

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2012, commencing at 6.30 pm,
in SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS Mr I L Roberts (Chairman), Mrs F C A Barr MBE
 PRESENT (10) Mrs N A Chappell, Mrs J A Fennell, Mrs Y Gaulton,
 Mr R W Hampson, Mr I W Humphries, Mr A J Lewis,
 Mr M D Pruett, Mrs C E Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr R C Griffin (S Glos Councillor) and
 12 members of the public (Mr Nick Baylis of Beach Road, Mr
 Colin Brickell of School Way, Ms Abby Elliott-Taylor of Beach
 Road, Mrs Jill Fysh Road, Mr Stephen Geary of Beach Road, Mr
 John Kiely of Church Road, Mr Paul Kiely of Albert Road, Mr
 Robin Kirby, Mr Brian & Mrs Gill Taylor and Ms Alison Watts,
 all of Beach Road + Mr Sam Phelps, representing Xenior Park
 Wood Processing, Church Road).

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Starting slightly late (at 6.40 pm), Mr David Williams, General Manager of the local depot and Mr Malcolm Keat, Business Solutions Director (representing Warburtons' Bakery), spoke with members regarding plans for a local wind turbine scheme.

Mr Keat spoke of Warburtons' development, their base in Bolton and their involvement in the national distribution of bread products. He accepted that local residents would have concerns, particularly in respect of noise and visual amenity. He stressed that sound levels would conform to ETSU standards and operating levels were guaranteed by the manufacturers. Those who are aware of the turbines in Avonmouth must be aware that at 120 metres in height they were almost twice the height of the turbine planned by Warburtons. At Western Approach the turbine would produce just 340 Kw of power compared to the 2 Mw produced by those at Avonmouth.

FCAB stressed the distinctive nature of the area, particularly the open river channel aspect, the flat terrain and the constant winds, all of which meant that noise would be a constant problem. FCAB and neighbours can hear the noise from operations in Avonmouth, 6 miles away. NAC asked whether consideration had been given to the noise emissions and their effect on Pilning and Marsh Common, placed in line with the development and the prevailing wind. Asked whether construction of the turbine would create a precedent, Mr Keat confirmed they planned only a single turbine.

With the time a little after 7.00 pm. MK and DW departed, having been thanked for their attendance.

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1a APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Alderman P L Tyzack - due to a prior commitment.

ILR extended a welcome to RWH, following a long period of illness.

1b ELECTION of CHAIRMAN

ILR, proposed CEW, seconded AJL.

ILR said he would be willing to serve a second term but had intended to propose IWH and accordingly did so. No one seconded this proposal. Apart from 2 Abstentions (IWH & ILR), there was a unanimous vote in favour of Mr Roberts. Nominations for Vice Chairman were sought. IWH, proposed CEW, seconded FCAB, was elected unopposed.

The list of officers, largely unchanged, may be found at Appendix A (Page 37A).

**The Chairman asked those present to observe a minute's silence
as a mark of respect for former resident Chris Copik,
Arthur McNeill of Keens Grove and
Mrs Joyce T Newton of Beach Avenue, all recently deceased**

2a MINUTES of the PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd April 2012 were approved as a true record.

1. NAC 2. FCAB All agreed.

2b MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Clerk apologised, having forgotten to bring the minute book. The minutes will accordingly be considered for approval at the June meeting.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS3 - 1 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Distribution of jubilee mugs to local children will take place on Saturday 26th May. Mugs will be issued from the village halls. Electoral roll copies required.

3 - 2 Local Facilities & Amenities

Councillors agreed that a request for a notice board, accessible to any member of public, was reasonable. Trinity Hall is to be converted to residential use. The board placed there for many years will no longer be available. Agreed to approach the Scouts to ask whether a notice board might be mounted outside Mafeking Hall. If the board at Trinity Hall cannot be used the parish council will purchase a new one.

3 - 3 Elections/Applications for Parish Council

Mr Tyzack recently suggested that consideration could reasonably be given to amending representation levels for the 2 wards. Whilst council did not necessarily agree with this, the council response has been made and the deadline has passed.

3 - 4 Travellers

Reported that the Police were unwilling to acknowledge there was a problem with traveller road races on the A403. Despite local residents reporting these events if incident numbers are not issued there is no record of the report being made.

With the sale of the Mongan site about to take place, agreed that a site meeting with the potential buyer, Mr Babbage, might prove to be useful. FCAB is concerned by the height of the bund facing Bank Road and stressed that it could not be extended to the rhine because of potential earth slippage and the need for maintenance access.

3 - 5 Medical

IWH is still not satisfied with the response from David Swift, Technical Officer with the Road Safety Transport Strategy Team at S Glos, re fence at doctors' surgery.. ILR suggested that after 4 letters, leading to identical responses from 2 different officers, it was time to move on. FCAB asked for a vote on the topic. On a proposal to accept the verdict that the fence is safe, the vote was 6 For, 3 Against (FCAB, NAC, IWH), 1 Abstained (ILR). This matter is now closed.

4. CORRESPONDENCEAllotments

15291.01 Email enquiry from Allotment Association re dog and child nuisance.
 15292.02 Email enquiry from A A re grass cutting.
 15293.03 A A request for greenhouses, with suggestions for control regulation.
 15294.04 Chris Cox, S Glos, seeks clarification re status of club house.

Avon Local Councils' Association

15295.05 *L C R Magazine*, spring edition – circulated.

Clerk/Clerks' Society

15296.06 *The Clerk*, March edition – circulated.
 15297.07 *The Clerk*, May edition – circulated.

Campaign to Protect Rural England

15298.08 *Countryside Voice*, Spring 2012 edition - circulated.
 15299.09 *CPRE Members Guide*, 2012 edition – circulated.

Footpaths

15300.10 Mr P Tyzack comments on ownership of the Beach Avenue path.
 15301.11 Update on Bank Road path by Lindsay Saunders.
 15302.12 Bank Road path matter referred to Secretary of State.

Local Facilities & Amenities

15303.13 Heather Rickards asks for new public notice board.

Local Industry

15304.14 Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, monthly update.
 15305.15 Environment Agency report to shareholder group, April edition.
 15306.16 Quarterly site report on Oldbury, from ONR.
 15307.17 Minutes of Stakeholder group meeting, 18 April.
 15308.18 Due to refurbishment programme, no Severnside siren testing in May.

Marsh Common

15309.19 Comment from Mr Tyzack re 'over-large' development.
 15310.20 Site inspection to be held, Friday 12th May.

Medical

15311.21 Response re fence at doctors' surgery.

Northwick (incl Tower, Cemetery, Ingst)
15312.22 Update by Jackie Grose re development at Warth Lane.

Playgrounds/Youth Activities
15313.23 Comment re youth bus re-directed to Margaret Lamb.
15314.24 Nottsport of Lutterworth promote synthetic surface solutions.

Railway
15315.25 Response re complaints of poor rail service into Severn Beach.
15316.26 Friends of Suburban Bristol Railway brochure – circulated.

River, Seawall & Environs
15317.27 Response re parking sign to be investigated.
15318.28 Parking sign problem under consideration.
15319.29 Email from RCG re request for handrail at burger bar path.
15320.30 *Severn Tidings*, spring 2012 edition – circulated.

Schools
15321.31 SB School invite members to attend the “Goldcrest Way” celebration.

South Gloucestershire Council
15322.32 South Gloucestershire News, spring 2012 edition – distributed.

Street Furniture & Lighting
15323.33 Glasdon products brochure.

Travellers
15324.34 Sale of Mongan land, earth bunds to be constructed.
15325.35 General comment by ILR re traveller land at Gipsies Plat.

Trees/Tree Planting
15326.36 Wood processing at Xander Park permitted by PT10/1235/RVC.
15327.37 Update on current situation above, processing suspended.
15328.38 Problems and dangers relating to wood processing operations.
15329.39 Response to ILR re notified problems at wood processing yard.
15330.40 Further response re above.
15331.41 Mr Tyzack recommends protection for mature trees at Ableton Court.

Utilities – Electricity
15332.42 MDP requests poster to advertise Warburton planning application.
15333.43 G Phillips of SITA requests opportunity to speak with council.
15334.44 Further meetings re Hinkley connection programme to be held.

Village Halls
15335.45 Comment by Doug Nethercott re future of village halls.

Voluntary/Community Groups
15336.46 Volunteer Centre, annual report 2011-2012, circulated.

Voluntary/Community Groups (cont)

15337.47 DAG magazine, March newsletter – circulated.
 15338.48 S Glos Over 50s Forum newsletter, spring edition – distributed.
 15339.49 SG O/50s Forum Annual General Meeting, 16th May at Warmley.

Website/IT

15340.50 Submissions indicate overwhelming support for faster services.

Planning

15341.51 Delegated decisions, w/e 18th February 2012.
 15342.52 Delegated decisions, w/e 25th February 2012.
 15343.53 Delegated decisions, w/e 3rd March 2012.
 15344.54 Delegated decisions, w/e 10th March 2012.
 15345.55 Delegated decisions, w/e 17th March 2012.
 15346.56 Delegated decisions, w/e 24th March 2012.
 15347.57 Delegated decisions, w/e 31st March 2012.
 15348.58 Delegated decisions, w/e 7th April 2012.

Accounts/Donations

15349.59 Post Office, postage stamps. Item 5-4 refers.
 15350.60 Post Office, phone/internet costs. Item 5-5 refers.
 15351.61 C P R E, annual subscription. Item 5-6 refers.
 15352.62 Headley Bros, LCR magazine subscription. Item 5-7 refers.
 15353.63 Over 50s Forum, donation. Item 5-8 refers.
 15354.64 Care for Elderly, attendance allowance. Item 5-9 refers.
 15355.65 Mr M Fisher, grass cutting. Item 5-10 refers.
 15356.66 S Glos Council, booking fee (SB School). Item 5-11 refers.
 15357.67 Mr M Pruett, mobile 'phone charge. Item 5-12 refers.
 15358.68 Aon Insurance, annual premium. Item 5-13 refers.
 15359.69 Thank you, from Pilning Church. Item 5-16, minutes 2nd April, refers.
 15360.70 Thank you, Emmaus Church. Item 5-17, minutes 2nd April, refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 - 1	£ 791.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk's wages (Apr)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 - 3	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol (August 2011)	111
5 - 4	£ 7.20	Post Office	Postage stamps	111
5 - 5	£ 78.67	Post Office	Telephone/internet	111
5 - 6	£ 29.00	C P R E	Subscription	142
5 - 7	£ 15.50	Headley Bros	LCR magazine	142
5 - 8	£ 50.00	O/50s Forum	Donation	137
5 - 9	£ 178.00	Care for Elderly	Attendance allowance	LGRA
5 - 10	£ 755.00	M J Fisher	Grass Cutting	*
5 - 11	£ 25.00	S Glos Council	Booking (SB School)	111
5 - 12	£ 6.80	Mr M Pruett	Mobile 'phone charge	111
5 - 13	£2368.99	Aon Insurance	Annual Premium	111
5 - 14	£ 150.00	Mr I Roberts	Chairman's Hon (part)	15(5)
	<u>£4555.16</u>			

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT (cont)

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

5 - 9	Local Government & Rating Act 1997
5 - 10	(Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19 (Public Health Act 1875, s164

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

Bank balance, prior to payments above = **£47,960.69** (interest to March inclusive).

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. FCAB
2. CEW

All agreed.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Mr John Kiely of Church Road spoke of his intention to submit a planning application for the site adjacent to the northerly end of Gipsies Plat. Having ascertained the intention is to maintain the current building line with 2 new houses, the parish council confirmed they would be supportive of Mr Kiely's proposals. St Nicholas' Anglican Church previously stood on the site, as did a smaller building used by the local scout group. The church, a corrugated iron structure, opened in September 1929, services being held in the building until November 2001. Declared unsafe the church stood empty before being demolished at the end of 2006. Fenced, but untended, the site became overgrown and used as an illegal dump until being sold and cleared. Two smart new houses would vastly improve the local outlook. No precedent would be created as the site was previously built on and infilling the site would properly establish the plot as part of the built environment. Only flooding concerns would need to be addressed. These can readily be dealt with at foundation level, though it is fair to say the ground has never flooded since the church was built. .

2. Mr Sam Phelps, representing Xander Park, the wood storage site in Church Road, spoke about their plans to expand into a nearby available field. They are to apply for permission to erect a 'country-style' building, in which the processing operation will take place. Clerk confirmed that the parish council had opposed the original application for a wood storage yard and had also, in 2009, opposed the removal of condition 1, which prevented any recycling operation from taking place. Whilst now having to accept that wood can be stored and processed it was wholly inappropriate for processing to continue after the mist damping machine had ceased to operate. It is a requirement that such procedures are carried out in an enclosed environment, which they were not, and operators were irresponsible in continuing with their work, thus subjecting many local residents to toxic dust inhalation.

3. Mrs Jill Fysh spoke on behalf of the SB Allotment Association, mainly to ask whether council would permit greenhouses to be erected on-site, one having already been put up. A number of other issues have been raised in emails. Following discussion agreed the main paths on the site should be cut once a year, perhaps in April. Some leaseholders have collectively purchased a mower with which they are currently cutting the grass. Other than for the annual cut, responsibility would continue to rest with them. On a vote, 6 For, 2 Against (IWH, MDP), 2 Abstained (ILR, YG), agreed council will allow greenhouses to be erected, subject to conditions relating to placement, size and base used. All glazing will be of polycarbonate and not glass. Detail to be confirmed and advised. All decisions relating to other matters to be relayed to allotment holders.

7. AGENDA

7 – 1 Local Major Developments

A site meeting is to be held at Marsh Common on Friday to consider the application for 2 warehouses which includes development of the 200 metre buffer zone. ILR will address committee on the matter. FCAB also to attend.

7 - 2 Village Halls

Regarding the email received from Doug Nethercott, a number of points were clarified. The parish council, as a body, are trustees of Pilning Village Hall. In October 2011, IWH on behalf of the parish council suggested that extra guarantees could be put in place if SB VH were to appoint the council as trustees. There was no suggestion of potential profit for the parish council, quite the contrary, as it would result in council being responsible financially if the hall was forced to close down due to lack of support by the public. On behalf of SB VH, Jennie Macleod refused the offer and with the appointment of a new committee and increased interest the problem no longer exist, at least for the time being.

As for having a duty of care, the parish council has been particularly prudent during the last financial year. Expenditure is at its lowest level for many years and reserves high. The debt arising from fitting a new roof at SB has now been cleared and village hall expenditure is at a low level. Both committees have been made aware of the need for forward planning in financial matters.

In March 2010, ILR was tasked with the duty of investigating a rebuilding programme at Pilning. In April 2012 he approached an architect with a view to producing a feasibility study. As for SB VH, slightly different rules apply. FCAB stated that SB VH is held on trust for the children of SB. This is apparently an arrangement which cannot be altered – without the say so of the entire community. Accordingly, the ‘progress’ (or otherwise) of SB VH is not something that can readily be influenced by the parish council, other than by imposing financial constraints upon improper expenditure (in the form of precept funding)

That there is no suitable site for a hall which would serve both villages is somewhat immaterial in the circumstances. Whilst P VH may be subject to conditions laid down in the property deeds, investigations by ILR can continue on the basis that the building of a new facility could be explored. The future of the current hall can be considered later – before any expenditure goes ahead.

7 - 3 Travellers

The problem at SB is ongoing. The owner of the field claims to have a right of access off Gipsies Plat, thus insisting the bollards must be removed. The parish council requires sight of the document to confirm this. The ownership of Gipsies Plat appears to be unknown. ILR feels aggrieved that his ‘phone number has been passed to the field owner who has since been making a nuisance of himself.

7 - 4 Allotments (Severn Beach)

Rental of £1,000 has been paid, the new lease not yet being agreed. The future of the hall needs to be written into the agreement. Agreed, 9 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstained (YG) that the building remain locked and unused for the present.

7 - 5 Village Matters

Footpaths - IWH finds it extraordinary that S Glos should have altered the gate system from the church path onto Cross Hands Road. Whilst it is a public footpath the gate belongs to the parish council. Although the parent ('phoning rather than child-watching) is at fault for allowing her child to race through the gate, the involvement of the Health & Safety Executive clearly over rides other considerations. "Close the gates" signs to be obtained.

NAC indicated problems for Wasp scooters being unable to negotiate the gate at the Bank Road end of the path. Radar keys can be obtained from S Glos.

Street Furniture & Lighting – NAC complained that public benches are still untreated. OJM to be asked to deal.

River, Seawall & Environs – Whilst the 'eyesore' remains, there are plans soon to be submitted to promote the future of the Burger Bar facility.

Roads/Road Signs – The 'No Parking' sign on the seawall has now been covered in graffiti. Further contact by the Environment Agency is awaited.

RH reported on double parking by delivery drivers on Beach Road, causing problems, the local bus being blocked recently. Motorists are already parking over the new footway at Marsh Common. Will parking increase when the footway is completed?

Village Greens – FCAB suggested that further efforts might be warranted in investigating the registration of the traveller field to the rear of SB playing field. Proposed FCAB, seconded CEW, all agreed, that council join The Open Spaces Society, hopefully to obtain some helpful information.

Travellers – ILR has been approached by Lloyd Nethercott who asked about the feasibility of setting up a local group to consider the strategy re possible traveller problems. Suggested ILR inform him this is a good idea.

7 - 6 Reports

RCG stated that 60 stolen horses have now been recovered. Despite this travellers continue to break into and trespass on private land.

8. PLANNING8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT12/0844/F	Cider Barn Cottage, Whitehouse Lane, use change	No objection
PT12/1223/CLP	2 Meadow View, alterations	No objection
PT12/1281/F	2m palisade fence at Pilning School, Bank Road	Objection
PT12/1282/ADV	Non-illuminated sign, Pilning School	Objection

8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT12/0395/F Change of use, Pilning school to living/working unit Permit

Next Council Meeting – Severn Beach School on Wednesday, 6th June 2012

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 9.45PM

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

JCR

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