott Road Kerb and Footpath Work.
A letter from the District Surveyor stated his recommendation to the County Surveyor for work to be done has been rejected, there being no possibility of money being made available due to restriction on highway maintenance.
Mr. Fowler stated no extra money had been granted for several years, therefore less work was being done as money value lessened.
It was suggested that a list of work which was considered essential in the parish should be gathered by Councillors and sent to the County Council.
479. Osborne Road, Severn Beach.
The District Surveyor states he has no powers to act on the complaint of mud and stone left on the road, but he had written to Mr. Hardwick on the matter. This problem is one for Police action.
Mr. Andain is to be asked to erect "NO THROUGH ROAD" signs at the junction of Beach Avenue.

468. Severn Beach Railway Station.
It was decided to send a strong letter to British Rail to get the ditch dug out to give better drainage and prevent flooding of the road.
488. Mechanical Sweeper.
The small sweeper which has been working through the parish does not clear the gutter. Mr. Andain is to be requested to send a larger machine to do the work.
375. Verge, Church Road, Severn Beach.
Complaint that only one verge is cut and to request Mr. Andain to cut verges on both sides of the road.
478. Hedge at Mr. Edwards, Cross Hands.
The garden hedge has grown to a height to obstruct visibility of ~~vehicle drivers~~ ^{pedestrians} and Mr. Andain is to be asked to get it cut.
470. Unreliable Bus Services.
Some discussion took place on this problem, which seems chiefly due to the absenteeism of vehicle crews whose failure to attend to their duties causes cancellations without any previous warning. Councillors thought priority should be given to rural services and to early morning and late night services; and it is hoped the Bus Co., will succeed in their efforts to restore reliability to all their operations.
474. Gormleys Cafe, Severn Beach.
From observations given by Mr. Fowler it appeared that the better way to get this derelict building and eyesore removed, and which constitutes a danger to children, ^{is to ask the owner to demolish before} is to apply for a Demolition Order to be placed on the site.
192. Eyesore, Wainbridge Crescent.
Mr. Hall the apparent owner of the land and building materials 'phoned at 3:42 p.m., 1/6/70 and stated he was going to clear the site "This week". He will be asked what steps he will take to keep down weeds.
459. Phase I of Lighting Scheme and Omissions from Sewerage Scheme.
The Councillors decided to write to the Clerk of the R.D.C. pointing out the lack of information being given to deletions from both schemes and asking for more liaison from Officers of the R.D.C.
100. Brick Wall on River Bank near the Shaft.
It was reported the crack which has been in the wall for many years appears to be enlarging. The question of ownership will be looked into again.
- 492 Cemetery - Grave digger Resigned.
Mr. Locke has retired and efforts are being made by the Clerk to find replacement. He asked Councillors to join in the search and report if anyone found.
- 491 Parish Council Meetings.
The Councillors decided to hold their Monthly and Annual Meetings alternately at Severn Beach School and Pilning Village Halls.
- Derelict Car, Severn Beach.
Steps are to be taken to get this danger to children cleared.
- Owing to lateness of the hour several complaints were held in abeyance to the July Meeting.
- The Meeting closed at 10:45 p.m.

J. Parsons
6/7/70.