

# Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council

## Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7pm at Pilning Village Hall, Pilning

Prior to the meeting Mr Chris Speller and Mr Andy O'Brian of Bristol Energy Co-operative (BEC) were welcomed to speak about their involvement in the proposed Wind Farm at Ingst (planning application reference PT12/4071/F). Background information on BEC was given with an overview of their involvement in the development and the recent purchase agreement (June 2013) if planning permission is granted to Reg Wind Power for the site at Valley Farm, Ingst Hill, Olveston.

Questions were received by Mr Speller and Mr O'Brian in relation to traffic and in particular volume of traffic and the type of road being used to access the site. The Parish Council were informed that a temporary exit off the M48 had been granted by the Highways Agency and the traffic on local roads would be timetabled. Mr Speller recommended more in depth questions regarding statistics should be addressed to the developer direct and he offered to supply their contact details.

The Chairman thanked Mr Speller and Mr O'Brian for attending.

**COUNCILLORS (9)** Mr I.L. Roberts(Chairman), Mrs J.A. Fennell, Mrs N Chappell, Mr Ivor Humphries, Mrs C.E. Woodhouse, Mr T Lewis, Mr Ivor Humphries, Mrs F.C.A. Barr MBE, Mr M Pruett & Mr K Weeks

Also Present: - Mrs Victoria Bywater (Clerk), Mr Hathaway of Northwick, Mr C Brickell of SB & Mr J Mason of Easter Compton.

**The Chairman asked those present to observe a minute's silence for Mrs Muriel Withers of Albert Road, Severn Beach and Colin Cornish of Salthouse Farm, Severn Beach as a mark of respect for those recently deceased.**

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Action By</b>
<b>2013-11-1 Apologies for absence</b>	Apologies were received from Mr Ian Humphries	
<b>2013-11-2 Declarations of Interest</b>	None	
<b>2013-11-3 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting</b>	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2013 had been previously circulated in the most part by email. The minutes of the meeting of 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2013 were agreed as a true record with 3 minor amendments. Proposed by NC and seconded by MP. All in favour.	
<b>2013-11-4 Matters Arising</b>	Rugby pavilion on-going. Now waiting for EDF to remove their meter before the rest of the work can commence. The families of those buried in the new Pilning Cemetery who had not previously responded, were contacted again with only 1 further reply making a total of 10 positive responses from 13 families. Avon Displays chased again regarding the sign at the Allotment site but they are too busy at the moment. VB asked for permission to instruct Avonmouth Signs to provide the sign. All agreed. NC, FCAB & IR attended the Safer Stronger meeting on 30th October 2013 at Hallen where questions were raised with the Head of Planning of S.Glos Council.	VB

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	<p>The money from the Severnvalle Area Forum has not come through yet so VB advised she has therefore not been able to thank the forum for the money. VB instructed to send the complaint to the Standards Committee as per the minutes of the previous meeting.</p> <p>MP advised he had attended the blocked footpath and it has now been cleared. MP asked for permission to seek quotes for the rail at the Burger Bar steps. MP to investigate options for the steps rail.</p>	<p>VB</p> <p>MP</p>
<b>2013-11-5 Correspondence</b>	<p>Further to Appendix A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donation request from Severnvalle United YFC. It was agreed to give £250.00.</li> <li>• Although a response regarding the trees had been received, VB further instructed to write to Merlin Housing Association asking what measures will be taken to prevent vandalism to the building as the residents move from the building.</li> <li>• Decision on the Buy Back scheme. After discussion, it was decided to further investigate the frequency of the cutting proposed for the price and where the shrub bed is maintained. VB to accept the Buy Back scheme and find out the answers to the queries raised.</li> <li>• Donation request from Victim Support. It was agreed to donate £50.00.</li> </ul>	<p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p>
<b>2013-11-6 Accounts for Payment</b>	<p>Please see Appendix B</p> <p>Proposed by CW and seconded by FCAB, all agreed.</p>	
<b>2013-11-7 Public Participation</b>	<p>No requests had been received. The Chair invited members of the public to speak if they wished. Mr Colin Brickell confirmed he was keeping a watchful eye on Ableton Court, Severn Beach as the building becomes less occupied. CW thanked him.</p>	
<b>2013-11-8 New Business</b>	<p><u>1.Local Major Developments</u></p> <p>Westgate Development – to decide specific questions to be raised with developers and appoint a ‘working group’.</p> <p>FCAB reported on the Safer Stronger Group meeting attended by FCAB, NC, IR &amp; VB on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Hallen. Brian Glasson of S.Glos Planning Department had been in attendance taking questions about the Westgate Development. In summary, he had agreed there was very little that could be done about the development accept working with the developers to mitigate against traffic problems and general landscaping. After discussion, the following questions were raised to be given by VB to the developer ahead of the meeting planned for the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at Easter Compton Village Hall at 2pm.</p> <p>a) How will the development be constructed and serviced with 7.5 tonne weight limits on the B4055?</p>	<p>VB</p>

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	<p>b) Would the developer consider contribution to the much-needed new junction on the M49?</p> <p>c) Could there be any additional landscaping or environmental areas added other than those shown?</p> <p>MP, IR, IvorH, FCAB &amp; NC to attend the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><u>2.Village Halls/Playing Fields</u></p> <p>a) Severn Beach Village Hall – JF reported that the Secretary had been unwell at the last meeting so there was little to report. JF confirmed that if possible the committee will allow a mobile catering unit in the car park subject to relevant licence applications.</p> <p>b) Pilning Village Hall –</p> <p>To appoint a ‘working group’ to meet regularly with the architect and other professionals as necessary. After discussion, CW, MP, IR appointed as Parish Council representatives and it was suggested that a member of the Pilning Pips and Village Hall Committee also should be invited to join.</p> <p>VB asked if the £3000 raised for play equipment should be kept separately from the main reserve account. After discussion about the play equipment in need of replacement at Pilning Play Area due to the component parts being obsolete, it was decided to leave the money in the reserve account to pay for the replacements required at Pilning.</p> <p>IR reported a meeting he had had with Mr Byrne regarding the access to the playing field at Pilning and in particular the locked gate and car obstructing the access. IR had agreed with Mr Byrne to add a new padlock and chain to the gate which the Parish Council and the grass-cutter would hold a key for. Mr Byrne had agreed that the car would be removed whenever requested with some notice to be given.</p> <p><u>3.Allotments</u> – KW asked for an update on the letters sent to the allotment holders at SB who were not keeping their plot in good order. VB confirmed 3 notice to quit letters had been issued and 3 warning letters. VB advised that only one response had been received from one of the warning letters informing the Parish Council that there had been family illness. VB &amp; FCAB had agreed a 6 month trial period with this particular tenant.</p> <p><u>4.Cemeteries</u> – It was agreed that this had previously been covered in the meeting.</p> <p><u>5.Village Matters</u></p> <p>CW reported a news article she had read regarding poppy seeds being given by the Royal British Legion. CW to try and obtain some seeds.</p> <p>IvorH reported the continual parking of cars opposite the bus stop and on the pavement on the B4055 near the traffic lights in Pilning. VB to write to the traffic warden informing them.</p> <p>NC asked if VB could write to the grass-cutting contractors who cut the grass opposite the Mafeking Hall asking them not to trim the tree down.</p> <p>NC reported the wooden panelling on the former railway bridge in Pilning had been set on fire recently.</p> <p>NC asked if Lydia’s tree could be pruned which is located near the Burger</p>	<p>VB</p> <p>IR/ VB</p> <p>CW</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p>
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	<p>Bar steps. IR offered to ask the grass-cutter to if he can prune the tree along with the brambles on the steps.</p> <p>MP reported the recently painted benches on the sea wall have had etchings scratched through the paintwork. MP also reported a huge number of scramblers on the land between Western Approaches and Farm Lane which are at times very intimidating.</p> <p>MP would like to thank the Good Samaritans that helped him recently to find his glasses – thank you!</p> <p>FCAB reported that the timings are currently wrong on the street lights. FCAB informed the meeting that they will catch up over the next few weeks. FCAB further reported the metal grids missing on the Sea Wall.</p> <p>VB to write to the Environment Agency informing them and suggesting a vandal-proof option is used as the replacement.</p> <p>FCAB advised the meeting that the current Police Officers who serve Pilning &amp; Severn Beach will be moving to Bradley Stoke and their replacements have yet to be appointed.</p> <p><u>6.Reports</u> Please see Appendix C</p>	<p>IR</p> <p>VB</p>
<p><b>2013-11-9</b> <b>Planning</b></p>	<p><u>Comments sent to S.Glos Council</u> PT13/3378/F 19 Albert Road, Severn Beach – Erection of 1.55m high replacement boundary wall – OBJECT PT13/3000/O – Land at Shaymoor Lane, Pilning – Erection of 1no. dwelling – OBJECT PT13/3807/O – Bank Road, Pilning – Change of use of Gypsy Caravan site to residential development for erection of 14no. dwellings – OBJECT</p> <p><u>Decisions by S Glos. Council</u></p> <p>PT13/2474/F Severn Beach Scouts, 18 Redwick Road, Pilning – Approve with conditions PT13/2905/F 2 School Way, Severn Beach – Approve with conditions PT13/ 1195/F Former St Peter’s Primary School, Bank Road, Pilning – Single storey extension to form extended Nave, entrance lobby and disabled access ramp including new façade on eastern elevation – Permit PT13/2454/F Change of use from BA to mixed use general industrial at Former Focus distribution centre, Western Approach – Permit PT13/2897/F Erection of a 2m fence, gates &amp; new vehicular access at former St Peter’s Primary School, 1B Bank Rd, Pilning – Permit PT13/2461/F Land at Rookery Lane – Approve with conditions</p> <p><u>Notice of Demolition</u> Confirmation of receipt of Notice of Demolition served to S.Glos Council regarding the former rugby pavilion, Severn Beach</p> <p><u>Revised Proposals to Planning Application</u> PT13/2461/F Land at Rookery Lane, Pilning – Change of use of land re. horses, stabling, parking etc.</p>	

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	<u>Meadow View Enforcement</u> – IR confirmed he had chased the Enforcement Team regarding Meadow View site. Discussion followed regarding the temporary planning permission granted on the site which would cease in due course and the proposed development of 14 houses which the Parish Council object to. It was agreed to invite the architect working for the applicant to attend the next parish council meeting prior to the commencement of the meeting to discuss the application.	VB
<b>In Camera</b>	The terms of employment of the Clerk to the Parish Council for a permanent contract for Mrs Victoria Bywater had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to sign the contract making the position permanent. The contract was signed by IR and agreed by all present.	
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2013 at Severn Beach School, Severn Beach THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 8.52 PM.	VB

### APPENDIX A – CORRESPONDENCE

Date Received	Received by	Details	ACTION
07.10.13	Email	S.Glos Press release – Have your say on National Grid proposals for S.Glos.	Circulated
08.10.13	Email	Agenda for Council Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2013 at 7pm, Patchway	Circulated
08.10.13	Email	Poster for display from Little Stoke Music Centre – Saturdays 9.30am – 12 noon	Displayed on notice board
09.10.13	Post	S.Glos Over Fifties Forum Newsletter : Autumn 2013	Circulated
10.10.13	Post	Safer & Stronger Community Group Severnside meeting – 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2013 7pm at Hallen Community Centre, Moorhouse Lane, Hallen BS10 7RT	Circulated
11.10.13	Email	Consultation on S.Glos Council Procurement & Commissioning Strategy Procurement Strategy Oct 2013	Circulated
11.10.13	Post	Invitation to attend the Marlwood School Speech Night – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2013	Replies required asap Passed to NC
11.10.13	Email	Free Trees offer from S.Glos Council	Circulated
11.10.13	Post	Confirmation of Community Governance Review by S.Glos. From Elections in May 2015, Pilning will be represented by 4 councillors and Severn Beach by 6 councillors.	Copy Passed to NC. Full info retained.
13.10.13	Email	NALC E-Bulletin	Circulated
13.10.13	Email	From Sally Garbett regarding the Westgate Development and a plan of action	Discussed at meeting
14.10.13	Email	Hinkley Point C Connection Project – S.Glos response to consultation & seeking any additional views from local parish councils.	Circulated
14.10.13	Letter	From Robert Griffin to the residents and councillors concerned about the unauthorised developments at Mayburn Villa.	Circulated
14.10.13	Letter	Donation request from Severnvale United YFC	Donation £250
16.10.13	Email	S.Glos Press Release – Councillors give green light to Patchway bus-only route	Circulated
16.10.13	Email	Response from St Peter’s Church, Pilning regarding the ivy on the wall	Circulated
16.10.13	Email	Poster for display re S.Glos Age UK assistance	Circulated & displayed
16.10.13	Email	Agenda for Development Control (West) Committee, Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2013 at 2.30pm	Circulated
16.10.13	Email	Thank you letter from St Peter’s Hospice regarding donation	Circulated
21.10.13	Email	Update from the Office for Nuclear Development	Circulated
21.10.13	Email	Copy of letter and petition sent to the Transport Manager of Wessex Regional Office regarding the buses on route 625 Severn Beach	Circulated
21.10.13	Email	Confirmation of attendance at the meeting from Chris Speller regarding the wind farm development at Ingst	Circulated
22.10.13	Email	Confirmation of time of meeting with the Westgate Developers on 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 2pm at Easter Compton Village Hall	Circulated
22.10.13	Email	S.Glos Council Press Release - £1.3m boost for local bus service	Circulated
23.10.13	Post	Copies of the new Bus Service 623	Displayed on notice

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23.10.13	Email	On-line petition regarding the Green Bin Collection service	Circulated
23.10.13	Email	S.Glos Council Press Release – have your say on our new procurement and commissioning strategy	Circulated
23.10.13	Email	Final decision required on the ‘Buy-back’ scheme regarding grass cutting and emptying of dog waste bins etc. from S.Glos.	Agreed
24.10.13	Email	Agenda for Development Control (West) sites inspection sub-committee Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2013 at 9.30am.	Circulated
25.10.13	Post	Letter from Merlin Housing Association in response to our letters regarding trees.	Circulated
25.10.13	Email	E-Bulletin from NALC	Circulated
25.10.13	Email	Great Western Electrification of the railway project briefing on Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2013 at 3-4.30pm & 5.30-7pm at Kingswood	Circulated
26.10.13	Post	S.Glos Deaf Association Winter Newsletter and AGM information	Circulated
28.10.13	Post	Clerks & Councils Direct	Circulated
29.10.13	Post	Open Spaces autumn 2013 Vol 30 No 8	Circulated
30.10.13	Email	Enquiry from architects acting for submitted application at Meadow View, Bank Rd	VB to invite to Dec 13 meeting
30.10.13	Email	S.Glos Council Parish Matters – new bus fare structure introduction	Circulated
30.10.13	Email	S.Glos Heritage Forum & Museum Groups – author events	Circulated
30.10.13	Post	Donation request from Victim Support	Donation £50
31.10.13	Post	From War Memorials Trust regarding the upkeep of War Memorials	Passed to NC
31.10.13	Email	From Robert Griffin regarding Broadband Delivery UK	Circulated
31.10.13	Email	S.Glos Council Policies Sites & Places DPD – Town Centres & Retailing Test	Circulated
31.10.13	Email	From local resident complaining about the new planning application for Meadow View, Bank Road, Pilning	Discussed at meeting
31.10.13	Email	Monthly Community Spaces Consultation & Info for Nov 2013	Circulated
31.10.13	Email	Agenda for Development Control (West) Sites Inspection Sub Committee on Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 9.30am, Thornbury	Circulated
31.10.13	Email	Outdoor Personality of the Year & Open Space Autumn 2013	Circulated
03.11.13	Email	Healthwatch S.Glos November 2013 E Bulletin	Circulated
04.11.13	Email	S.Glos Press Release – Cancer info & support available in S.Glos	Circulated
04.11.13	Letter	Response from S.Glos regarding Bus Service 625	Circulated
04.11.13	Email	From J. Tyzack regarding work required at the Village Hall, Pilning	Discussed at meeting
04.11.13	Post	Invitation to attend a second public exhibition at Easter Compton Village Hall, 4-8pm on Wednesday 13 November 2013 about The Wave	Circulated
04.11.13	Email	S.Glos Press Release – Be safe, be seen as nights draw in	Circulated
04.11.13	Email	Reply from S.Glos Council Enforcement Team regarding Meadow View	Circulated

#### APPENDIX B – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Date	Payee	Details	Net	Reclaimable VAT	Total
04.11.13	Mrs V Bywater	Wages + office payment & fuel allowance	655.40	0.00	655.40
04.11.13	HMRC	NI & PAYE	240.03	0.00	240.03
04.11.13	Mr N Pearce	Odd jobs	103.16	0.00	103.16
04.11.13	Mr M J Fisher	Grass cutting	750.00	0.00	750.00
04.11.13	BT - Direct Debit	Telephone charges	47.27	9.45	56.72
04.11.13	S.Glos Council	Dog waste bins	289.17	57.83	347.00
04.11.13	Western Power Distribution	Disconnection of electricity to Rugby building, SB	520.28	104.06	624.34
04.11.13	DZ Architecture Ltd	Plans Pilning Village Hall	2400.00	0.00	2400.00
04.11.13	Mrs V Bywater	Stamps	20.00	0.00	20.00
04.11.13	Mr M J Fisher	Cemetery grass cutting - 4 cuts	600.00	0.00	600.00
04.11.13	Mr M J Fisher	Grass cutting - lane x 3	120.00	0.00	120.00
04.11.13	Severnvale United YFC	Donation	250.00	0.00	250.00
04.11.13	Victim Support	Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00
04.11.13	Avonmouth Signs	Allotment Sign & Pilning Village Hall Play Equipment signs	94.10	18.82	112.92
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,139.41</b>	<b>190.16</b>	<b>6,329.57</b>

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#### **APPENDIX C – Report from Robert Griffin**

Dear Ward Members,

Wessex Buses Petition – I have been sent a petition with 62 signatures by Jackie Kane about the non performance of the 625 Wessex buses in our area. I will be presenting this to the next PTSE committee of South Glos. Council on 20th November at Thornbury.

Severn Beach Online Fare Petition – This has 30 signatories and we need some more before we can submit it.

Ableton Lane – The Bus Stop hard standing opposite Abbot Road has a 10 metre lateral crack in it. Streetcare ref: 5464.

Living Wage – South Glos. Council is paying this hourly rate of £7.45 per hour from 1st October to all Hay 13-15 grades. This is outside all other wage negotiations and not to be confused with the minimum wage.

Wild Place – Safer & Stronger has arranged for white lines at the entrance/exit to be painted.

Bilsham Lane – A large tree trunk has been dumped in the rhine blocking it. Passed to Streetcare Ref: 6214.

Speed Checks - In both Easter Compton & Pilning on the 23rd October.

Apprenticeship schemes – Our council is actively encouraging young people to join these schemes.

Village Greens – New regulations have now come into force. This is to save £1.3 million pa. as many applications cause the Councils unnecessary Legal Battles, reduced Land prices and suppress local development.

English Heritage – have been contacted by our Parish Council to investigate the possibility of registering our Victorian Post Box opposite Caroline Cottage at New Passage.

Farm Lane, Compton Greenfield/ Western Approaches – The skips restricting access to 4-wheeled vehicles have been moved to let these through. Streetcare requested to re-position them.

Green Bin Petition – There is a local Beach 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 33 signatories.

Network Rail – South West Electrification Seminar – I attended this presentation and noted that the Pilning Station Footbridge will be rebuilt higher to cope with pantographs for the electrification. This will be carried out in 2014. During this process the trackside area with be cleared up to their boundary or 6 metres from the track.

Nuclear Power – On behalf of South Glos. Council I attended a meeting in Somerset on the future nuclear power stations. Hinkley ‘C’ and Sizewell ‘C’ have been confirmed with 6 more planned. Nation Grid etc. will now have to get the new infrastructure ready before Hinkley and also Oldbury are generating.

New Earth Solutions – With fellow councillors I visited this ‘State of the Art’ complex at Avonmouth. It takes Black Bin waste and recycles 84% for other uses. The major output is Biomass, which is exported to the continent by shipload for burning. We were told there is no current requirement for this product in the UK. The incinerator also produces steam which is used generate electricity for the National Grid.

Benefit Changes – I attended a Seminar run by the Care Forum at Fishponds on the forthcoming Benefit changes.

Jude Bevan of South Glos. explained the situation and informed us all that our ‘One Stop Shops’ are up to speed with the South Glos. provision.

Advertising Car Sales on Common Land – This was discussed at the Parish Council meeting. Please contact Streetcare if you have a local problem. Tel: 01454 868000 or [streetcare@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:streetcare@southglos.gov.uk).