

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 21st March 2011, commencing at 2.00 pm
in PILNING Village Hall

COUNCILLORS Mr I W Humphries (Chairman), Mrs N A Chappell,
PRESENT (5) Mr D T A Humphries, Mr I L Roberts, Mrs C E Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mrs N Bendall (unwell), Mrs F C A Barr (prior commitment),
Mr J A Black, Mr S G Cooper, Mr N D Webb (all with work commitments).

The meeting was convened to deal with two matters of urgency.

ALLOTMENTS

Although some issues are yet to be resolved (for instance, the possible demolition of the club house, and the provision of water services), following the meeting between IWH, ILR and Richard Hill of Gregg Latchams in Bristol, the Lease Agreement has now been signed. The action plan was considered. IWH and ILR attended at the 'rugby' ground recently, assessing the likely lay out. IWH has obtained the services of a contractor to dig over the site. He is to give the go ahead, work likely to take place on Wednesday or Thursday. Clerk and ILR will then attend on-site to mark up the plots. Clerk will then contact applicants and authorise 'start up'. After some discussion, decided to set the rental at £35 per annum, there being a need to recoup some of the overheads. FCAB to confirm the involvement of Robin Kirby in setting up water supplies.

Western Power is to remove the overhead cables alongside the east perimeter of the site, replacing them with an underground supply along the line of the ditch/hedgerow. This may cause some disruption on a temporary basis. Western Power to be contacted and asked to disconnect the power supply into the club house. Clerk also to obtain a sign for placement at the site. After enquiries by RH it appears that ownership of the entrance driveway can only be traced to Richard Stride. As both he and Mrs Stride are deceased – for many years – not known what effect this will have.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL

The email from Ian Lyons, directed to IWH during the recent absence of the Clerk, was discussed. A number of problems still exist, in particular relating to the height of the drainage cover, the danger posed by the slapdash finish to the mesh fencing along the bridge and, the parlous condition of the tarmac on the drive between the bridge and field gate.

The site was examined on the way out. Clerk to notify IL and copy to RH who was apparently by-passed by IL in his contact. Agreed to seek a local tender for the laying of tarmac and edging, the S Glos quotation of £2,250 being considered to be too high.

With the 2 matters of urgency now dealt with, Clerk drew attention to an email from Mike Fish, local resident and former parish councillor. MF criticised the decision of council to raise the precept and queried the lack of action in dealing with local problems. Clerk is to respond (A further email from MF acknowledges the detail of the Clerk's response, accepting the points made).

Payment to Gregg Latchams was authorised. The sum involved covers legal fees (reduced rate) to S Glos, first annual rental for the field, legal fees incurred by Gregg Latchams and various fees payable for land searches, etc. The payment is listed in the minutes of 7th March 2011.

Next Council Meeting - at Pilning Village Hall on Monday 4th April 2011

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 3.45 PM

Signed..... Dated..... JCR

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