

## **PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011, commencing at 6.30 pm  
in PILNING Village Hall

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT (9)** Mr I L Roberts (Chairman), Mrs F C A Barr MBE, Mrs N Bendall, Mrs N A Chappell, 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 Griffin (S Glos Councillor) and 1 member of the public (Mr D Nethercott of Beach Road).

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At 6.30 pm, with James Gallagher, Steve Marshall and Jo Hatton-Jones of ScottishPower present, Peter Hulson of Arup gave a presentation and slide show highlighting development proposals at 'Avon Power Station'.

A gas turbine power station is to be built on the 113 acre site. Following discussions with National Grid in June 2010, a series of meetings with many other bodies has been held on a regular basis from August 2010. The 1957 permission is noted but separate applications are to be submitted, with particular reference to discussion with the Highways Agency and considerations relating to a new access onto M49.

A public exhibition will be held in SB VH on 24<sup>th</sup> June, open from 2-8 pm. Stage 2 consultations will begin during winter 2011/2012.

PH invited questions on the proposals – (NB arrived at this point) – and those posed included queries on: the precise size of the area to be developed; access onto the site (keeping in mind the 7.5 tonne limit); foundation depths required in a flood area; historic acid/pernicious deposits on the site; noise emissions; and smoke plumes.

Thanking them for their attendance, ILR brought the presentation to a close at 6.55 pm. The regular business of the council commenced at 7.00 pm

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**The Chairman asked for a minute's silence in remembrance of Mrs Muriel Beadsmore of Ableton Lane, Mr Rupert "Bob" Griffiths of Victoria Crescent and Mrs Joyce Snook of New Passage Road, all recently deceased.**

**1a      DECLARATION of ACCEPTANCE of OFFICE**

NSB and MDP, both absent from the previous meeting, signed the book. NSB submitted a Register of Members' Interest. MDP had submitted a Register during the preceding week.

**1b      APOLOGIES for ABSENCE**

Mr R W Hampson (holiday).

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> May were approved as a true record.

1. YG      2. FCAB      All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS3 - 1 Allotments

Thirty two of the 40 SB allotment holders have expressed an interest to using the clubroom, subject to the costs involved. Enquiries have been made with S Glos. The rateable value of the room has been re-assessed. Leaseholders are to meet in SB VH at the end of June. Clerk asked if council would be willing to pay the booking charge. FCAB expressed the view that too much money had already been spent on the project. The vote on the suggestion was 8 against, 1 Abstained (NSB).

3 - 2 St Peter's School

Clerk attended at the site to ascertain the problem with Calor Gas tanks, only to find none there. They had been removed following a separate initiative by RG.

3 - 3 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

ILR has spent some time at Pilning playing fields, reinstating the boundary fence around the play area. He was thanked for his efforts.

3 - 4 Legal Matters

The remedial work in the vicinity of the bridge near the service entrance to St Peter's School has commenced following conversations between Ian Lyons and the Clerk. ILR and IWH attended on site to confirm the requirements, council thanking them for their involvement. Richard Hill has been informed of progress.

3 - 5 Grass Cutting

S Glos confirmed they regularly use glyphosate in dealing with small areas, such as the narrow grassed strips in Beach Road. It is deemed to be of particular value in economically substituting for strimmers and allows grass seed to re-germinate in autumn.

Mike Fisher has quoted £50 for a lawn-style cut at the path between Beach Road and Osborne Road. IWL felt this to be on the high side. Mike Gibbs has already been contracted to do 3 cuts but members feel more are needed. Clerk to discuss with MG

4. CORRESPONDENCEAllotments

- 14821.01      SB allotment holders to meet and discuss formation of association.
- 14802.02      Keys for club house provided by Alan Benson of South Glos.
- 14803.03      Support voiced by allotment holders for use of club house.
- 14804.04      Valuation Officer advises rateable value of club house is £980.

Allotments (cont)

14805.05 Response from David Rostance re enquiries relating to allotment site.

14806.06 Mr Grant of Cranmoor Green enquires re tool shed and water tank.

Audit/Precept

14807.07 Mazar: details of annual audit return requirements.

Bus Services, Shelters & Signs

14808.08 APRE of Bristol offer shelter service; cleaning and repairs.

Campaign to Protect Rural England

14809.09 *Fieldwork*, spring edition - circulated.

14810.10 *Countryside Voice*, spring edition – circulated.

14811.11 *Members Guide 2011*.

Charities/Representation

14812.12 Almondsbury Charity AGM to be held in Pilning VH, 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Clerk/Clerks' Society

14813.13 Info re publications of interest to new councillors.

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Dog Nuisance

14814.14 Charges increased from £3.90 to £4.08 per bin.

Environment/Conservation

14815.15 Enviro Link Group to meet at Rockhampton, 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Grass Cutting

14816.16 Glyphosate now used in maintenance of small areas.

Legal Services

14817.17 Ian Lyons confirms detail of remedial work to be undertaken.

14818.18 Amanda Deeks, CEO, hopes that outstanding matters now dealt with.

Licence Applications

14819.19 Comment sought re street traders licence at Cross Hands.

Local Industry

14820.20 *Avon Power Station*, issue 1 – copies distributed.

14821.21 Hinkley Power Station, report on meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Parish Projects & Related Matters

14822.22 Deborah White acknowledges receipt of the Parish Plan document.

14823.23 Patrick Conroy comments on the procedure for adopting the PPd.

Parish Projects & Related Matters (cont)

14823.23 Sarah Milne notifies contact details for Safer Stronger Community Group.

River, Seawall & Environs

14824.24 Severn Estuary Partnership application form.

14825.25 Brochure, "WaterWall" – proposed for 'new parking area'.

14826.26 Floodsense contact re possibility of establishing parking area.

Roads/Road Signs

14827.27 Richard Lewis advises on proposals for new footway at Marsh Common.

14828.28 Parking procedures at the new school, Bank Road.

14829.29 Response re possible road markings at entrance to church path.

South Gloucestershire Council

14830.30 Parish Charter working group, minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> January meeting.

14831.31 PCWG, agenda for meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> June in Yate.

14832.32 Posters for national family week, 30<sup>th</sup> May-5<sup>th</sup> June.

14833.33 Review of street trading strategy – comment sought.

Street Furniture/Lighting

14834.34 Glasdon of Blackpool, dog and waste bin leaflet.

Voluntary/Community Groups

14835.35 Booklet: Celebrating Age and National Carers Week, 13-19<sup>th</sup> June.

14836.36 Deaf Association, June newsletter.

14837.37 Volunteer Centre Thornbury, annual report 2010-2011.

Planning

14838.38 Delegated decisions, w/e 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011.

14839.39 Delegated decisions, w/e 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

14840.40 Delegated decisions, w/e 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

14841.41 Delegated decisions, w/e 24<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

14842.42 Delegated decisions, w/e 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011.

14843.43 Delegated decisions, w/e 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

14844.44 Delegated decisions, w/e 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

14845.45 Delegated decisions, w/e 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011.

14846.46 Delegated decisions, w/e 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

14847.47 Delegated decisions, w/e 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Accounts/Donations

14848.48 Bristol Locksmiths, keys for allotments. Item 5-4 refers.

14849.49 B & Q, cable ties for cemetery. Item 5-5 refers.

14850.50 Bendrey Brothers, fence pickets. Item 5-6 refers.

14851.51 Currys PC World, inks for printer. Item 5-7 refers.

Accounts/Donations (cont)

14852.52 Mr N Pearce, maintenance. Item 5-8 refers.  
 14853.53 AON, annual insurance premium. Item 5-9 refers.  
 14854.54 I Roberts, timber from Wickes. Item 5-10 refers.  
 14855.55 M J Fisher, grass cutting (May). Item 5-11 refers.  
 14856.56 Wicksteed Leisure, play equipment inspection. Item 5-12 refers.  
 14857.57 S Glos Council, booking at SB School. Item 5-13 refers.  
 14758.58 Senior Citizens Forum, donation. Item 5-14 refers.  
 14759.59 Severnside Out of School Club, donation. Item 5-15 refers.  
 14760.60 HMRC, remittance advice. R/F of VAT, 2009/10 (£7,239.15).

5 ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5- 1	£ 797.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk's wages (May)	112
5- 2	£ 175.73	J C Rawlinson	Tax refund	112
5- 3	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5- 4	£ 29.50	Bristol Locksmiths	Extra keys	SHAA
5- 5	£ 2.58	B & Q	Cable ties, cemetery	214
5- 6	£ 5.34	Bendrey Bros	Fence pickets	HA80
5- 7	£ 44.98	PC World	Printer inks	111
5- 8	£ 63.75	Mr N Pearce	Odd job man	111
5- 9	£2289.82	AON	Insurance Premium	114
5-10	£ 5.90	Mr I Roberts	Timber (Wickes)	LGMP
5-11	£ 630.00	M J Fisher	Grass Cutting	*
5-12	£ 108.00	Wicksteed Leisure	Playground inspection	PHA75
5-13	£ 25.00	S Glos Council	Booking (SB School)	111
5-14	£ 50.00	Snr Citizens Forum	Donation	137
5-15	£ 600.00	Severnside OoSC	Donation	137
5-16	£ 50.00	Mr & Mrs Collins	Toilet keyholder	PHA36
	<u>£4927.60</u>			

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

5 - 4 Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, s26  
 5 - 6 Highways Act 1980  
 5 -10 Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1979, s19  
 5 -11 (Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1979, s19  
 (Public Health Act 1875, s164  
 5 -12 Public Health Act 1875, s164  
 5 -17 Public Health Act 1936, s87

Items 5-1 to 5-8 inclusive, paid as one cheque.

Bank balance, prior to payments above = **£42,153.54** (includes receipt of first instalment of precept payment (£28,000) at end of April and interest payments to end of March.

5 ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT (cont)

The accounts above were approved for payment

1. FCAB 2. NAC All agreed.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None requested.

7. AGENDA

7 – 1 Severnside Development

ScottishPower proposals covered by the pre-meeting presentation.

7 – 2 Village Halls

MDP drew attention to the graffiti on SB VH. Both he and FCAB offered to paint over the offensive wording. Contact with members of the committee has not yet resulted in removal of the markings. YG, our representative on the committee, to raise the matter at next week's committee meeting. Having attended at SB playing fields earlier YG commented on the good use being made of facilities on-site.

IWH queried the right of the Carnival Committee to restrict access to the field on carnival day. If, as thought, no charge is made for entry (although it is suggested that donations could be made) then no one is being prevented from entering. However, it is stated in the carnival day programme "We have the right to refuse admission and will do so to anybody who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or has been disruptive in the past." This would seem to be entirely reasonable though not perhaps lawful. Byelaws relating to the playing fields allow that persons who "behave so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons...may be removed... by any officer of the Council, or by any constable." Perhaps in future years authority to act in the interests of the council should be vested in members of the carnival committee for the purpose of controlling nuisance on carnival day, thus making it official.

MDP asked whether any thought had been given to the provision of a BMX track. NSB gave some details, then going on to confirm that the fund raising group is likely to join with Pilning Pips in mounting a joint 'Fun Day' for mutual benefit. Progress with Right of Way proposals through Northover Court was questioned. Despite plans to deal with this matter no information has been forthcoming.

7 – 3 Parish Plan

An update was given with 2 items of correspondence from S Glos Council.

7 - 4 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

Covered in final paragraph of item 7-2.

**7 - 5 Accounts/Annual Audit**

Copies of the accounts were issued to all members. Clerk summarised the document answering a number of questions. IWL indicated the B&Q mower listed on page 5 is no longer an 'asset', having been stolen. Agreed that with all submission forms now completed this record would be altered in the subsequent accounts. Clerk advised that notices would be displayed, demonstrating to electors their right to examine the accounts should they choose. With the approval of council ILR signed the document which will be posted to Mazars immediately.

**7 - 6 St Peter's School**

Members have been issued with invitations to the 'official' school opening ceremony on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**7 - 7 Village Matters**

**Railways** – CEW reported on rail journey problems on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Clerk to deal.

**Footpath** – CEW drew attention to hedge clippings deposited on the Gorse Cover Road/Beach Avenue footpath. FCAB to deal with this.

**Medical** – IWH will be unable to operate the surgery bus service for 8 weeks, commencing 6<sup>th</sup> July. CEW is to make enquiries with Alan Marshall who runs a taxi service as passing the service on to someone else at 4 Towns Transport would involve too many problems. FCAB, ILR and Clerk to fill in otherwise.

**Cemetery/Churches** – FCAB advised the need for a committee meeting.

**Roads/Road Signs** – AJL drew attention to signs near the Plough, damaged by vandals. RG has dealt with this Work schedule number 86493 refers. Cars are parked in Ableton Lane through the day. MDP asked whether anything could be done about this. Traffic is a Police matter, but if the vehicles are taxed they will take no action. Some might feel the vehicles provide a service by providing a traffic calming influence. CEW suggested the vehicles belonged to the Sure-Start group based at the school. As a member of the group she will raise the topic.

NAC queried the continued lack of action with the footway alongside 50 Redwick Road and also requested that overgrowth should be cut back adjacent to Jackson Close.

**Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill** – MDP asked about the problem of fly-tipping at Orchard Pools – this is a streetcare issue, and also re shooting in adjacent fields. These are privately owned and the owner is therefore responsible.

MDP asked why local residents could not use the nearer tip at Avonmouth rather than travel to Little Stoke or Thornbury. This is not possible as the 2 authorities have no reciprocal agreements. MDP also asked whether further litter bins could be provided in Gorse Cover Road, though it was generally felt there are sufficient bins in the village.

**Dog Nuisance** - There is thought to be some call for a dog bin to be sited at the path between Beach Avenue and Gorse Cover Road. In respect of this and the comment above it was suggested that people were not aware of the costs involved. Clerk produced the most recent Glasdon product brochure which indicated that bin prices range between £129.84 to £294.60 for dogs (+ weekly emptying) and £183.49 to £364.00 for waste.

**Local Industry** – YG queried the nuisance created by vehicle movements in the Tesco yard and the ‘beeping’ at 04.30 am. There is an agreement in place which should be conformed to. Future complaints need to be supported by dates and times.

**River, Seawall & Environs** – ILR spoke of the enquiries he had made re breaking through the flood wall and providing car parking. The installation of ‘water boards’ would cost £3,350 + VAT Proposed IWT that a vote on whether to proceed should be taken. A counter proposal by FCAB was seconded by MDP but not otherwise supported. 1. IWH 2. CEW, 6 for, AJL abstaining. Enquiries to be made regarding the procedures to be followed.

**Allotments** – Enquiries to be made re the cost of a second water tank at Pilning.

## 7 - 8 Reports

NEWS FROM SOUTH GLOS – RG referred to the pre-meeting presentation, stating that no applications are yet submitted. He also attended the Sita incinerator inquiry, speaking up forcefully at false claims being made of good road and rail links.

## 8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT11/1352/F The Vicarage, erection of close boarded fence Comments

## 8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT11/0697/RVC	The Nursery, variation of condition 2	Permit
PT11/0876/F	Queens Lodge, NP, photovoltaic panels	Permit
PT11/0934/F	12 Abbott Road, extensions for granny flat	Permit

### 8 - 3 Appeal Against Decisions

PT10/0839/CLP Rosary Cottage, Shaft, non-compliance with condition 2 and 4  
PT10/2799/F 55B Cross Hands Road, erection of detached dwelling

**Next Council Meeting - at Severn Beach School on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 9:35 PM

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

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