

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 2nd April 2012, commencing at 7.00 pm,
in PILNING VILLAGE HALL

COUNCILLORS Mr I L Roberts (Chairman), Mrs F C A Barr MBE,
PRESENT (9) Mrs N A Chappell, Mrs J A Fennell, Mrs Y Gaulton,
 Mr I W Humphries, Mr A J Lewis,
 Mr M D Pruett, Mrs C E Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr R C Griffin (S Glos Councillor), and
 4 members of the public (Mr Colin Brickell of School Way, Mr
 John Miller of Salthouse Farm, Mr Chris Smith of Gorse Cover
 Road, and Alderman P L Tyzack of Little Green Lane).

**The Chairman asked those present to observe a minute's silence
as a mark of respect for K Jean Fisher of Marsh Common Road,
and Leslie T Vowles of Ableton Court, both recently deceased**

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mr R W Hampson (continuing ill-health).

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 5th March 2012 were approved as a true record.

1. FCAB 2. CEW All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 – 1 Village Halls

The “Village and Community Halls” booklet has now been seen by all members. Agreed that ILR should take the matter further by speaking with a local architect.

3 - 2 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

SB VH committee stated the youth bus would not be allowed into SB VH grounds because of the clash with bingo night. Following on from this statement last month it was asked whether contact had been made to offer Cranmoor Green car park as an alternative. No contact has been made, but it was agreed this would be done.

3 - 3 Allotments

In answer to the offer of re-negotiating the lease for SB allotments the relevant information has been submitted to Chris Cox, Valuation Team Leader.

3 - 4 Trees/Tree Planting

Clerk admitted to being unable to trace the information noted by NAC and has made contact with S Glos to ascertain the availability of free trees. A new system of dealing with enquiries has led to the enquiry being logged but as yet there has been no come back.

3 - 5 Cemetery/Churches

FCAB confirmed the gate has now been installed at Northwick Cemetery.

3 - 6 Travellers

Confirmed the pony race along the A403 had taken place on 11th March. Email and 'phone contact with the Police failed to result in an incident number being issued. It is implied by the Police this activity does not contravene the law!

Police notify their response to problems in the Cross Hands area. NAC informed members the licensee has since moved on to other premises.

3 - 7 Footpaths

Agreed Clerk should continue in his efforts to ascertain ownership of the land containing the Gorse Cover Road to Beach Avenue footpath.

4. CORRESPONDENCEAudit/Precept

15221.01 Mazars advise arrangements for this year's audit submissions.

Avon Local Councils Association

15222.02 ALCA Bulletin, January edition – circulated.

15223.03 Area group meeting, minutes of 26th January meeting in Cromhall.

15224.04 Agenda, meeting of 29th March, Poole Court, Yate.

Building-New Developments-Housing

15225.05 Merlin Housing Society meeting, Ableton Court, 29th March 2012.

Campaign to Protect Rural England

15226.06 Details of Village of the Year competition.

15227.07 *Countryside Voice*, Spring edition – circulated.

Clerk/Clerks' Society

15228.08 Schedule of courses, May to July.

15229.09 Councils Suppliers Guide & Year book – circulated.

15230.10 *Clerks & Councils Direct*, January edition – circulated.

15231.11 *Clerks & Councils Direct*, March edition – circulated.

Elections/Applications for Parish Council

15232.12 Comment by PLT re ward sizes.

Footpaths

15233.13 Response from JJH re ownership of Beach Avenue footpath.

15234.14 Comment by Dean Shepherd re consideration of Bank Road path.

15235.15 Summary of considerations at December meeting re above.

Grass Cutting

15236.16 Lister Wilder newsletter.

15237.17 Lister Wilder open day, Redhill Farm, Elberton, 18th April.

- 15238.18 Health Authority and Care Services
Survey on provision of health services.
- 15239.19 Local Industry
Agenda for stakeholder group meeting, 18th April at Oldbury.
15240.20 Operators' liability insurance to be increased in event of disaster.
- 15241.21 Parish Projects & Related Matters
Invitation to Diamond Jubilee Service, Sunday 3rd June.
15242.22 "Teddy Village"; will the parish council be involved?
15243.23 John Miller seeks help with Diamond Jubilee celebrations.
15244.24 "Three Quarter Moon", the latest Village Players production.
- 15245.25 Playgrounds/Youth Activities
Annual play equipment inspections to be arranged.
- 15246.26 Police
A & S Police Authority newsletter, March edition – circulated.
15247.27 Safer Stronger Group meeting, 4th April in Easter Compton.
15248.28 Response from Insp Evelyn re problems at Cross Hands.
- 15249.29 Quotations
Gibbs GM quotes £30 per cut for work at Beach Avenue footpath.
15250.30 Mike Fisher quotes £40 per cut for work at Beach Avenue footpath.
- 15251.31 Railways
Proposals for the future of local rail.
15252.32 Response from Jack Lopresti MP re Sir Roy McNulty rail report.
- 15253.33 Roads/Road Signs
Ackn of problems identified in Redwick Road.
15254.34 Remedial action re road surface markings and 'no parking' sign.
- 15255.35 Rural Areas/Local Plan
The Bristol Site Allocations & Development Management programme.
- 15256.36 Severnside Development
Response re comment on alteration to highway at Farm Lane.
- 15257.37 Stationery/Circulars/Books
LCR magazine, Spring edition – circulated.
15258.38 *furniture@work* products brochure.
- 15259.39 South Gloucestershire Council
Parish Charter Group meeting, 24th April in Bradley Stoke.
15260.40 "Where Your Money Goes", council expenditure details.

- 15261.41 South Glos Internal Drainage Board
Elections for management board to be held later this year.
- 15262.42 Street Furniture & Lighting
Anti-social Behaviour Team investigate problems in Redwick Road.
- 15263.43 Trees/Tree Planting
Heritage Orchard survey – help sought – circulated.
- 15264.44 Utilities - Electricity
National Grid: listings for local community forum meetings.
- 15265.45 National Grid: comment re connection project.
- 15266.46 Voluntary/Community Groups
St John Ambulance: buy a defibrillator project.
- 15267.47 Voluntary/Community Groups (cont)
Rural Network initiative on fuel purchases.
- 15268.48 Celebrating Carers Event, Saturday 14th April 2012.
- 15269.49 Planning
Materials stored at Timber Yard, A403, in keeping with permission.
- 15270.50 Opinion above now overturned. Action against pollution sought.
- 15271.51 Delegated decisions, w/e 21st January 2012.
- 15272.52 Delegated decisions, w/e 28th January 2012.
- 15273.53 Delegated decisions, w/e 4th February 2012.
- 15274.54 Delegated decisions, w/e 11th February 2012.
- 15275.55 Accounts/Donations
United, photocopier toner cartridge. Item 5-3 refers.
- 15276.56 Marie's, receipt book for allotment fees. Item 5-4 refers.
- 15277.57 Curry's/PC World, printer inks. Item 5-5 refers.
- 15278.58 Mr N Pearce, odd job man. Item 5-6 refers.
- 15279.59 S Glos Council, council tax SB VH. Item 5-7 refers.
- 15280.60 S Glos Council, council tax, Pilning VH. Item 5-8 refers.
- 15281.61 Wicksteed, play inspections. Item 5-9 refers.
- 15282.62 A L C A, annual subscriptions. Item 5-10 refers.
- 15283.63 S Glos Council, allotment lease. Item 5-11 refers.
- 15284.64 M J Fisher, grass cutting. Item 5-12 refers.
- 15285.65 M J Fisher, grass rolling. Item 5-13 refers.
- 15286.66 Running Imp, Jubilee mugs. Item 5-14 refers.
- 15287.67 H M R C, Clerk's income tax. Item 5-15 refers.
- 15288.68 St Peter's Church Council, donation. Item 5-16 refers.
- 15289.69 Emmaus Chapel, donation. Item 5-17 refers.
- 15290.70 Severn Beach Scouts, donation. Item 5-18 refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 – 1	£ 791.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk's wages (Mar)	112
5 – 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 - 3	£ 120.00	United	Toner cartridge	111
5 – 4	£ 1.25	Marie's	Receipt book	SHAA
5 - 5	£ 57.00	Curry PC World	Printer inks	111
5 - 6	£ 82.50	Mr N Pearce	Odd job man	111
5 - 7	£ 203.81	S Glos Council	Rates- SB VH	LGMP
5 - 8	£ 201.52	S Glos Council	Rates – Pilning VH	LGMP
5 - 9	£ 108.00	Wicksteed	Play inspection	LGMP
5 –10	£ 641.53	A L C A	Subscriptions	142
5 - 11	£1000.00	S Glos Council	Allotment lease	SHAA
5 –12	£ 630.00	M J Fisher	Grass cutting	*
5 –13	£ 200.00	M J Fisher	Rolling sports fields	LGMP
5 –14	£1521.00	Running Imp	Jubilee Mugs	137
5 –15	£ 591.00	H M R C	Income tax	111
5 –16	£ 200.00	St P Ch Council	Donation	137
5 –17	£ 200.00	Emmaus Chapel	Donation	137
5 –18	£ 200.00	SB Scouts	Donation	137
	<u>£6798.61</u>			

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

- 5 - 4, 11 Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, s26
- 5 - 7, 8, 9, 13 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19
- 5 – 12)Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19
-)Public Health Act 1875, s164

Items 5-1 to 5-6 inclusive, paid as one cheque.

Items 5-7 & 5-8 paid as one cheque.

Receipts (unlisted to date)

£ 500.00	Refund of grant	March 2011
£ 220.00	Allotment rentals (P)	March 2011
£1,495.00	Allotment rentals (SB)	May 2011
£2,650.00	Play collection	January 2012
£ 220.00	Allotment rentals (P)	March 2012

Bank balance, prior to payments above = **£46,658.47** (interest to March inclusive).

Accounts above were approved for payment. 1. CEW 2. FCAB All agreed.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Colin Brickell voiced his concerns regarding the activities at Xander Park, Church Road, Pilning, where XP Wood Recycling are disposing of the mountains of wood stored at the site. ILR has involved planning enforcement, following their admission that activities are contrary to the permission granted. It seems that Sam Phelps, son of the owner, has admitted that the water soaking process has broken down. Despite this the procedure has continued. Mr Brickell and other residents have been subjected to dust clouds. The 'toxicity' of the fall-out was questioned. Mr Brickell expressed the hope the nuisance could be brought to a rapid end.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (cont)

Chris Smith spoke on behalf of the Emmaus group and John Miller thanked council for their donation, agreed prior to his arrival.

7. AGENDA

7 – 1 Local Major Developments

Based on comment by NAC, Clerk registered an objection to this application. This is not aimed at the diversion as such, but more to the chosen route – in close proximity to the motorway.

7 - 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields

IWH has now obtained 3 quotes for relaying the tarmac at Pilning VH. All 3 quotes were fairly close but on the basis of being able to carry out the work during the school holiday, provided contact be made tomorrow (1.FCAB, 2 MDP, all agreed), AT were chosen to carry out the work. This quote includes extending the new tarmac area to the new tarmac at the school gate. Wooden edging could be utilised for a further £2035. 5 For, 3 Against (FCAB, NAC, CEW), 1 Abstained (IWH) a proposal that work be carried out without utilising wooden edging.

7 - 3 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

FCAB is coordinating the teddy display on behalf of the parish council. It was agreed that members should respond individually to the invitation to attend the civic service. Saturday 26th May is designated as the day for distribution of the commemorative mugs. Both schools are unwilling to take on this responsibility as mugs are not being provided for the 30 pupils who are not parish residents.

Agreed the donation of £200 to St Peter's Church should be matched by a similar sum for the Emmaus Chapel "Big Lunch" project. On the same basis, and, due to reluctance by some members to sanction payment for fireworks - 'money going up in smoke!' – it was agreed the Scout request for match funding (£500) could not be met. A donation of £200, equal to those for the church groups will be made. Scouts are also to be asked about their insurance cover and requested that they notify adjacent householders of their plans.

7 - 4 Village Matters

Clerk – ILR asked for comment on the clerk advert. Agreed the post should be advertised in *The Gazette*, in the *In View* magazine and on parish notice boards.

Bus Services, Shelters & Signs – IWH commented on the erratic nature of the local services. The 624 service (9 am), operating on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, is sometimes failing to materialise. NAC also commented on the 'regularity' with which the 625 service runs 10 minutes late. It appears the ticket machine is invariably out of operation – somewhat reminiscent of the antics of the rail operators when they were claiming lack of use and trying to facilitate an end to the service. It is rumoured the service may be reduced from 1 per hour to 1 per 2 hours. It was also indicated that rail services are regularly being cancelled or curtailed. IWH questioned the need for 4 Towns Transport to impose a £5 annual charge on those using the service. He recommended an increase in the allowance paid to the Care for the Elderly group. 1. IWH, 2 FCAB, all agreed, the fee be increased from £1 to £2.

Building-New Developments-Housing – ILR queried activity at Northworthy Farm. Have we seen a planning application? ILR also commented on the visit to Ableton Court. It appears the most likely outcome is the demolition of this perfectly serviceable building, with the consequent loss of local accommodation for the elderly, and its replacement with starter homes, maybe 13 in number.

Roads/Road Signs – FCAB again asked for re-surfacing in Beach Road. The missing Keens Grove sign has already been notified to S Glos.

Footpaths – ILR reported on his attendance at the committee meeting to consider the future of the Bank Road path. He was surprised to find those who opposed outnumbered those who were for. When he mentioned those who were against the claim it caused some disquiet among members. ILR urged a further council response and extra support from other interested parties.

Allotments – NAC commented on the need for a toilet at Pilning. ILR confirmed that chemical toilets are usually supplied on a lease agreement. Clerk confirmed that purchase of such a facility would cost in the region of £3,000.

Grass Cutting – In respect of the 2 quotes to cut the area adjacent to the Gorse Cover Road – Beach Avenue footpath, the Clerk recommended retention of the services of Gibbs GM. Members chose to award the contract to Mike Fisher, who is already contracted to cut all other areas in the parish.

7 – 5 Reports

S GLOS – RCG confirmed that 28 (chipped) horses have been returned to their rightful owners, though 22 mares were found to be in-foal, so the problem is hardly diminished. MDP reports up to 50 horses in the Minors Farm area. Bailiffs have posted notices warning that horses will be removed. This has resulted in some animals disappearing from the area.

STREET FURNITURE & LIGHTING – Lights are now being extinguished overnight (12 midnight to 5 am) on the M4, junctions 20-22, and on the M48, around junction 1.

8. PLANNING

8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT12/0677/F Wind Turbine at Warburtons

Objection

8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

None

Next Council Meeting – Severn Beach School on Tuesday 8th May 2012

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 9.03 PM

Signed.....Dated.....

JCR

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