

Minutes of Meeting 3rd November, 1969.

All Councillors were present and Mr. C. Dyde the R.D.C. Councillor.
Minutes of Meeting 6th October confirmed.

474. Old People's Flatlets, Severn Beach.

Mr. Frost advises that he regretted the building of the Flatlets had to be restricted for financial reasons.

The Councillors wished for the scheme to be given topmost priority when restrictions were lifted.

It was decided to leave this matter in the hands of Mr. Dyde, who serves on the R.D.C. Housing Committee.

444. Complaints to British Rail Engineer.

The receipt of the three complaints regarding Pilning Low Level, New Passage & Cross Hands Bridge approaches has been acknowledged by the Rail Engineer.

354. Hedge Opposite Severn Beach Hotel.

Mr. A. Ball had the hedge cut and he paid for the work done. He is to be re-imbursed £1.16.0., and was thanked for his services.

445) Hedge between Pilning Low Level & Plough.

Mr. Andain informs the Councillors that this hedge which obstructed vision of vehicle drivers has been removed; he has also dealt with complaints regarding Abbott Rd., and depressions in the road outside Severn Beach School.

450. Local Complaints.

Mr. A. Ball reported depressions which required attention by Mr. Andain, at Severnwood Gardens and near Rustic Stores.

433. Childrens Amusements.

Councillors were advised of the visit to the R.D.C. Treasurer Mr. Arnold, and his authority that the sum of £1,000 could be precipited for in the year 1970/71.

He stated the Parish Council must be given full details of how the money will be spent, and articles purchased, also the Council must insist that applications be made to all sources from which grants may be obtained such as Ministry of Education, Glos. County Council, Thornbury R.D.C., etc.

The Pilning, and the Severn Beach Management Committees are to be so advised and asked to send two or three members to meet the Parish Council at the next meeting Monday 1st December.

449. Parish Improvements.

Mr. Parsons thought that quite a lot could be done to improve the parish and suggested that a rough plan of action should be outlined, and suggestions made at the next Council Meeting.

446. Travelling Library.

It was resolved to approach the Glos. County Mobile Library Service to endeavour to obtain a fresh assortment of books and a more speedy result to requests for books applied for on the official application forms.

447. Severn Beach School.

Mr. Tapp the Headmaster complained of the state of the School Hall Floor after a Public Meeting on 23rd October. He admitted that "NO SMOKING" notices were not posted up or ash trays supplied.

The Councillors regretted what happened although it was no fault of theirs, but decided to send their regrets to Mr. Tapp.

448. Pilning Cemetery.

The Councillors agreed to purchase a Hard Broom and Shears required by the new Caretaker, Mr. V. Edwards, for the upkeep of the cemetery, cost being £1.12. 6d.

448. Cemetery Burial Fees.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Ball 2nd by Councillor J. Easter and supported by the remaining Councillors that the method of raising burial charges which has been done for several years should still continue. The charge for a "Grave in Perpetuity" need not be raised, as a recent Act of Parliament had restricted the term "Perpetuity" to a definite number of years.

Cemetery interments are performed in numerical numbered graves, no grave is used for more than one body, unless a second interment is for another member of the same family, and requested by the family.

All graves are dug to a depth to contain two bodies, unless special arrangements are made for a greater depth or width, when an extra charge is made.

391. Liaison Committee.

Mr. Parsons gave a report on the recent meeting at the I.C.I. Works.

442. Lakelands Development Enquiry.

A copy of a letter recently sent from Mr. Frost, the R.D.C. Engineer to Mr. Goulding, who had begun work at the boating lake site was read.

This lead to a lengthy discussion, which eventually caused the drainage of surrounding areas to be brought under notice especially the ditch at the Northside of Beach Road, and the ditch in Beach Avenue.

The Councillors decided to ask the R.D.C. to circularise all householders of their responsibilities regarding the clearing of ditches on their properties.

The meeting also wished to be recorded in the minutes their objection to the recent derogatory remarks made against Severn Beach by Mr. Bromley.

The Council passed the following resolution, proposed by Mr. S. Parsons, 2nd by Mr. Denner that:-

"This Parish Council deplors the condemnatory language continually used by Mr. Ray Bromley about Severn Beach and would prefer some constructive criticism instead".

The resolution to be sent to Thornbury R.D.C.

438. Pilning.

The request to the Glos. County Highways Authority to erase Cross Hands, and substitute Pilning on road direction signs are now being carried out.

440. Aust to Avonmouth Ableton Lane road junction.

The County Surveyor will extend the existing white line both to the North & South of the present terminal points, and he will also mark out an area of cross hatching overlapping the north and south ends of the dual carriageway as additional safety measures.

451. Pilning Youth Centre House Committee.

Councillor Basil Parrott volunteered to attend as the Council Representative a meeting at Kingswood on the 24th November/69.

452. Buses to Pilning Primary School.

The Bristol Omnibus Co., are to be asked if any alteration in the service schedule is envisaged in the near future.

453. Sewerage Plan. Increase of Rates. Public Notice.

The Clerk to the R.D.C. is to be asked what percentage will be put on rates if residences are connected to the sewer and also if any percentage will be raised if not connected but the house is adjacent to the sewer.

PAYMENTS AUTHORISED.

Williams		£5. -.	-.	-.
Weeks		4. 10.	-.	-.
Phone Rent		4. -.	-.	-.
Ball		1. 10.	-.	-.
Briley		2. 2.	-.	-.
Edwards		1. 12.	6.	-.

Signed *DA* *Lap*

Date 1st December/69