

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT PILNING VILLAGE HALL 1st JANUARY 1973.

Present: Chairman Rev. J. Free, Councillors Ball, Denner, Lewis, Parsons, Salmon and Snell.

Absent: Mrs. Elliott, Messrs. Edwards and Singer through illness.

The Chairman began the meeting by wishing all the compliments of the Season.

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SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS AND CARAVANS.

Councillors of Severn Beach Ward wished to ascertain if a Glosing Order can be placed on the Shack which is on the Island, alternatively to have it put in a state of good repair, it being considered unsuitable as a dwelling at present. They also wish a list of the defective houses in the parish to be obtained from the R.D.C.

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GLOS. TRUST FOR NATURE CONSERVATION.

It was decided to again support the Trust, and give the increased subscription of £2.50.

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PRIVATE PIECE OF ROAD, BEACH ROAD.

Mr. Goulding has been written to on this matter and is to be asked again if no reply is received within a reasonable time.

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PRECEPT FOR YEAR 1973/74.

The Councillors decided to precept for an amount of £10,760, and not to claim for the full amount as shown in the Financial and General Purpose Committee's report. The present product of a 1p rate is £3,400, from April 1973 it amounts to £6,610.

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HOLIDAY PLAYTIME SCHEME.

Thornbury R.D.C. asks Councillors to consider the recreational needs of the district. The Planning Committee will prepare a report for the February Council Meeting.

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UNCOMPLETED MODERNISATION OF COUNCIL HOUSES, SWANMOOR.

Councillor Parsons spoke very strongly against the long delays, and the great inconveniences suffered by tenants, which were aggravated by Winter weather. It was decided to get Mr. Crouch of the R.D.C. to come and visit the site immediately. Mr. Parsons will meet him.

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RENUMBERING MARSH COMMON ROAD.

The Clerk reported he had visited Stokefield House on the 22nd December, and was informed this matter had been delayed due to the illness and Hospital treatment of the person dealing with the matter, which had been partly completed. A letter to remind the R.D.C. is to be sent.

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REQUEST FOR A 'PHONE BOX NEAR MARLWOOD SCHOOL.

The Telephone Manager has taken note of the application made.

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BEACH AVENUE, TREES REQUIRE LOPPING.

Mr. Almond is to be asked to get this done.

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VERGES IN ABLETON LANE.

Mr. Almond states:- "Until the improvements to Ableton Lane can be completed it is inevitable verges will get out up," and he can take no action to improve matters at present.

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STREET LIGHTS, SEVERN BEACH.

Councillors Ball and Snell report lamps in the district require re-timing, especially near the shops in Beach Avenue, and at No. 2 post Severnwood Gardens. These matters to be put to Mr. Almond.

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GREEN LANE, BOILER AND RUBBISH DUMPED.

This was complained of in October, and has not been removed. The R.D.C. is to be given a reminder. A nearby ditch is on private land, therefore not under the control of the R.D.C.

ABBOTT ROAD, SEVERN BEACH.

Complaints were received of the damaged culvert at the East end of Abbott Road, apparently caused by lorries removing diseased Elm Trees; the lorries apparently are Glos. C. Council vehicles, and the C. Council is to be informed.

PILNING CHURCH TO A403, Roads 4055 & 4664.

Mr. Almond advises that improvements will be commenced early in the Summer of 1973, and will consist of some resurfacing, side excavations, and kerbing.

LIGHTS CAUSING DAZZLE AT BANK ROAD.

The Clerk reported he had visited the premises of R.C. Biggs, and the lamp beam had been turned away from the road and directed more downwards. It was noted the site was much improved, the eyesore of disintegrating lorries and other rubbish has been cleared.

FLOOD PREVENTION: SAND BAGS.

Councillors Ball and Snell reported the bags were expected this week. The Clerk reported he had advised the R.D.C. to write to their Councillor, J. Sellick, to seek permission to dump sand on his Car Park.

SPLOTT LANE, SEVERN BEACH, WEEDS.

Mr. Almond states he will deal with these weeds should they become a nuisance in the Spring, and he would like to be advised of their recurrence at that period.

PAVEMENT FOR STATION ROAD, SWANMOOR.

Mr. Almond advises that it has not been possible to include this in the 1973/74 financial year.

GLOS. FEDERATION OF CHILD HEALTH CLINICS.

The Parish Councillors were asked to arrange a Public Meeting for the formation of a Committee and Helpers to run a Clinic. This is to be arranged for 23rd January in the Trinity Hall with Rev. J.M. Free in the chair. This is not a Parish Council Meeting.

GREEN LANE.

Councillor Salmon asks if a White Line can be laid along Green Lane to assist vehicle drivers. Mr. Almond is to be asked to install.

SEVERNWOOD GARDENS, WATER ON ROAD.

Mr. Almond is to be asked to fill in depression outside No. 1 Severnwood Gardens, which accumulates rainwater.

No Ref. The Chairman spoke a few words on the new boundaries and formation of Rural Districts and Parish Councils in the future. The forthcoming elections in May of this year, however, would be as on previous occasions.

GLOS. PARISH COUNCILS ASSOCIATION.

No Ref. Mr. R.C. Hulbert of Easter Compton was elected a member of the Executive Committee, he is the nearest member to this Parish.

GREEN LANE, SOAPY WATER IN DITCH.

No Ref. Councillor Ball was informed that the day after he reported this, Mr. Court was 'phoned to deal with the complaint. Mr. Ball will inspect to ascertain if the matter has been dealt with satisfactorily.

STOP COCK COVER, SWANMOOR.

No Ref. Councillor Parsons reports cover missing, leaving hole in pavement. Bristol Waterworks Co. to be informed of danger to pedestrians.

Signed James M. Free.
Date 5/2/73.