

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2007

In SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS Mrs C Woodhouse (Chairman), Mr J Black, Mrs N Bendall,
 PRESENT (9) Mrs N Chappell, Mr S Cooper, Mr D Humphries,
 Mr I Humphries, Mr G Moore, Mr D Nethercott.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (S Glos Councillor); 6 members of the public (Mrs Frances Barr MBE of Beach Road, Mrs Jane Davey of Ableton Lane, Mr Ian Humphries of Marsh Common Road, Mrs Barbara Matthews of Salthouse Farm Park, Mrs Amy & Mr Eddie Neave of Ableton Lane).

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE
 Mr A Webber.

Mrs Woodhouse thanked Vice Chairman Mr I Humphries for chairing the June meeting during her absence following the sudden death of her Mother.

**The Chairman asked that members join in remembrance of
 Horace Carpenter of Ableton Lane, recently deceased.**

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING
 The minutes of the meeting of 4th June were approved as a true record.
 1. DN 2. NC All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 - 1 Village Halls

The contractor has done some work at Pilning VH field. SC complained that little had been done recently. That included the dry period prior to the recent rains. Clerk to ascertain the likely progress.

DH drew attention to a mobile home vehicle that had recently appeared on SB playing field. Removal had been fairly swift, as Police found the owner to be a 'wanted' man.

3 - 2 Severnside Development

Illegal biking continues on-site despite continuing activity by Police. GM contended that some bike activity should be permitted, if legal. CW responded that complaints over many years were only in respect of activity known to be illegal.

3 - 3 Traffic Problems/Transport Policy

The 30 mph flashing sign in Ableton Lane is still not in operation. Engineers have been seen at the site. This will hopefully provide a satisfactory solution.

3 - 4 Audit/Precept

A review of the internal audit process had been considered under item 7-6, minutes of 4th June. With no comment forthcoming the current arrangements prevail.

The need to introduce Financial Regulations and review Standing Orders (item 7-7, minutes of 4th June) drew no comment from members. It appears that SOs have stood the test of time. A set of FRs will be considered at the annual Finance Committee meeting in December.

3 - 5 Elections/Applications for Parish Council

The revised Code of Conduct was adopted at the June meeting (item 7-8). The last 2 completed copies of the Register of Members' Interests have been collected, and GM signed the Acceptance of Office register. Notices showing acceptance of the Code, and allowing for the Code to be inspected by the public, are to be displayed tomorrow. The Monitoring Officer to be advised of all actions and completed Registers to be submitted.

3 - 6 Roads/Road Signs

A request has been made for a safety survey of the area surrounding the new zebra crossing at Cross Hands. Agreed the major problem relates to parking by mothers collecting their children from the Pips group. Perhaps the most effective course of action will be contact with the organiser, Rachel Jefferies, to indicate the problems being caused.

3 - 7 Bus Services, Shelters & Signs

Following the complaint by NC (item 7-11, minutes of 4th June) it is confirmed that more modern buses with lower access profiles are only replaced by older transport when absolutely necessary - for maintenance or repair. The difficulties for those with mobility problems are being alleviated by the current programme of kerb raising. The process, commencing at Severnwood Gardens, is now proceeding through the parish.

4. CORRESPONDENCEAvon Local Councils Association

11571.01 Consultation paper: Freedom of Information Regulations.
 11572.02 ALCA Newsletter, June edition – circulated.
 11573.03 Reminder; annual meeting at Poole Court, 28th June.

Clerk/Clerk's Society

11574.04 Basic training for new clerks, at Whitchurch, 24th July.
 11575.05 Training briefing for clerks re Town & Country Planning Act 1999.

Campaign to Protect Rural England

11576.06 *Countryside Voice*, summer 2007 edition – circulated.

Clerk/Clerks' Society

11577.07 33rd National Conference to be held in Coventry, w/e 26/28 October.

11578.08 Elections/Applications for Parish Council
Information booklet: "Get Involved: Get Informed - Make a Difference".

11579.09 Health Authority/Care Services
Smoke Free Legislation and Nuisance.

11580.10 Parish Projects & Related Matters
Minutes of Parish Plan Group meeting, 1st June.
11581.11 'The Questionnaire', advance warning on local notice boards.

11582.12 Playgrounds/Youth Activities
Equipment leaflet from SMP.
11583.13 Wicksteed offer their help in dealing with any problems.

11584.14 Railways
Train timetables for SB to Temple Meads rail journeys.

11585.15 Redwick Road/New Passage
Richard Parry (Rifle Range) contact re Wetland Reserve.

11586.16 Roads/Road Signs
Problem with speed warning sign, Ableton Lane, to be dealt with.

11587.17 Rural Areas/Local Plans
Supplementary Planning Document; consultation draft.
11588.18 SPD, Local List brochure – circulated.
11589.19 Consultations on Town & Country Regulations 2004.

11590.20 Stationery/Circulars/Books
LCR magazine, May edition – circulated.
11591.21 LCR magazine, June edition – circulated.
11592.22 Bago of Dudley, "Hand Tools for Litter" handbook.

11593.23 South Gloucestershire Council
Council meetings for July 2007.
11594.24 Cabinet meeting, 25th June in Thornbury.
11595.25 Audit and Accounts Committee, 27th June in Kingswood.
11596.26 Children & Young People Select Committee.
11597.27 Children & Young People Strategic Partnership, 19th June, Kingswood.
11598.28 Community Care & Housing Select Committee, 20th June, Kingswood.
11599.29 Corporate Coordination Select Committee, 27th June in Kingswood.
11600.30 Development Control Committee, Thursday 14th June in Thornbury.
11601.31 Development Control Committee, Thursday 5th July in Thornbury.
11602.32 Health and Well-Being Strategic Partnership, 26th June in Kingswood.
11603.33 Health Scrutiny Select Committee, 27th June in Thornbury.
11604.34 Licensing, Regulatory & General Purposes Committee, 21/6, Kingswood.
11605.35 Local Strategic Partnership, 22nd June in Kingswood.

South Gloucestershire Council (cont)

11606.36 Planning, Trans & Strat Enviro Select Committee, 4th July in Thornbury.

11607.37 Safer & Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership, 15/6, Kingswood.

11608.38 Executive Decisions, w/e 1st June.

11609.39 Executive Decisions, w/e 8th June.

11610.40 Executive Decisions, w/e 15th June.

11611.41 Executive Decisions, w/e 22nd June.

11612.42 Executive Decisions, w/e 29th June.

11613.43 Quality Parish Council scheme – executive summary.

11614.44 Information on ‘Smokefree South Gloucestershire’.

11615.45 Parish representative sought for Standards Committee.

11616.46 Community engagement officer seeks info on annual parish meetings.

11617.47 Ditto-seeks info on protocol for communication between SGC and Clerks.

Street Furniture& Lighting

11618.48 Glasdon of Lancashire; seating brochure.

11619.49 Glasdon news-sheet, general items.

11620.50 Glasdon summer news-sheet, litter bins.

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy

11621.51 Legislation notice re decriminalisation of parking enforcement.

11622.52 Highways notify changes to parking enforcement as from 2nd July.

Voluntary & Community Groups

11623.53 ‘Heritage Volunteer’ train to run on 31st July. Event at Bitton.

11624.54 Voluntary Action – information for chairmen and treasurers.

11625.55 CVS South Gloucestershire; Trustees network to be launched.

11626.56 Volunteer Centre, Thornbury, annual report – circulated.

11627.57 Summer newsletter, Disability Action Group – circulated.

Planning

11628.58 Delegated decisions, w/e 21st April 2007.

11629.59 Delegated decisions, w/e 28th April 2007.

11630.60 Delegated decisions, w/e 5th May 2007.

11631.61 Delegated decisions, w/e 12th May 2007.

11632.62 Delegated decisions, w/e 19th May 2007.

11633.63 Delegated decisions, w/e 26th May 2007.

11634.64 Delegated decisions, w/e 2nd June 2007.

11635.65 Delegated decisions, w/e 9th June 2007.

11636.66 Delegated decisions, w/e 16th June 2007.

Accounts/Donations

11637.67 AOL, internet charge (Jun). Item 5-3 refers.

11638.68 AOL, internet charge (Jul). Item 5-6 refers.

11639.69 Post Office, Clerk’s telephone account. Item 5-7 refers.

11640.70 Nomination for annual award, Pilning School.

11641.71 Nomination for annual award, R&N School.

Accounts/Donations (cont)

11642.72 Nomination for annual award, SB School. All, item 5-8 refers.
 11643.73 Mr I Roberts, grass cutting, June. Item 5-9 refers.
 11644.74 S Glos Council, charges for uncontested election. Item 5-10 refers.
 11645.75 Alzheimer's Society, donation request. Item 5-11 refers.
 11646.76 SB Neighbourhood Watch, donation request. Item 5-12 refers.
 11647.77 SB Mother & Toddler group, donation request. Item 5-13 refers.
 11648.78 Victim Support Avondale, thank you. Item 5-10, June minutes, refers.
 11649.79 Senior Citizens Forum, thank you. Item 5-11, June minutes, refers.
 11650.80 SARA, letter of thanks. Item 5-13, minutes 4th June, refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 - 1	£ 674.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (Jun)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol	111
5 - 3	£ 15.99	AOL	Internet charges (Jun)	111
5 - 4	£ 674.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (Jul)	112
5 - 5	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol	111
5 - 6	£ 15.99	AOL	Internet charges (Jul)	111
5 - 7	£ 43.97	Post Office	Clerk's telephone	111
5 - 8	£ 75.00	3 Local Schools	Annual awards	137
5 - 9	£ 350.00	Mr I Roberts	Grass cutting (Jun)	*
5 -10	£ 350.00	S Glos Council	Election charges	RPA
5 -11	£ 25.00	Alzheimer's Society	Donation	137
5 -12	£ 100.00	N'hood Watch	Donation	137
5 -13	£ 200.00	SB M & Toddler	Donation	137
5 -14	£ 350.00	SB Brownies	Donation	137
5 -15	£ 140.00	Jane Davey	Parish Plan expenses	111
5 -16	£ 147.00	Care for Elderly	Travel expenses	LGRA
5 -17	£ 350.00	Mr I Roberts	Grass cutting (Jul)	*
5 -18	£ 638.21	Jane Davey	Parish Plan expenses	111
5 -19	£ 100.00	Mr R Lees	Parish Plan expenses	111
5 -20	£ 325.48	C & R Fencing	Repairs to tennis court	LGMP
£4674.64				

Items 5-1 to 5-8, inclusive, paid as one cheque.

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

5 - 9 (Playing fields -LG(MP) Act 1979, s19
 (Sea wall gardens -Public Health Act 1875, s164
 5 -10 Representation of the People Act 1983, s36(5)
 5 -16 Local Government & Rating Act 1997
 5 -20 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. NC 2. DH All agreed

Current bank balance, prior to payments above

£50,407.42 (Including interest for April)

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

JD enquired about equipment mentioned at a previous meeting. Designed to allow footpath access for horses but not for motorbikes, the Clerk had no recollection of this matter. As Public Rights of Way would have to fit these restraints, Clerk to enquire of PRoW department as to availability.

7. AGENDA

7 – 1 Severnside Development

Nothing to report.

7 - 2 Village Halls

Clerk to follow up on contractor carrying out clearance work at former play area. Hedgerows require cutting back. Clerk to deal.

7 – 3 Parish Plan Update

The questionnaire, well-advertised, has been slightly delayed, but is now being circulated. Arrangements were made to bring finances up to date.

7 - 4 Youth Activities

NB gave a comprehensive report on her efforts to arrange funding and furnish new play equipment. Initial attempts to obtain funding have proved unsuccessful, and the provision of dirt tracks, youth shelters and other equipment appear to be exorbitantly expensive. Agreed council would financially support the provision of a youth shelter. CW indicated to those present that council had never been reluctant to fund facilities for local youth. Unfortunately the many thousands spent over the last few years had been little appreciated and the facilities provided had already been subjected to overwhelmingly destructive forces.

Agreed that refurbishment of the tennis court would take priority. NB to liaise with Ian Humphries (Chairman of Governors, SB School) because of his contacts with local coaches in several major sports.

7 – 5 Planning Applications

DH indicated that the applications for flats at 105 and 115 Beach Road had been refused on the basis of not encouraging additional habitation in the vicinity. PT confirmed that for some time the District Council had tended to limit or refuse applications for the area. Any developments within the parish had resulted from prior agreements or appeals leading to decisions of council being overturned. The 'restriction' zone included the entire parish, and Almondsbury, to the Fox Inn in Easter Compton. The Environment Agency, consulted on all planning applications, is actively discouraging flood plain development.

7 – 6 Overgrowth

The hedge adjacent to 1 Northover Court has caused visual difficulties for drivers exiting the Court. Although now trimmed back, overgrowth from the Court up to Northwick Bridge requires attention. Noted that growth, along Northwick Road from

the overbridge to Mill Farm, at Jackson Close, and in Redwick Road near to the Wick Road bus shelter, requires attention.

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Minutes/PSBPC/2.07.2007

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7 – 7 Village Matters

Footpaths – The matter of the closed footpath opposite Newstop in Beach Road is now lodged within the legal department, and will be considered in due course.

Roads/Road Signs – NC enquired about the Bolisha beacon on the south side of the zebra crossing at Cross Hands. Either the birch tree requires trimming or the beacon must be lowered.

Schools – There is much local demand for information regarding the new school. Contact to be made with Therese Gillespie.

Travellers – Some disquiet over the lack of action over enforcement matters. Contact to be made. PT stated that whilst the inspection committee had overruled enforcement over their decision not to act re the Mongan site, no decision, or action, had yet been forthcoming.

7 – 8 Reports

RIVER, SEAWALL & ENVIRONS – PT attended an ‘Estuary Day’ in Clevedon. Much of the talk centred on the barrage proposals.

BRIDGES VISITOR CENTRE – Further to the UWE student project on the centre, PT is awaiting the follow-up summary. Subject to approval, information could, perhaps, be displayed on the Information Day in September.

SIRENS TRUST – The next meeting is imminent. Responding to a question by IH, PT suggested that new residents should have been made aware of the siren system in their solicitor's searches. Agreed there were a number of aspects of local life that new residents could usefully be made aware of.

RAILWAYS - PT is to attend a rail working group meeting in the near future.

8. PLANNING

8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT07/1640/F Hazardous substance storage, Aylon Works Comments

8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT07/162/F Porch at 17 Denny Isle Drive, SB Permit

PT07/1265/F Extension/balcony at 56 Redwick Road Refuse

PT07/1384/F Noise bund, The Nursery, New Passage Refuse

8 – 3 Application Withdrawn

PT07/1331/F 3 Flats at 105 Beach Road, SB

Next Council Meeting to be held at Pilning Village Hall on Monday 3rd September.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 8.54 PM

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

JCR