

present: Chairman Rev. J.M. Free, Councillors Ball, Denner, Lewis, Parsons, Salmon, Snell and Mrs. Elliott.
Mr. Fowler, R.D. Councillor attended.
APOLOGIES: Councillor Singer.

308 CARAVANS AT SEVERN BEACH.

Councillor Salmon spoke of old houses and caravans regarded as unsuitable being used for temporary accommodation, and then as a lever to obtain Council Houses. He asked if a Closing Order could be applied to such temporary places.

369 FOOTPATH BRIDGE, REAR OF SEVERN BEACH SCHOOL.

Councillor Ball reported this work not yet carried out, and if not undertaken soon the County Council should be pressed to hasten the construction.

435 PRIVATE ROAD BISECTING BEACH ROAD.

It was decided to write Mr. Goulding and the District Surveyor on the bad state of road.

442 FLOOD ALLEVIATION, SEVERN BEACH.

Councillors Parsons and Snell met the District Engineer on the 8th November at New Passage to discuss this problem. The Councillors gave their report of the meeting and were thanked for their work. A copy of their comprehensive report was given to the Councillors present. Mr. Frost took Messrs. Parsons and Snell to view the Sewage Plant at New Passage after the meeting.

464 VERGE AT ABLETON LANE, SEVERN BEACH.

This verge is being cut up by vehicles, and mud is getting on to the road. Mr. Almond's attention is to be drawn to the state of verge.

482 FOOTPATH, 39/41 BEACH ROAD.

Councillor Ball reported work completed.

493 AUST ROAD, NORTHWICK.

Councillors wish to again press Thornbury R.D.C. to repair the road which is in a bad state.

511 NORTHWICK CHURCH DEMOLITION.

Demolition work had started but has since been held up. In answer to a question from Councillor Ball the Chairman stated the removal of debris was being done with the least possible disturbance to old graves. The Architect reports there is no danger of the tower falling, but the cost of general repairs has risen from £615 to £658, mainly due to labour costs.

535 FINANCIAL AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT.

By 8 votes for to 1 vote against by Councillor Parsons, the report was adopted, to cover an expenditure of £19,760 for 1973/74. This figure is chiefly composed of amounts of £3930 and £15,400 for the Village Halls' Committees of Pilning and Severn Beach respectively. The Parish Council will, therefore, precept for a 3.3p rate in 1973, and also seek sanction for a loan of £9,600 to be raised.

555 COAST ROAD RHINE.

The Internal Drainage Board cannot contribute to cost of piping the rhine, and Mr. Almond is unable to carry out the work.

561 ABLETON LANE LIGHTING.

The County Council's Lighting Engineer is investigating why work not carried out.

567 STORAGE BUILDING APPLICATION.

This application rejected by Planning Officer, and an application to erect a large workshop at Bank Road was refused.

590 COUNCIL HOUSES, SEANMOOR.

Councillor Ball spoke of the amount of rubbish and the damaged paths caused during the present progress of modernisation, and trusted general clearing up and repairs would be done before Contract ended.

- 591 RAILWAY VAN, BLANDS ROW.
The Planning Officer has supplied appropriate forms, for the owner to apply for planning permission to use van as a garage.
- 606 STREET LIGHTS.
Councillor Edwards asks that the R.D.C. again be pressed to erect a street light in Chessell Avenue.
Mr. Denner asks for a street light to be erected at the Whitehouse end of Church Road, Severn Beach.
- 610 KERBS IN CHURCH ROAD, SEVERN BEACH.
It was agreed to again press for kerbs to be laid along various parts of Church Road. The County Surveyor in April 1972 refused to approve such expenditure.
- 613 30 M.P.H. ABLETON LANE.
Notices regarding the restriction have been publicly posted.
- 637 TREE PLANTING, A403 and SEVERNWOOD GARDENS VERGE.
The County Engineer explained the wide verge was to increase visibility, and the trees to be removed from Willetts site, Redwick, are unsuitable. Instead 90 Prunus plants of 3-4 ft. have been ordered for planting there. The trees from the Willetts Site will be replanted when a site has been found on the A403.
- 640 MARLWOOD SCHOOL.
The Governors of the School ask the Parish Council to support their appeal for a Public Call Box to be situated in Quarry Road. This would enable pupils to contact parents in times of emergency. Councillors supported this appeal.
- 670 ERADICATION OF SMELLS FROM REDWICK ROAD SEWER.
Chemicals are being used as a temporary cure, a permanent solution is being investigated.
- 673 PARTS OF TREES IN CHESSELL PILL.
Mr. Hodges is clearing the Pill and taking the matter up with the N.F.U.
- 674 DESEASED ELM TREES, SEVERNWOOD GARDENS.
The Glos. C.C. is arranging to fell these trees.
- 677 CONGESTION ON CROSS HANDS ROAD.
Councillor Parsons gave his report of the meeting held 16th Nov. which was attended by Mr. Adshead, County Surveyor's Office, Mr. Nurse, Local Surveyor, Supt. Meadows and Sergeant Somers, also Mr. W. Fowler. Mr. Adshead stated that some road widening was to take place opposite the garage in early 1973, and the problem is to be left until the effect of this work is seen. Mr. Parsons had prepared a letter which the Parish Councillors agreed should be sent to the Garage Proprietor.
- 682 GUARD RAILS APPLICATION.
The County Surveyor states the width of the pavement at the 'Bus Shelter and 'Bus Stop at Cross Hands makes guard rails impractical.
- 688 LIGHT BEAMS OFFENDING ROAD USERS.
Lights erected at Northovers Yard and at Pilning Village Hall dazzle car and vehicle drivers on the Cross Hands and Bank Roads. Steps are to be taken to get lamps shaded.
- 689 TOILETS AT SEVERN BEACH.
Councillor T. Salmon suggested toilets be locked at 6 p.m. in Winter and 8 p.m. in Summer, it being apparently after these hours that vandalism occurs. The R.D.C. is to be informed. The Clerk reported that a Mrs. Francis had applied for position of Caretaker, and had been referred to Mr. Davison of the R.D.C., and Mr. Davison given the information and address of Mrs. Francis.
- 694 SAND AND SANDBAGS, SEVERN BEACH.
Thornbury R.D.C. has asked for sites for storage of sandbags and sand for use in case of flooding from overtopping of embankment by River Severn. Councillors Ball and Snell offered to take bags. Mr. Sellick to be approached to store sand.

695 DITCH, EAST SIDE BEACH AVENUE.

The Thornbury R.D.C. is to be advised that soapy water accumulates in the ditch rear of Robbind residence. Ditch requires opening up.

696 AVENING GREEN SCOUT CAMP SITE.

The Councillors, in view of the numerous occasions local boy scouts attend this camp, and the work voluntarily given by their parents to help in its construction, decided to make a grant of £100 towards the building of toilets and ablution blocks.

698 SEWAGE IN CHESSELL PILL.

This matter is to be taken up with the Health Inspector.

699 SPLOTT LANE, JUNCTION WITH A403 ROAD.

A large quantity of nettles and weeds grow on either side of the A403 at this point, and the Surveyor is asked to clear.

701 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT.

The report was accepted. In the report there were five items which the Councillors wished followed up, and the Clerk will send the necessary letters.

702 PAVEMENT, STATION ROAD, PILNING.

The Surveyor is to be asked the possibility of providing a footpath in the 1973/74 work programme.

No Councillor Parsons suggested a Councillor should attend the next Annual Meeting of the Parish Councils Association. He was asked if he would go and he agreed.

No DEVELOPMENT OF DWELLING HOUSES AT NEW PASSAGE.

Ref. Mr. Fowler informed the Councillors that sanction to build houses was given by the Planning Officer several years ago, and therefore it was not necessary for that Official to again advise the Parish Council that Planning Permission had been given.

ACCOUNTS PAID TO 31/12/72

Book 22

		£	p
801	Dobson Grave digging (2)	10	00
2	Rev Free Minister Fees (2)	2	10
3	Dobson Cemetery Caretaker ^{Sept} Dec:	53	33
4	Pullin Clerks Salary ^{Oct} Dec	60	00
5	Weeks Shelter cleaning Do:	10	00
6	Dobson Grave Digging	4	50
7	Rev Free Minister Fees	1	05
8	Thornbury Local Council Grant	100	00
9	Raven Press Stationery	1	75
10	canceled		
11	Pullin Arches Bureau	1	05
12	Tombs & Son Scalpings	27	00
13	Shaw & Son Receipt Book	1	40
14	Type Easy Co Bus Service Enquiry	1	36

Signed J M Lee
1st January 1973