

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 10th November 2008, commencing at 6.30 pm,
in PILNING Village Hall

COUNCILLORS Mr I Humphries (Chairman), Mrs N Chappell, Mr S Cooper,
PRESENT (4) Mr D Nethercott.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (S Glos Councillor), Mrs
Sheila Cook (S Glos Councillor), and 18 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mr J Black, Mr D Humphries, Mr I Roberts, Mrs C Woodhouse (all with prior commitments to attend other meetings).

2-6 ITEMS NOT RELEVANT

7 AGENDA

Travellers

The only item for discussion was the proposal by South Glos Council to set up traveller sites within the county (as per a Government directive). Three of the proposed 17 sites are within the Pilning ward of this parish. Should they go ahead, more than 25% of all travellers in the county would be based in this and the adjoining parish of Almondsbury.

DN has put much work into producing a summary of information available on the internet. Copies of this document were handed to those present and all were invited to read the information.

Having allowed some time for this appraisal, IH invited comment from those present, responses being made by parish and district councillors. A suggestion that the illegal camp in Bank Road, which has been awarded *ad infinitum* status, could perhaps form the basis of traveller occupation in this area, thus allowing more concentrated efforts to avoid the other 2 being foisted upon us, was met with little approval. Agreed that all traveller occupation should be opposed.

Following a comment from a Northwick resident and the late arrival of some Easter Compton residents, agreed a public meeting will be held at Pilning School on Monday 8th December, commencing at 7.00 pm. The problem of advertising this comprehensively was solved by Richard Griffin who arranged an *In View* advert, despite the publication deadline having already passed.

The meeting was closed at 8.22, the Clerk thanking members of the public for their attendance and impressing upon them the need for individual responses to the consultation document. He warned them that a parish council response merely counted as one comment and how important it was for others to respond also.

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