



Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd May 2022. St. Peter's School Pilning 7pm

COUNCILLORS: P Tyzack (PT) (Chairman); Sue Binns (SCB); Kevin Weeks (KW); Olga Taylor (CW) M Pruettt (MP) Heather Rickards (HR) Ian Roberts (ISR) & Carol Woodhouse

Jonathan Edwardes (Clerk JE) Cllr Robert Griffin (RG) and 2 members of the public.

DEATHS: The meeting held a silence in remembrance of those who had recently died
Jim Gillespie of Redwick
Gordon Edwards of Severn Beach
Diane Tooski of Pilning

1 Apologies for absence

Olga Taylor (OT)

2a) Co-option of Casual Vacancy (2x Severn Beach Ward) - The proper process having been followed and no election being requested, the council were to consider one application but the candidate has withdrawn.

Applications are still open for both vacancies. The application form can be downloaded from the Parish Council website. The vacancies are also being published in In View.

2b Declarations of Interest To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests.

CW is a member of the Village Players and will not take part in Agenda item 8.3

3 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on the 4th April 2022 were unanimously approved as a true record.

4 Matters arising

Siren booklet – spare copies have been requested for Severn Beach Library.

Resolved for the Clerk to contact the Siren Trust for any available copies

Action JE

Green Belt Extension – Consultant contacted, no reply.

Resolved for the Clerk to chase this up.

Action JE

Tree planting locations – Clerk contacted South Gloucestershire Council awaiting a reply

Shaft Road Depot Letter re proposed development – awaiting a reply.

Orchard Pools algae – reported to South Gloucestershire Council at the heads of dept meeting.

KW has contacted South Gloucestershire Council as well, still no progress.

5 Correspondence

Please see Appendix A

Circulation regarding NALC courses - courses have a fee to attend. If the courses have a direct benefit to the council, then course fees could be claimed through Cllr expenses, depending on the size of the fee.

Offer of stone from BAM Nuttal - Councillors encouraged to look at the stone available.

Defer to June meeting

Action JE

6 Accounts for Payment

Please see Appendix B

Additional items for approval

DragonPlay Ltd Swing Set Pilning Playing Field	£9,588.00
Severn Beach Village Hall Centenary Events X2 Invoices (£60 Each)	£120.00
Severn Beach Village Hall Jubilee Events	£100.00
Dunkley's Payroll & P60 Preparation	£96.00
Mrs A Summers Jubilee Event Expenses	£42.94
Glasdon's Jubilee Benches	£1,563.44
Compton Publishing Jubilee Advertising	£75.00
The Promotion People Severn Beach Centenary Rock	£672.00
Tim Dark General Maintenance	£160.25
Total	£24016.15

7a Public Participation

The Council received a report of trees being cut down on the old railway line site at Cross Hands. Given the time of year this should not be permitted.

Resolved for the Clerk to make contact with the landowner

Action JE

7b Report from Kelvin Packer Principal Project Manager (M49 J1)

Mr Packer (KP) was appointed by South Gloucestershire Council in March 2022 to oversee the design and construction of the link roads.

Current Priorities

- Land agreements, securing pieces of land for the link road.
- Initial design work reviewed and new design work undertaken.
- Topographical survey of the site,
- Geotechnical advice, particular care needs to be taken with settlement of the natural clay and the pond at the Amazon site.

Future work

- Acknowledgement that communication is required and South Gloucestershire Council is developing a joint communications plan with National Highways (NH).
 - Dedicated email address for any enquiries
 - Dedicate web page on the South Gloucestershire Council website for timely updates
 - Regular meetings and events for parishioners when key milestones are reached.
- Money for the project has been secured from Dept for Transport. South Gloucestershire Council and National Highways are finalising the mechanism for drawing the down the funds.
- Detailed designs being worked up
- Draft Land Agreements to be issued to Landowners.

Timescale

- Based on the review being undertaken
 - land transaction and consents will be completed in 12 months.
 - twelve months to build the link road, giving time for any settlement issues.
 - The expected completion date is Summer 2024.

Question asked

- Will the extra damage to local roads be addressed because the junction is not being open sooner?
 - Not in the remit of this project.
- Does a Geophysical survey already exist for the site?
 - There is a previous topographical survey, but land levels appear to have changed..
- Was there a topographical survey from National Highways?
 - Not as part of the 'As built' drawings to KP's knowledge.
- Will the scheme see the adoption of the spine road?
 - Plans are in being developed to get this developer funded work completed. Note the link road will not be made into a dual carriageway.
- Will the scheme see the spine road opening towards Severn Road (Hallen)?
 - This is in the scope of the overall work to connect to the new motorway junction.
- Will the cycle path be available throughout the works and be properly completed?
 - This is in the scope of work.
- The Parish Council requests an update in two to three months
 - KP happy to come to a future meeting to give relevant updates

Note - Future speakers to the Parish Council meeting to be scheduled to attend before the meeting commences.

Action JE

7c Report from District Councillor

See appendix C

8 AGENDA ITEMS

.1 To decide on a course of action regarding 20mph zones in the Parish

Letter circulated previously from a concerned resident, raised as an issue at the "heads of dept" meeting with South Gloucestershire Council. Details were passed onto the relevant officer but no contact with the resident has been made to date.

Resolved to forward to Mark King at South Gloucestershire Council

Action JE

.2 To decide on using Community Payback personnel to tidy the sea wall at Severn Beach

The Clerk circulated the Host Partner agreement between Parish Council and HM Prison & Probation service. As part of the work the personnel will repaint the benches, paint and brushes will need to be purchased by the Parish Council.

Unanimously agreed the Clerk to sign the agreement on the Parish Council behalf

Action JE

Unanimously agreed for the Clerk to be delegated to get the painting materials.

Action JE

.3 To decide on a Grant application for The Village Players

Grant application circulated previously. Village Players are requesting a grant of £395.81 to cover insurance for productions in 2022/2023.

Proposed KW Seconded SCB carried unanimously

Action JE

CW did not take part in this decision.

9. The Neighbourhood Plan

9.1 Update

Last NPSG meeting was held on 19th April

Strategic Infrastructure-led Masterplan for Severnside

We had a face-to-face meeting on 8th April to supply SGC & Atkins with detailed information on status and direction of the Neighbourhood Plan, verbally and documented. Very positive meeting, await their draft and further engagement in late May/June.

Steering Group Membership

Penny Riches and Robert Goard have completed their applications to become member and will be voted in at our next meeting. PT removed from the membership of SG – he participates in an ex-officio capacity.

Steering Group ToR

Following the receipt of feedback on Issue 3 of the ToR from the Parish Council on 4th April, the document was amended and circulated as a draft Issue 4 prior to the meeting. The changes were discussed and approved at meeting.

Finance

Expenditure at the end of year was £2,962.59. We have therefore returned to Locality £7,037.41 of our £10k grant.

Locality has now reopened for 2022/2023 grant applications. We will determine our grant re- application at our next meeting.

Criteria for additional grant funding (£8K) regarding housing has changed - only applies where rented social housing is included and not just affordable housing for sale.

Survey of Businesses, Organisations and Groups

The SG is progressing well with its approaches, with the aim of completing by mid-May. However, the approaches to large businesses on Severnside only happened today. SevernNet, received the letter to distribute on 6th April.

Parish Character Assessment

Sub-group met on 26th April, 7 attended. Identified 13 different areas for assessment in Pilning and 16 for SB. Mike Harrison is mapping these out on Google Earth. We have the criteria to focus on and will share out responsibilities shortly.

Design Codes Study

Visit arranged for 11th May Simon Hargreaves of Aecom to tour the Parish.

Review of the Project Plan

Draft Issue 4 prepared reflecting status at end of financial year and an approximate two month slip in programme. To be finalised with forward plan at our next meeting.

Future SG meetings agreed to start at 7:30pm.

NPSG has been invited to present at an open bike marking event on 14th May at Pilning Village Hall.

A SGC flood risk consultation has come to light. We have responded with request for making NPSG input.

Next SG meeting 17th May.

9.2 Amendments noted to version 4 Terms of Reference, Neighbourhood Plan team thanked for their continued work.

10 Severn Beach Centenary / Jubilee

SCB previously circulated a list of events for the jubilee and centenary. Councillors asked to share the information as widely as possible.

Action ALL

Most of the events initially planned are coming to fruition.

Pebble painting – a potential location for a permanent display would be on the slope behind the tea cottage. Work in progress.

Posters & flyers – these are being produced for residents.

Information for schools – both St Peter's School and Severn Beach School will be sending out messages to parents about activities, particularly pebble painting.

Tea towels – these are now on sale in Severn Beach at £5 each.

Sticks of Rock – these will be available from w/c 8th May.

Publicity – Advertising through Radio Bristol and Bristol Post, media people are getting involved.

Jubilee Benches – have been delivered and are waiting to be fitted.

Jubilee Hamper - this item has been ordered via Hinkley Connection. The prize is under £500 and tickets for the raffle will only be sold on the day. Therefore, this will not be subject to lottery licencing laws.

Jubilee "torches" – HR displayed a handicraft torch made from cardboard tube and crape paper to make the flame effect.

Lighting the beacon – The Queen's Pageantmaster has suggested a later time for the beacon to be lit. At this stage it is too late to be changed.

Contributions & donation – a number of these are coming in now to help defray the cost of the event.

Jubilee sport grant donation – poor response to the appeal for ideas. SCB is in contact with the donor to discuss this further.

Possible suggestions

- a sand pit but this could be problematic.
- basketball hoops. Clerk to get prices to SCB

Action JE

11 Updates

11.1 Village Halls

11.1.1 Severn Beach Village Hall

Minutes from the most recent Severn Beach Village Hall Committee Meeting have been circulated.

11.1.2 Pilning Village Hall

Minutes from the most recent Pilning Village Hall Committee Meeting have been circulated. SCB reported that some good progress is being made by the Committee, in particular with some fund-raising events taking place.

Councillors are encouraged to attend the event at Pilning Village Hall on 14th May

11.1.3 Pilning Playing Field

See appendix D report from HR & SCB

Basketball hoops - mountings have been drilled and will be fitted this weekend 7th May.

Markings – Basketball and tennis court markings will be painted on 6th May.

11.2.1 Severn Beach Allotments

Time for planting is here, lots of feverous work going on.

However,

Plot 4 has been working on a fence but no planting.

Plot 6 needs to prune an ever-growing tree.

Plot 18 has a tree overgrowing and blocking the path.

Plot 22 has not been worked this year.

Plot 29 has not been worked this year.

Plot 30 has a fence blocking the path.
Plot 32 has not been worked for some time.
Plot 34 has not been worked this year.
Plot 38 has not been worked for some time.

Part of the tenancy agreement is that the plots need to be actively worked all the time.
Paths need to be kept clear and nothing should overshadow neighbours' plots.

11.2.2 Pilning Allotments

Looking good, see the report at Appendix D

The question of plot 8 with regard to using it for cremated remains, this issue to be deferred to the proposed extraordinary meeting regarding the Cemetery in October.

11.3.1 Pilning Cemetery

Minutes received previously from the Cemetery Committee

Resolved to have an extraordinary Full Council meeting in October for Cemetery Matters.

Action JE

Reminder of the working party on Saturday 7th May 10am start. SCB reported that there will hopefully be a good turnout.

The Clerk has agreement from South Gloucestershire Council to get the rubbish cleared away.

Three quotes in progress for the replacement of the current chain link fencing

Resolved to continue with this action

Action JE

11.3.2 Northwick Cemetery

SCB reported the cemetery is looking fine.

11.3.3 Northwick Tower update

PT did not have any response regarding the repair of the window jamb.

The Clerk to investigate the quotes received previously.

Action JE

11.4.1 Pilning Station

Damage to the fence reported to GWR

Use of land behind platform 1 reported to South Gloucestershire Council planning

11.4.2 Severn Beach Station

Nothing to report about the trains, although cancellations are still quite prevalent.

Community Noticeboard – this has new locks and MP asked if a key can be located for it.

Resolved for HR to contact Severnside Rail Partnership

Action HR

12 Communication

12.1 In View

- Thank you to volunteers for Parish Cemetery clean up
- Definitive map is now on the Parish Website
- Community Payback
- Grant for Village Players
- M49 J1

- 20mph zones
- Archaeology at Plot 4

13 Reports from external meetings

Edmonds & Cole – Update from MP, more money is available for grants in the area and flexibility on the boundaries that the charity can operate in. More information is going to be available about the history of the charity on their website.

14 Update from Councillors on “Report it” reference numbers.

HR requested for the cycle path near Pill Head House report SGC-81637-W2L0 to be escalated. A403 is in a disgusting state with rubbish in the hedgerows, gives a bad impression. Road scheduled to be cleaned this month.

15 Planning

P21/06711/F Church Farm Northwick Road Pilning South Gloucestershire BS35 4HE Change of Use from agricultural barn to 1 no. residential dwelling and associated works Approve with Conditions.

P22/01025/HH 7 Wainbridge Crescent Pilning South Gloucestershire BS35 4LH Demolition of existing conservatory and detached garage. Erection of single storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation. Approve with Conditions.

P22/01686/CLLB Cranmoor Villa 31 Cross Hands Road Pilning South Gloucestershire BS35 4JB Repair works to roof. Approve Certificate of Lawfulness.

P21/07107/F 39 Beach Road Severn Beach South Gloucestershire BS35 4PE Erection of extension to side elevation of existing kitchen with first floor rear extension over. Insertion of 3.no windows to the first-floor side (west) elevation. Approve with Conditions.

P21/04123/F 11 Church Road Severn Beach South Gloucestershire BS35 4PW Erection of first floor side extension to form additional living accommodation. Approve with Conditions.

P21/00264/F Land North of Northwick Road Pilning South Gloucestershire BS35 4HF Change of use of Equestrian land to create a single Gypsy/Traveller pitch, comprising the siting of 1 Motor Home, 1 touring caravan, and 1 portacabin for use as ancillary Dayroom, alongside the extension to existing hardstanding (Retrospective). Refusal.

.1 Ongoing planning applications

Wildplace planning application expected to be submitted in July.

.2 Update on Orchard Pools

Waiting for a reply from South Gloucestershire Council. There has been a change of personnel in the dept which may mean a fresh look is being taken at the issue. Nothing to report from Environmental Law Foundation.

16 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 6th June 2022 at Severn Beach School. There being no other business the meeting was closed at 21:02.

APPENDIX A – CORRESPONDENCE

Date	Type	Detail	Action
04/04/2022	Email	Meeting: Pilning & Severn Beach/Almondsbury PCs and SGC	JE Replied
04/04/2022	Email	Electoral Register Monthly Changes - April 2022	Noted
04/04/2022	Email	South Gloucestershire Online Consultations - Passage Road Aust	JE Replied
05/04/2022	Email	FoSBR Membership renewal	JE Replied
05/04/2022	Email	Placement Community Payback	JE Replied
05/04/2022	Email	Planning Inspectorate ROW/3278139	Noted
05/04/2022	Email	Charity representative	JE Replied
05/04/2022	Email	Agenda for Development Management Friday, 22nd April, 2022, 10.00 am	Noted
06/04/2022	Email	EH21/003594/EPDRN - Northwick Cemetery BS35 4HE	JE Replied
06/04/2022	Email	Town & Parish Councils Forum meeting yesterday	Circulated
06/04/2022	Email	Nomination of Cllr Rickards Almondsbury Charity	JE Replied
06/04/2022	Email	Solar Street Furniture - £0 Running Costs	Noted
06/04/2022	Email	Parish Bus Shelters	JE Replied
06/04/2022	Email	Highway Improvements newsletter April 2022	Noted
06/04/2022	Email	Pilning new swing installation	JE Replied
07/04/2022	Email	Solar light recommendation	JE Replied
07/04/2022	Email	M49 Link Road - Project Update	Circulated
07/04/2022	Email	In View update	JE Replied
08/04/2022	Email	Clerks and Officers network meeting	Noted
08/04/2022	Email	Proposed Date for Severnside CEF	Circulated
08/04/2022	Email	Election for Severnside CEF Vice Chair Vote by 4pm Thurs 14 April 2022	Circulated
09/04/2022	Email	Data Protection fee - Reminder to renew ICO:00019681482	Noted
10/04/2022	Email	Speed Limit in Pilning	Circulated
10/04/2022	Email	Cemetery Clerk Response time	JE Replied
11/04/2022	Email	Visit to Western Approaches	Noted
11/04/2022	Email	Platinum Jubilee events - request for details PCSO	JE Replied
11/04/2022	Email	Archaeological Investigations Site Visit	Circulated
12/04/2022	Email	ASEA Flood defence and ecology mitigation newsletter	Circulated
12/04/2022	Email	Allotment Rental rates	JE Replied
12/04/2022	Email	Network Rail - Service Request Notification 220412-000201	Noted
12/04/2022	Email	Case Reference: GWR-CR-1331817 Pilning Station Fence damage	Noted
12/04/2022	Email	Confirmation of PC planning enforcement complaint: SGC-88909-Q9M9	Noted

Date	Type	Detail	Action
12/04/2022	Email	New play equipment at Pilning Playing Field	Circulated
12/04/2022	Email	Orchard Pools	Circulated
12/04/2022	Email	Temporary road closures - various locations	JE Replied
13/04/2022	Email	Groundwork UK Grant return	Noted
13/04/2022	Email	Hi Viz Jackets	JE Replied
13/04/2022	Email	Community Learning and Skills Service Newsletter (Spring edition)	Posted Publicly
14/04/2022	Email	Parish Council Vacancy	JE Replied
14/04/2022	Email	Up coming Pop-Up Events	Circulated
16/04/2022	Email	SVB Allotment Gate	Forwarded to Allotment holders
19/04/2022	Email	Prolectric - Solar Lighting Solution	JE Replied
19/04/2022	Email	Flood risk consultation	JE Replied
19/04/2022	Email	Playground surfaces	Noted
20/04/2022	Email	Agenda for Development Management Committee, Thursday, 28th April, 2022, 11.00 am	Noted
20/04/2022	Email	Your Glasdon UK Limited order is being assembled	Noted
21/04/2022	Email	Pilning Village Hall next meeting 25th April	JE Replied
21/04/2022	Email	# Make a change - NALC	Posted Publicly
21/04/2022	Email	Tree Enquiry 321475	JE Replied
21/04/2022	Website	Concern over Orchard Pool	JE Replied
22/04/2022	Email	Grant Application - The Village Players	Agenda
22/04/2022	Email	Your latest Hospice News enclosed	Circulated
22/04/2022	Email	Introduction and West of England Construction Summit 2022	Noted
22/04/2022	Email	Temporary road closures - various locations	JE Replied
22/04/2022	Email	Consultation letter for P22/02113/O Land At The Former Filton Runway South Glos	Circulated
22/04/2022	Email	Grass Cutting	JE Replied
25/04/2022	Email	Casual Vacancy - Pilning and Severn Beach Parish Council - Severn Beach Ward	Filed
25/04/2022	Email	Complaint regarding Grass cutting at Frances Barr Walk	JE Replied
26/04/2022	Email	Avian Flu	Noted
26/04/2022	Email	Wessex Water Consultations - Expansion of Treatment works in Avonmouth	Circulated
26/04/2022	Email	Climate Cafe - "Just stop Oil" Sat 30th April, Shire Methodist Church	Circulated
26/04/2022	Email	M49 Link Road - Project Update	JE Replied
26/04/2022	Email	New payroll enquiry - Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council	JE Replied
26/04/2022	Email	Village Players Grant application	JE Replied
26/04/2022	Email	Tarmac-Pilning Cemetery	JE Replied

Date	Type	Detail	Action
27/04/2022	Email	Grass Cutting in Severn Beach	JE Replied
27/04/2022	Website	Speeding in Severn Beach	JE Replied Circulated inc PCSOs
27/04/2022	Email	Annual Playground Inspection	JE Replied
27/04/2022	Email	PRoW Map	Posted Publicly
27/04/2022	Email	Rock Sticks	JE Replied
27/04/2022	Email	No Mow May - Communications Toolkit for you to use and share	Noted
27/04/2022	Email	South Gloucestershire Heritage Partnership Meeting, 30th March 2022, Meeting notes	Circulated
27/04/2022	Email	Sevenside CEF Meeting 26 May 2022	Circulated
27/04/2022	Email	Jubilee celebrations South Gloucestershire Council video	Circulated
27/04/2022	Email	A little mention of Severn Beach in the Bristol Civic Society Magazine	Circulated
27/04/2022	Email	Cemetery Minutes	Circulated
28/04/2022	Email	South Gloucestershire New Deal Pop-Up Thursday 5 May 4.30pm	Circulated
28/04/2022	Email	Spring travel support, cycling, walking & public transport	Circulated
29/04/2022	Email	Job Advert The Tea Cottage	Circulated
29/04/2022	Email	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons - 2nd June 2022	Circulated
29/04/2022	Email	Communication Related To GWR-CR-1331817	Noted
30/04/2022	Email	Pathways	JE Replied & Report it
02/05/2022	Email	Subsidence - Northwick Road Bridge	JE Replied
02/05/2022	Email	Severn Beach Allotments	Circulated
03/05/2022	Email	Surplus stones at Aust following ASEA work	JE Replied
03/05/2022	Email	Registering for Heritage Open Days 9th - 18th September 2022	Circulated
03/05/2022	Email	Annual Inspection Reports: Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council	Noted
03/05/2022	Email	Complaint re human faeces	JE Replied
03/05/2022	Email	Snapshot survey - finances and direct funding - NALC request	Noted

APPENDIX B – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET VAT	VAT	TOTAL
01/04/2022	WATER2BUSINESS	Severn Beach Allotments	£28.61	£-	£28.61
01/04/2022	N HILLS	Severn Beach Toilets	£33.33	£-	£33.33
01/04/2022	ELM TREE GARDEN	Grounds Maintenance	£1,463.99	£244.00	£1,219.99
01/04/2022	SOUTH GLOS	Pilning Village Hall Rates	£168.00	£-	£168.00
04/04/2022	EMMAUS CHURCH	Hall hire \$	£60.00	£-	£60.00
05/04/2022	NALC / ALCA	Membership	£717.25	£-	£717.25
05/04/2022	NOW PENSIONS	Pension Contribution	£128.06	£-	£128.06
08/03/2022	GOOGLE IRELAND LTD	Email and Data storage	£110.40	£-	£110.40
17/03/2022	BRITISH TELECOM	Telephone & Broadband	£111.00	£22.20	£133.20
21/04/2022	ICCM	Membership	£95.00	£-	£95.00
29/04/2022	J EDWARDES	Expenses (SG Licences Jubilee / SB100)	£84.00	£-	£84.00
29/04/2022	J EDWARDES	Wages & Office	£1,187.71	£-	£1,187.71
29/04/2022	O MCINTOSH	Wages	£144.00	£-	£144.00
29/04/2022	HMRC	Tax & NI	£163.56	£-	£163.56
04/05/2022	SMITH'S OF GLOUCESTER	Skip for Severn Beach allotments	£240.00	£48.00	£288.00
29/04/2022	GROUNDWORKS LTD	Return of unused NP Grant \$	£7,037.41	£-	£7,037.41
04/05/2022	DRAGONPLAY LTD	Swing set Pilning Playing Field	£7,990.00	£1,598.00	£9,588.00
04/05/2022	S BEACH VILLAGE HALL	Centenary Events x2 invoices (£60 each)	£120.00	£-	£120.00
04/05/2022	S BEACH VILLAGE HALL	Jubilee Events	£100.00	£-	£100.00
04/05/2022	DUNKLEY'S	Payroll and P60 preparation	£80.00	£16.00	£96.00
04/05/2022	SUE BINNS	Jubilee event expenses (Pebble painting)	£35.77	£7.17	£42.94
04/05/2022	GLASDONS	Jubilee benches	£1,302.87	£260.57	£1,563.44
04/05/2022	COMPTON PUBLISHING	Jubilee advertising	£75.00	£-	£75.00
04/05/2022	THE PROMOTION PEOPLE	Severn Beach Centenary Rock	£560.00	£112.00	£672.00
			£22,035.96	£2,307.94	£23,855.90

\$ From the Neighbourhood Plan Grant

APPENDIX C – REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Robert C. Griffin

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News for Pilning, Severn Beach, Easter Compton & Hallen. May 2022

Dear Ward Members,

McColls – With the reduced opening hours and the removal of Post Offices services from Severn Beach and possibly Easter Compton, I have had discussions with staff about the shop and their future. I have offered any help and requested to be informed of any activities. It would appear this national group was under offer but there have been solvency problems.

Blackhorse Hill - in the past, I campaigned and got a financial allocation from South Glos. for a pathway from the top of Blackhorse Hill to the village opposite the zoo. With the event of the Wild Place a commitment to Planning was made that when their numbers reach a certain threshold set by the zoo it will provide a pathway on their land. This commitment is still active and hence South Glos. removed their allocation for financial help.

Traveller' site Bank Road, Pilning – A certificate of lawfulness is coming up for renewal.

Road repairs/upgrades – These are being carried out on advice from the Highways ultrasonic inspections which are checked out regularly. Most of our roads in my ward have no foundations and have been laid on anhydrous clay, which due to changing conditions, is breaking up.

Hallen Traffic Calming – being brought to the fore again after more observations. Unfortunately, this is a classic case of a narrow road being used by HGVs and building work.

Riverside Park, Severn Beach – I have had requests for the grass to be cut and the boundary fence removed from the north section of sea wall extension. I have been informed the building work will be completed by the summer.

Four Towns Community Transport – after losing 13 minibuses due to a malicious fire the community has helped keep the service going. Many thanks and congratulations to all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

Robert C. Griffin – District Councillor for Pilning, Severn Beach, Easter Compton & Hallen.

APPENDIX D – REPORT FOR PILNING PLAYING FIELD / CEMETERY & PILNING ALLOTMENTS

Report of Pilning allotments, cemetery and Playing field. April 2022

Allotments

The allotments were looking remarkably tidy and organised. Only one remains unworked upon.

Others have benefitted from fencing, raised beds and mowed paths.

Some have child friendly areas to foster a love of gardening!

The isolated plot next to Bank Road (Plot 8, previously called “carpet land”) is a subject for discussion concerning its future use.



Cemetery



The cemetery looked tidy. The grass had been cut.

Neglected tributes and other rubbish will be cleared by volunteers on Saturday 7 May 10.00-12.00.

In the new cemetery there is a wide encroachment of vegetation along the far boundary.

This area is used to store soil removed when graves are dug.

A decision on this matter can be made in October when the Cemetery will be an item on the agenda. See Left

Playing field

All looked well on the playing field. The grass had been cut and there was a small amount of litter. The port holes have been mended on the climbing structure, and the new swings look good. The grass has already started to grow through the safety mesh on the ground beneath the swings.

(Inspected by Sue and Heather 29.04.22)