

MINUTES of Meeting at Severn Beach School
4th January 1972.

Mrs. Barry absent. Apologies from Mr. Edwards

- 187 Ableton Lane.
Councillor Ball asked that attention be given to the footpath Ableton Lane to Victoria Crescent. The pavement from St. Kilda to telephone kiosk, and a hole at the side of a manhole near St. Kilda.
- 369 Footpath near Severn Beach School.
Councillor Ball reported on his meeting with Mr. Merrett from Glos. County Surveyor's Dept. Measurements were taken where a bridge has to be built over a ditch by Mr. Merrett, who will give an estimate to the County Council, as apparently the Council has to bear the cost of the bridge.
- 436 Weight Restriction on Redwick Road.
Councillor Lewis reported he will be taking a census of heavy vehicles and vans between 4 - 6 p.m. Councillor Parsons suggested the Civic Trust may be able to give some advice on the problem.
- 482 Path between 39/41 Beach Road.
The Glos. County Surveyor's Dept acknowledges receipt of the Parish Council's inquiry, and states the matter has now been put in the hands of the Glos. County Solicitor for his decision.
- 514 Precept for year 1972/3.
It was decided that a sum of approximately £5050 will be required, and this will be applied for.
- 518 Pilning Playing Field. Road and Car Park.
It was reported by the Playing Field Committee they had found a Contractor who would do a satisfactory job of surfacing the road and park for less than the £650 previously estimated. Three estimates had been received, but the Parish Councillors would wish to be assured that the best estimate for the work required would be accepted. To hasten the work, the expense would be paid by the Hall and Field Committee, who would be reimbursed by the Parish Council at a later date.
- 528 Local Government Reorganisation.
A considerable time was spent debating this subject. A letter from F.V. Corfield M.P. was read, in which he stated he appreciated the reluctance of many rural people to being absorbed into the new County of Avon. He felt there had been ample time and opportunity for persons to make their objections, but meetings he had held had been poorly attended. Councillors felt the letter had not satisfactorily answered their inquiries. Parishes in North Somerset are trying to keep out of Avon, and if successful, the position of Thornbury R.D.C. would require to be reviewed.
It was decided to send a letter to all these parishes, seeking their support, for a proper balance between Rural and City (urban) interests being maintained.
- 535 Severn Beach Village Hall.
A letter from the Hall Secretary stated the Thornbury R.D.C. Finance Committee requested representatives of the Hall Committee to meet them on the 10th January/72. The Parish Council would be advised of the outcome of the meeting.
- 551 Abbett Road Trees.
Mr. Andain is to be requested to have the trees pruned. Complaints that they are overgrown have been received.
- 557 Elm Tree Disease.
Dr. Maggs of the I.C.I. has written to state it was hoped to fell all stricken trees on the I.C.I. estate before next Spring. Replacement trees will be planted in groups rather than in hedges. Such planting will also help to conserve wild life.

561 Street Lights near Severn Beach Hotel.
Councillor Ball reports these lights are now in working order. He also gave an account of his meeting with Mr. Frazer of Glos. C.C. concerning the missing Street Lights in Ableton Lane.

563 Pilning Low Level Railway Crossing.
Mr. Andain promises support for the re-aligning of the crossing gates when he refers the Parish Council's suggestion to the County Surveyor. However, he warns that immediate action cannot be expected due to the limited funds available at the present time. It was decided to ask British Rail to improve the road conditions between and beside the railway lines.

570 Severn Beach Playing Field Fence.
A letter of thanks from the Field Committee for the grant to be made towards the cost of the fencing was noted.

581 Verge opposite Pilning Garage.
Mr. Andain advises he is investigating the possibility of carrying out kerbing work to deter parking on that side of Cross Hands Road. The question of the dangerous bend near to the Cross Hands has been referred to the Glos. County Surveyor.
Councillor Ball will also give a report of his informal talk with Sergt. Somers on the matter of the curve in the road.

588 Phillblack Co. Application for extraction of Clay for Brick making.
The Parish Councillors rejected this application for development of 67 acres for extraction of Clay. They objected on the grounds of a Health Hazard etc., and the objections will be passed to the Bristol City Engineer and City Planning Officer. The Kiln was intended to be built within the City Boundary.

590 Swanmoor Council Houses.
Mr Frost advises modernisation of these will commence on the 14th February 1972.

592 Rubbish on the Sea Shore, Severn Beach.
Two Parish Councillors volunteered to gather this material together for collection by the R.D.C. This offer by Councillors Snell and Ball, the letter offering the use of his tractor, was greatly appreciated. Such an example could lead to more persons trying to improve the parish appearance.

598 Youth Service Building Needs - Review of.
It was felt the letter received from the Area Youth Office, Filton, was in the nature of a circular, and did not apply to Youth Clubs in the parish.

601 Hole in road near Pilning Vicarage.
Mr. Andain to be requested to get repaired the hole which has appeared beside a main water supply road cover.

602 Street Light required, Station Road, Severn Beach.
Councillor Snell asked if a light could be erected between the light near Ableton Lane road junction and the Beach Road junction with Station Road, preferably on the railway station side, to illuminate a dark area and the railway crossing.

lo. Ref. Councillor Snell reported that the piece of ground at the back of Osborne Road which was in a bad state has now been cleared up and levelled.
The meeting ended with hopes expressed for a successful year of Parish affairs in 1972. This was convivially endorsed before the Councillors separated.

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Signed M. Lee
Date 4-2-72.