

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 4th October 2010, commencing at 6.30 pm
in PILNING Village Hall

COUNCILLORS Mr I Humphries (Chairman), Mrs F Barr MBE, Mrs N Bendall,
PRESENT (8) Mr J Black, Mrs N Chappell, Mr D Humphries,
 Mr I Roberts, Mrs C Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (S Glos Councillor), and Ray
 Wiggins of South Glos Council. Also present were 2 parishioners
 and Ian Lyons & Wayne Matthews of South Glos Council. The 2
 parishioners, IL & WM left at 7 pm.

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At 6.30 Richard Hill, Managing Partner with Gregg Latchams, spoke with members regarding the easement deed with S Glos Council. He outlined the progress so far, culminating with the recent on-site meeting and the outstanding problems. It has not yet been possible to agree on several points. The deed in respect of the sewage disposal line has been agreed and signed. There appears to be some way to go regarding transport and drainage. RH is to draft a response to S Glos based on comments by the council. At 6.58 the session was called to a close, IH thanking RH for his attendance.

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1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mr S Cooper & Mr N Webb (business commitments).

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 6th September 2010 were approved as a true record.

1. NC 2. FB All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 – 1 Footpaths

NC asked about the pledge that ORN 33 would be refurbished. Clerk to raise the question with S Glos.

3 - 2 Cemetery/Churches

Following consultation with FB, Clerk was unable to offer any information to Mrs Hillier of Melksham who is seeking information re the Swift family. He redirected her to Almondsbury parish council for searches of their burial records.

3 – 3 Severnside Development

Reference item 3-2 in the minutes of 6th September, publishers of *In View* magazine advised that some of the Clerk's email appears to have disappeared into the ether. In view of the timescale involved the editor was asked to ignore the submission.

3 - 4 Traffic Problems/Transport Policy

Clerk has negotiated with S Glos to arrange a traffic pollution survey. The measuring instruments are to be mounted close to the traffic lights at Pilning cross roads.

3 - 5 St Peter's School

Despite further efforts by the Clerk to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Governors he has failed to achieve any cooperation. Governors have also withdrawn the granted right for IH to attend meetings. In the circumstances Clerk expressed a lack of willingness to make further approaches. CW volunteered to address the problem, having previously spoken with IH concerning this matter.

3 - 6 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

In conversation with the Clerk, Denise Turner has confirmed the VH committee has withdrawn from the agreement to host the youth club. Damage has been ongoing and thefts have taken place. The organisers have been informed. Funds provided by the parish council backed the group until last week's meeting. Tonight the club will be housed in the youth bus. Supervision of the evenings has proved to be insufficient to instil respect for property.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Avon Local Councils' Association

14331.01 ALCA, notice of AGM, Thursday 14th October, in Filton.

Clerk/Clerk's Society

14332.02 36th National Conference, 15th October, in Durham.

Elections/Applications

14333.03 S Glos advise charges of £5,661 are likely for May 2011 parish elections.

Employment/Opportunities

14334.04 "Being a Good Employer": a guide for parish and town councillors.

Environment Agency

14335.05 EA report, "Summary of Radioactivity in Food and the Environment".

Environment/Conservation

14336.06 Information re SCARP archaeology project - circulated.

Health Authority/Care Services

14337.07 Consultation on draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

Legal Matters

14338.08 Meeting at Pilning VH re draft easement document.

14339.09 Comment re progress in dealing with S Glos.

14340.10 Title deeds need to be examined re ownership of hedge/ditch.

Local Industry

- 14341.11 Development proposals re Astra Zeneca.
- 14342.12 “Power Lines”, summer edition - circulated.
- 14343.13 Agenda for Stakeholder Group meeting, 6th October 2010.
- 14344.14 Agenda for Joint Stakeholder Group meeting, 6th October 2010.
- 14345.15 Stakeholder Group, quarterly report, July to September.
- 14346.16 Briefing for SSG meetings, October 2010.
- 14347.17 Hinkley Point connection project, info re community forums.

Playgrounds/Youth Activities

- 14348.18 Greenfields play brochure.
- 14349.19 Sutcliffe play of Dorset, play brochure.
- 14350.20 Slatter of Newbury, play brochure.

Police

- 14351.21 Minutes of Safer Stronger Community Group meeting at SB, 24th June.
- 14352.22 Agenda for SSCG meeting at Hallen, 22nd September.
- 14353.23 Launch of Community Policing Awards 2010.

Quotations

- 14354.24 GB Sport & Leisure estimate for play installation at Pilning.

Railways

- 14355.25 Friends of Suburban Bristol Railway, Autumn newsletter – circulated.

Schools

- 14356.26 St Peter’s governors are not to send spokesman to council meeting.

South Gloucestershire Council

- 14357.27 Detail of Census to be held 27th March 2011.
- 14358.28 *Our News*, Autumn 2010 edition – circulated.

Stationery/Circulars/Books

- 14359.29 *LCR*, autumn edition – circulated.
- 14360.30 *First*, Local Government Association magazine, issue 475 – circulated.

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy

- 14361.31 Proposals by Mouchard for work on Cross Hands Road crossing.
- 14362.32 Highways Agency: pollution monitoring rests with S Glos.
- 14363.33 S Glos to monitor pollution on A403.

Trees/Treeplanting

- 14364.34 Brochure from Landcare of Old Sodbury.

Voluntary/Community Groups

- 14365.35 Newsletter, Sept edition: S Glos Disability Action Group.

Planning

- 14366.36 Guidance on new planning proposals.
- 14367.37 Delegated decisions, w/e 19th June 2010.
- 14368.38 Delegated decisions, w/e 26th June 2010.
- 14369.39 Delegated decisions, w/e 3rd July 2010.
- 14370.40 Delegated decisions, w/e 10th July 2010.
- 14371.41 Delegated decisions, w/e 17th July 2010.
- 14372.42 Delegated decisions, w/e 24th July 2010.
- 14373.43 Delegated decisions, w/e 31st July 2010.
- 14374.44 Delegated decisions, w/e 7th July 2010.
- 14375.45 Delegated decisions, w/e 14th July 2010.
- 14376.46 Delegated decisions, w/e 21st July 2010.
- 14377.47 Delegated decisions, w/e 28th July 2010.

Accounts/Donations

- 14378.48 Mr N Pearce, odd jobs for Sept 2010. Item 5-3 refers.
- 14379.49 MJ Fisher, grass cutting, Sept 2010. Item 5-4 refers.
- 14380.50 S Glos Council, cost of 2 radar gates. Item 5-5 refers.
- 14381.51 Mr L Liddiatt, grass cutting at Northwick. Item 5-6 refers.
- 14382.52 H M R C, income tax. Item 5-7 refers.
- 14383.53 Mr C Thompson, repairs to play eqpt, SB VH. Item 5-8 refers.
- 14384.54 Sutcliffe Play, swing for SB VH. Item 5-9 refers.
- 14385.55 Mr E Cummings, repairs to store, Pilning VH. Item 5-10 refers.
- 14386.56 SB School, donation. Item 5-11 refers.
- 14387.57 SB Scouts, donation. Item 5-12 refers.
- 14388.58 Local History Group, donation. Item 5-13 refers.
- 14389.59 Thanks re awards, St Peter's School. Items 5-6/7, minutes of July, refer.
- 14390.60 Thanks re donation to SB United Church. Item 5-21, mins of Sept, refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

Presented with a number of late funding requests, each was considered in turn.

In respect of SB School it was asked what level of funding was available. There is no set level but having requested £500 for new books it was proposed FB, seconded NB, 5 For, 3 Abstained (DH, CW – as Governors, NC) to donate the full £500.

For the Scouts, proposed IR, seconded CW to donate £625. A counter proposal by FB, seconded NC for £400 was supported by DH. Votes by IR, CW, NB, JB carried the first proposal. IH Abstained.

Agreed to help out the Local History Group. The proposal by FB for £300 was supported by NB and JB. The counter proposal for £200 by CW was supported by NC, DH and IR, with IH Abstaining.

The accounts below were approved for payment

1. IR 2. FB All agreed.

5 – 1	£ 768.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk's wages (August)	112
5 – 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 - 3	£ 87.71	Mr N Pearce	Odd job man	111
5 – 4	£ 630.00	M J Fisher	Grass cutting (Sep)	*
5 - 5	£ 791.95	S Glos Council	Radar Gates	HA/LGMP
5 – 6	£ 822.50	L Lippiatt	Grass cutting (Northwick)	214
5 – 7	£ 576.00	HMRC	Income Tax	112
5 – 8	£2150.00	Mr C Thompson	Repairs at SB VH	LGMP
5 – 9	£ 474.55	Sutcliffe Play	Parts for swing	LGMP
5 -10	£ 160.00	Mr E Cummings	Repairs to store, Pilning VH	LGMP
5 -11	£ 500.00	SB School	Donation	137
5 -12	£ 625.00	SB Scouts	Donation	137
5 -13	<u>£ 200.00</u>	Local History Gp	Donation	137
	<u>£7835.71</u>			

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

- 5 – 4)Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1979, s19
-)Public Health Act 1875, s164
- 5 – 5 Highways Act 1980, s36 – re gate at Bank Road
- 5 – 5 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1979, s19 – re gate at P VH
- 5 – 8/9/10 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1979, s19

Items 5-1 to 5-3 inclusive, paid as one cheque.

Current bank balance, prior to payments listed above

£24,212.23 (Interest included to end of September)
(including first precept payment only)

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None requested.

7. AGENDA

7 – 1 Sevenside Development

IH reported on a recent visit sponsored by Scottish Power. They have bought the entire site which is allocated solely for the development of a power station. IH commented on a heavy industrial unit placed at the rear of the site. No planning application has been submitted for this. A further visit to the Astra Zeneca community centre allowed for plans of the development proposals to be examined.

7 – 2 Village Halls

Noted that yet another break-in had occurred at the mower store. Repairs to the door have been carried out. The new radar gate into Pilning field is now installed.

7 - 3 Playgrounds/Youth Activities
NB had nothing to report.

7 - 4 Parish Plan

There was some disappointment that no committees had yet been set up. Some enquiries had been made but the method of progressing the plan was somewhat unclear. The plan needs to be brought to the attention of S Glos Council. PT is to present a copy of the plan at the next committee meeting.

7 - 5 Village Matters

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy - DH queried the progress in respect of parking provision. Clerk to contact the Valuation Officer.

Railway – NC asked for the rail authority to be brought to task. On at least 2 occasions vehicles leaving the maintenance site at Bristol Bridge have turned into Northwick Road via the wrong side of the War Memorial.

Redwick Road – NC drew attention to the fence erected outside the old vicarage, there being a height limit for roadside fencing.

Funding – NB reported that the recent fund-raising event on behalf of ‘Maddy’ had achieved over £377.

Neighbourhood Watch – On behalf of the group FB extended their thanks for the parish council donation.

Allotments – The siting of a new water trough at Pilning was queried, allotment occupiers suggesting the trough would not be in the preferred place. Clerk explained the proposal, indicating that without sanctioning a large financial expense the positioning of a trough is controlled by the existing line of the water pipe.

FB informed members that posts and lights have now been removed, though much of the cable has been left on the ground.

7 - 7 Reports

FUNDING – PT has £5 from a recent book sale – to be passed on to NB. He was impressed by the generosity of the public, having attended the ‘Maddy’ event and noted how few people were in attendance.

The possibility of a cap on parish council funding looms ever larger, despite the possibility of even more responsibilities being switched to local levels.

SIRENS – The sirens are now working, testing having taken place, to mixed comment by members, many having not heard them.

LOCAL MEETINGS - PT attended the recent Safer Stronger Community Group meeting at SB. He advised of the need for attendance at the Parish Charter meeting at Baileys Court on Thursday.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS/TRANSPORT POLICY – The Deputy Prime Minister has promised to enable local councils to borrow against future business rates in order to fund projects. S Glos are eager to progress a local motorway junction and are to approach the Government on this matter.

DEVELOPMENT – The field at Hallen being filled with earth is supposedly merely a ground level raising exercise. There is some unhappiness over this, the area having not been subjected to archaeological surveys.

There was general discussion amongst members concerning the transfer of the post office facility into the adjoining Brook House. Purchase of the Cross Hands Hotel and the establishment of an Indian Restaurant appears to be under consideration by the post office owner.

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