

# PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2006

In SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS      Mr I Humphries (Chairman), Mrs N Bendall, Mr S Cooper,  
PRESENT      (7)      Mr A George, Mrs M Heslop, Mr D Humphries,  
                         Mrs C Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (S Glos Councillor); 6 members of the public (Frances Barr MBE of Beach Road, Jane Davey of Ableton Lane, Barbara Matthews of Salthouse Farm Park, Eric Morse of Redwick Road, Amy and Eddie Neave of Ableton Lane).

## 1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mrs N Chappell, Mr G Moore (work commitments), Mr M Pullen (unwell)

Chairman welcomed Mrs Nicole Bendall to her first meeting since appointment as a parish councillor. Clerk collected the signed Declaration of Interest.

**The Chairman asked that members join in remembrance of Mrs Esther Doherty of Chessell Avenue, Mrs Edna Latham of Bilsham Lane, and Mr Thomas (Harry) Wall of Church Road.**

## 2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> October were approved as a true record.

1. AG      2. MH      All agreed.

## 3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

### 3 – 1 Cemeteries/Churches

Overgrowth at Northwick has been dealt with and the cutting programme completed. The account has been rendered (see item 5-7 below).

### 3 – 2 Police

DH reported that arrangements made for equipment storage at SB VH are not going to be satisfactory. PC Lodge has intimated that storage arrangements will be sought at the new school, though this will not solve the immediate problem.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

### Audit/Precept

10971.01      *Employer Bulletin*, October edition (no. 24).

10972.02      Further request by HM Revenue for pay details of Mrs Barr MBE.

4. CORRESPONDENCE (cont)Avon Local Councils Association

- 10973.03 Agenda for 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov meeting at Poole Court, minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> July meeting.  
10974.04 ALCA training evening, planning aid, at Yatton, 31<sup>st</sup> January.  
10975.05 Briefing note P08-06, Strong and Prosperous Communities.  
10976.06 ALCA training, involvement with young people (Childrens Society).  
10977.07 Digital mapping, a booklet from the Ordnance Survey.  
10978.08 ALCA survey of council duties – response 7/11/2006.

Bus Services, Shelters & Signs

- 10979.09 Contact by Lucy Hamid re 4TT meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.  
10980.10 Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> June meeting in Almondsbury.  
10981.11 Agenda for meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, in Thornbury.

Clerk/Clerk's Society

- 10982.12 Briefing note E08-06, Clerk's Model Contract of Employment.  
10983.13 Society Conference, 8<sup>th</sup> December, at Bristol City FC.

Council to Protect Rural England

- 10984.14 Branch AGM, 4<sup>th</sup> November, in Marksbury.  
10985.15 Agenda for AGM at Poole Court on 25<sup>th</sup> November.  
10986.16 Annual report for 2005/2006 – circulated.

Elections/Applications for Parish Council

- 10987.17 Info from Stuart Hook regarding cooption of councillors.

Environment/Conservation

- 10988.18 Leaflet, a brief guide to Ram Hill Colliery.  
10989.19 Plastic recycling facilities for SB VH.  
10990.20 Community archives, a feasibility study.

Grass Cutting

- 10991.21 Terms of employment; comment by Mr I Roberts re odd jobs.

Health Authority & Care Services

- 10992.22 Joint council committee to scrutinise health proposals.

ICI, Zeneca & Other Industries

- 10993.23 Site stakeholder group meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> November, agenda enclosed.  
10994.24 Site stakeholder group meeting, relevant papers enclosed.  
10995.25 Site manager's report to stakeholder group.

Insurance/Legal Services

- 10996.26 Allianz request that weekly safety inspections be carried out.

Playgrounds/Youth Activities

- 10997.27 Wicksteed brochure on play equipment.  
10998.28 Christopher Herriot offers to meet with council, re youth service.  
10999.29 Children's Society report on youth shelters.  
11000.30 E-mail from Children's Society: mud jumps and youth shelters.

Railways

- 11001.31 FoSBR Newsletter 59 – circulated.

Redwick Road/New Passage

- 11002.32 Response from Richard Parry re military paraphernalia on rifle range.

River/Seawall & Environs

- 11003.33 Notification of TV filming on foreshore, 24<sup>th</sup> October.  
11004.34 Leaflet, "The walks and wildlife of the Severn Estuary" – distributed.  
11005.35 Glos CC organise 'Energy and R Severn Symposium', 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Roads/Road Signs

- 11006.36 Osborne Road problem to be given further attention.

South Gloucestershire Council

- 11007.37 List of meetings for November 2006.  
11008.38 Council meeting for November 2006.  
11009.39 Cabinet meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, at Thornbury.  
11010.40 Cabinet meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> November, at Thornbury.  
11011.41 Appointments & Employment Committee, 14<sup>th</sup> November in Thornbury.  
11012.42 Children & Young People Select Committee, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, in Kingswood.  
11013.43 Communities Select Committee, 15<sup>th</sup> November in Kingswood.  
11014.44 Development Control Committee, 12<sup>th</sup> October in Thornbury.  
11015.45 Development Control Committee, 9<sup>th</sup> November in Thornbury.  
11016.46 Development Control, joint committees, 2<sup>nd</sup> November in Kingswood.  
11017.47 Health Scrutiny Sub Committee, 1<sup>st</sup> November, in Kingswood.  
11018.48 Local Strategic Partnership, 30<sup>th</sup> October, in Thornbury.  
11019.49 Planning, Trans & Strategic Enviro Select Committee, 18/10, Kingswood.  
11020.50 Standards Committee, 27<sup>th</sup> October, in Kingswood.  
11021.51 Executive Decisions, w/e 6<sup>th</sup> October.  
11022.52 Executive Decisions, w/e 13<sup>th</sup> October.  
11023.53 Executive Decisions, w/e 20<sup>th</sup> October.  
11024.54 Executive Decisions, w/e 27<sup>th</sup> October.  
11025.55 Executive Decisions, w/e 3<sup>rd</sup> November.  
11026.56 Forward Plan of Executive Decision-Making, Nov 2006 to Oct 2007.  
11027.57 The future for Community Networking.  
11028.58 Agenda papers to be forwarded by e-mail.  
11029.59 Minutes of parish charter working group meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> August.  
11030.60 Trading Standards communication network – response 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Village Halls

- 11031.61 Right of Way, summary of the way forward.  
 11032.62 Draft of response to Sims Cook & Teague.  
 11033.63 Purchase of new chairs for Pilning VH.

Voluntary/Community Groups

- 11034.64 Senior Citizens Forum meeting at Kingswood, 16<sup>th</sup> November.  
 11035.65 SCF newsletter, Autumn edition – circulated.  
 11036.66 Bradley Stoke TC, Health & Safety course on 22<sup>nd</sup> January.  
 11037.67 “Volunteer Centre”, Thornbury, November newsletter.  
 11038.68 Countryside Alliance, ‘Support your local post office’ campaign.

Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill

- 11039.69 Concerns re erratic waste bin emptying programme.

Website/Information Technology

- 11040.70 IT equipment offer from S Glos Council.

Accounts/Donations

- 11041.71 Julie Tyzack, reminder re chairs account. Item 5-6, mins 2/10, refers.  
 11042.72 AOL, internet charge, Oct. Item 5-3 refers.  
 11043.73 PC World, printer cartridges. Item 5-4 refers.  
 11044.74 Asda, gel pens. Item 5-5 refers.  
 11045.75 Mr I Roberts, grass cutting (October). Item 5-6 refers.  
 11046.76 Mr L Liddiatt, maintenance at Northwick Cemetery. Item 5-7 refers.  
 11047.77 Wicksteed, repairs at Pilning play area. Item 5-8 refers.  
 11048.78 Care for Elderly allowances. Item 5-9 refers.  
 11049.79 Marlwood School, annual award. Item 5-10 refers.  
 11050.80 Pilning Guides, donation request. Item 5-11 refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

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|--------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 5 – 1  | £ 543.00        | J C Rawlinson                  | Clerk – Wages (October) | 112    |
| 5 – 2  | £ 50.00         | J C Rawlinson                  | Petrol                  | 111    |
| 5 – 3  | £ 15.99         | AOL                            | Internet charges (Oct)  | 111    |
| 5 – 4  | £ 35.97         | PC World                       | Ink cartridges          | 111    |
| 5 – 5  | £ .85           | Asda                           | Gel pens                | 111    |
| 5 – 6  | £ 350.00        | Mr I Roberts                   | Grass Cutting           | MP/PHA |
| 5 – 7  | £ 822.50        | Mr L Liddiatt                  | Grass Cutting           | 214    |
| 5 – 8  | £1500.21        | Wicksteed Leisure              | Play area repairs       | LGMP   |
| 5 – 9  | £ 356.75        | Care for Elderly               | Attendance allowance    | LGRA   |
| 5 – 10 | £ 25.00         | Marlwood School                | Annual award            | 137    |
| 5 – 11 | £ 200.00        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Pilning Guides | Donation                | 137    |
| 5 – 12 | £ 131.37        | Signs Express                  | Banners/Parish Plan     | 142    |
|        | <u>£4031.64</u> |                                |                         |        |

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

The personal injury report received by council has proved to be a responsibility that falls upon the village hall. Thinking of further difficulties that could arise, IH is concerned that the proximity of the rhine to the driveway could possibly lead to problems, should any driver misjudge the situation when manoeuvring their vehicle. Agreed the Internal Drainage Board should be contacted re the possibility of constructing an earth mound to help reduce future risk.

### 7 – 3 Traffic Problems/Transport Policy

DH has received a number of complaints from residents regarding the problems experienced by drivers attempting to exit the B4055 junction with M5. Proposed DH, seconded IH, 2 For, 5 Against organising a petition. The 5 Against carried the counter proposal that council await the decision of S Glos Council, who, according to information from PT, are currently carrying out a traffic flow study designed to help in re-assessing priorities at the junction.

### 7 – 4 Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill

AG, having met with a representative from S Glos, produced a comprehensive summary of proposals for siting new dog and litter bins. Proposed SC, seconded CW, All Agreed, that option 1, incorporating larger litter bins, should be chosen. IH queried the lack of action re a litter bin for the Cross Hands bus shelter. Agreed this should be included with this order.

### 7 – 5 Village Matters

**Playgrounds/Youth Activities** – NB reported on discussions at work re safer community areas. The document under consideration reported on the link between this council and the Children's Society.

**Cross Hands/Wainbridge** – MH asked that Streetcare should deal with the site adjacent to the Wainbridge/Cross Hands Road path which is an overgrown litter dump.

**Footpaths** – AG confirmed that Rennie Dickens is to provide the name signs this council had formerly agreed to pay for.

**Local Facilities & Amenities** – Although the Pension Service Representative attended at SB last week, AG reported that due to diminishing demand, future visits will be on a 'need' basis.

**Severn Beach Regeneration** – CW advised that work is underway on replacing paving slabs on the footway adjacent to the post office. Litter bins and cycle stands (1 funded by Sustrans) are also to be provided. A boat is to be sited on the approach at Ableton Lane. Alan Irons has complained of the sub-site work at the post office. The problems with uneven slabs are due to previous inadequate foundation work.

**Severn Road (A403)** – There has been a considerable reduction in the number of trailers on the site adjacent to Church Road/Severn Road, although 5 still remain.

The parish sign on the northern approach has been missing for a number of weeks. A replacement is to be ordered.

### 7 – 6 Reports

**RAILWAYS** – PT reported on the initiative aimed at regularising the rights of way across railway lines. Improvements are to be made to branch line stations, and it is probable the shelter on SB platform will be moved closer to the entrance, and double as a bus shelter. Electronic indicators are likely to be installed.

**COUNCIL HOUSING** – PT stated that S Glos is being requested to cut down the width of the last council house garden to improve visibility on the narrow section between Gipsies Plat and Little Green Lane.

**RIVER SEVERN** – PT attended an Estuary Partners meeting at Slimbridge. He also attended a Gloucestershire CC meeting at Stonehouse, relating to river-generated power. Among the speakers was Mr John Gummer.

