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PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 5th January 2009, commencing at 7.00 pm,
in SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS Mr I Humphries (Chairman), Mr J Black, Mrs N Chappell,
PRESENT (8) Mr S Cooper, Mr D Humphries, Mr I Roberts,
 Mr N Webb, Mrs C Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (South
Glos Councillor) and 4 members of the public (Mrs Frances Barr MBE of Beach
Road, Mrs Gillian Cox & Mrs Jane Davey, both of Ableton Lane and Mrs Barbara
Matthews of Salthouse Farm Park).

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE
 Mrs N Bendall (unwell).

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*Mr Doug Nethercott, in a letter to the Chairman, tendered his resignation. DN has
been a member of council since May 2007.*

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**The Chairman asked members to remember Mrs Doris Edmonds of
Station Road, Harry George of Ableton Court, Peter Hollyman of Beach Avenue
and Ethel Wakefield of Ableton Court - all recently deceased.**

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING
 The minutes of the meeting of 4th December 2008 were approved as a true
record. 1. IR 2. JB All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

- 3 – 1 Local Facilities & Amenities

As yet there is no response to the enquiry made in respect of the library
facility at SB post office. Email response arrived Wednesday 7th January.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Audit/Precept

- 12971.01 Precept arrangements for 2009/10.
12972.02 HMRC notice: online return for 2008/9 – subsequently compulsory.

Avon Local Councils Association

- 12973.03 ALCA Newsletter, December edition - circulated.
12974.04 NALC consultation document on voting ages.
12975.05 NALC briefing: funding and enhancement of parish council role.
12976.06 Legal briefing: Sustainable Communities Act 2007.

- 12977.07 Bus Services, Shelters & Signs
Garrick of Ormskirk: bus shelter leaflet.
- 12978.08 Cemetery/Churches
Contact by Mrs Johnson re problems at memorial bank of cemetery.
- 12979.09 Clerk/Clerks' Society
2009 Practioners' Conference, Stoke-on-Trent, 27th & 28th February.
- 12980.10 Elections/Applications for Parish Council
Mr D Nethercott submits his resignation from the parish council.
- 12981.11 Letter from DN commenting on parish council activities.
- 12982.12 Environment Agency
DN requests contact with EA re traveller consultation.
- 12983.13 Environment/Conservation
Fair Trade parish questionnaire.
- 12984.14 How warm is your parish – save money and stay warm?
- 12985.15 Programme of local history events, January – April.
- 12986.16 Event on 19th February, “Yet More Curiosities of Bristol and Beyond”.
- 12987.17 Footpaths
Notes of Liaison Group Meeting, 23rd October.
- 12988.18 ICI/Zeneca & Other Industries
Agenda for meeting at Tortworth Court, 21st January.
- 12989.19 Power generation at Oldbury extended into 2009.
- 12990.20 Report from Site Stakeholder meeting on 12th November.
- 12991.21 Local Facilities & Amenities
Rural Tourism network advertise training opps for local businesses
- 12992.22 Complaint by Mr John Miller re disturbance at Pilning Rugby Club.
- 12993.23 Newspapers/Publications/Advertising
Code of practice on local authority publicity: consultation document.
- 12994.24 Parish Projects & Related Matters
Rural & Parish Matters Event, 9th February at Winterbourne.
- 12995.25 Quality Awareness Event, 21st January at Tortworth Court.
- 12996.26 Playgrounds/Youth Activities
‘Playbuilder’ funding available for local projects – referred to NB.
- 12997.27 Police
DN email requests contact with Police re personnel & attendance.
- 12998.28 Safer & Stronger Community Group meeting, Almondsbury, 12 Jan.

Railways

- 12999.29 Response from Steve Webb MP re rail issues.
13000.30 SW Region Devel Agency–Portishead line passengers not a priority.
13001.31 SW Regional Assembly examining regional rail priorities.

Roads/Road Signs

- 13002.32 Frances Barr MBE requests action on yellow lines in Severn Beach.
13003.33 PT demands early action on yellow lines in SB.
13004.34 Comment by Mark Shearman re markings, crossings and calming.

Travellers

- 13005.35 Notes prepared by DN for public meeting on 8th December 2008.
13006.36 Letter from Mr A Deverson re public meeting above.
13007.37 Email from DN requesting info via Freedom of Information Act.
13008.38 Follow-up re above and deadline.
13009.39 Patrick Conroy ackn FoI Act request.
13010.40 Barbara Maksymiw apologises for departmental delay in responding.
13011.41 DN email requesting letters to *Gazette & Evening Post* (legal advice).
13012.42 DN email to PT re traveller options.
13013.43 DN email requesting planning information.
13014.44 Parish charter: relevance to traveller consultation.
13015.45 List of planning applications for past 2 years.
13016.46 List of planning actions re traveller site in Bank Road.

Village Halls

- 13017.47 Estimate from Wales & West Utilities re gas connection at Pilning.

Voluntary/Community Groups

- 13018.48 Thornbury OPW considering merger with 4T & Vale Link Transport.
13019.49 Senior Citizens Forum meeting 13th January in Kingswood.

Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill

- 13020.50 Ackn of email re waste bags blocking footway at traveller camp.

Planning

- 13021.51 Delegated decisions, w/e 6th Dec 2008.
13022.52 Delegated decisions, w/e 13th Dec 2008.
13023.53 Delegated decisions, w/e 20th Dec 2008.

Accounts/Donations

- 13024.54 Grass Cutting Services, grass cutting for December. Item 5-3 refers.
13025.55 S Glos Council, dog bin cleansing service. Item 5-4 refers.
13026.56 A P D, work at toilets, Pilning VH. Item 5-5 refers.
13027.57 A P D, work at toilets, Pilning VH. Item 5-6 refers.
13028.58 Mr R Lees, Parish Plan expenses. Item 5-7 refers.
13029.59 Frampton Cotterell O/50s club (Parish Plan). Item 5-8 refers.
13030.60 A P D, flooring & finishing @ Pilning VH. Item 5-9 refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 – 1	£ 757.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (Dec)	112
5 – 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 – 3	£ 400.00	Grass Cut Services	Grass cutting (Dec)	*
5 – 4	£ 270.19	S Glos Council	Dog bin maintenance	DFLA
5 – 5	£2271.28	A P D	Work at Pilning VH	LGMP
5 – 6	£ 310.98	A P D	Work at Pilning VH	LGMP
5 - 7	£ 100.00	J C Rawlinson (for RL) – Parish Plan expenses		111
5 – 8	£ 164.50	Fr Cotterell o/50s	Parish Plan	111
5 – 9	<u>£2592.05</u>	A P D	Completion at P VH	LGMP
	<u>£6916.00</u>			

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

- 5 -3)Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1979. s19
)Public Health Act 1875, s164
5 -4 Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996
5 -5/6/9 Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1979, s19

Items 5-1 & 5-2 paid as one cheque.

Items 5-5 & 5-6 paid as one cheque.

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. SC 2. DH All Agreed.

Current bank balance, prior to payments above

£37,162.84 (Interest included up to 10th December)

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None requested.

7. AGENDA7 – 1 Sevenside Development

Nothing to report. However, as suggested by SC, following a request in the letter from DN, agreed this heading should in future be changed to “Major Developments”. This will serve as a ‘catch all’ for topics such as the Severn Barrage, rail service, etc.

7 - 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields

Following necessary work at Pilning VH, accounts for work to the toilet area are submitted in section 5.

A quotation has been received for gas connection work at Pilning VH. The work will only bring gas onto the site boundary, and a trench from the bridge to the hall would also be required. Because of the costs involved the committee are now likely to make provision for the use of LPG gas. Nick O’Neill has submitted the most reasonable quote, including provision of an underground storage tank.

7 – 3 Parish Plan

All the problems have now been dealt with. The first Farmers' Market will take place at the Kings Arms on Wednesday 21st January. Advertising has been placed, both in and out of the parish. Charges for leaflets, and admin expenses, are submitted for payment in section 5 above.

7 - 4 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

There is currently an opportunity for funding under the 'Playbuilder' scheme. Details have been provided to NB, village halls, and play group.

7 - 5 Finance Committee Meeting

Copies of the report and precept suggestions have previously been distributed. Clerk briefly summarised the thinking behind the figures. NW questioned the need for an increase of 3.7% in such difficult times. That other bodies may be seeking more should not be a consideration. SC suggested the increase would be seen to be entirely reasonable. The figures were approved, and a precept request of £54,000 was agreed by 7 votes to 1 (NW).

7 - 6 Cemetery/Churches

Clerk drew attention to the contact by Mrs Johnson of Severn Beach. Her distress at the conditions in the area of her husband's memorial stone is obvious. On her last visit to the cemetery she was devastated to see a large muddy footprint on the memorial. Such was her anguish that she has felt unable to visit the cemetery since, relying on her family to attend to the memorial. As yet, no alterations have been made to the adjoining memorial, and the extra items added around the area seriously encroach upon Mr Johnson's memorial space. Agreed, that in order to conform with the regulations, the council shall require Mr Smith to remove all the additional items from around the memorial. As the family has so far made no attempt to conform with the compromise solution, this is an ideal opportunity to change the emphasis of the request, when they are approached. 1. IR 2. NW All agreed.

7 - 7 Village Matters

Roads/Road Signs - NW enquired about the road gritting process, and it was confirmed that bus routes and trunk roads are the routes to benefit. Gorse Cover Road does not qualify – but there is no harm in submitting a request!

SC drew attention to the condition of Station Road, Pilning. The whole length of road, between the Shaymoor Lane junction and under the rail bridge towards the Plough, is in need of attention.

7 – 8 Reports

ENVIRONMENT/CONSERVATION – PT has enquired about the bottle banks, formerly placed at SB VH. Replacement was promised prior to Christmas and he is investigating this delay. DH expressed some surprise, stating that because of the problems with vandals it had not been intended to have these containers replaced.

RAILWAYS – PT, with DN, met with FoSBR representatives on their awareness day, 13th December. PT has also met with a S Glos officer with a view to enhancing the signage for the railway station.

BUS SERVICES, SHELTERS & SIGNS – PT reported that time table holders are being supplied. This should be done in time for the new schedules.

NC confirmed the 625 service is to be improved, from February, incorporating a former Rodway Road, Patchway service. Resulting from this the popular 9.00 am service will return, and the general service frequency will be increased.

CW commented on the confusion over the bus stop at Severnwood Gardens. It was confirmed that Richard Kemble is willing to meet and discuss the service.

LOCAL FACILITIES & AMENITIES - PT confirmed the public art feature – The Salmon Putter – is to be installed during this week.

POLICE – FB asked that the Area Forum and Safer, Stronger Community should be placed on the agenda for the February meeting.

7 - 9 Elections/Applications for Parish Council

In view of the sensitive nature of the letter received from DN, and the time it would take to discuss this topic, and that relating to the travellers, Planning items were dealt with next. The public were given the option of staying, should they wish, or departing, if they felt they needed to. Accordingly, JD and BM departed prior to this item being discussed, FB and GC remaining.

The Clerk read through the letter from DN, afterwards commenting on the points he had made.

It appears that the sense of disillusionment felt by DN could have been allayed. A few words at the right time may have altered the feeling that no interest was being shown or help being offered.

With the time now 9.10 pm, DH left the meeting.

7 – 10 Travellers

IR & CW agreed to join IH at the meeting in Thornbury. Clerk to make arrangements.

Members drew up a list of points to be addressed on the comments sheet. These to include:

- Own criteria not followed in not allocating sites in the most favoured zone;
- Green Belt issues;
- Thorough survey of the Wickwar site leading to only 3 pitches being allocated with a 20 acre site available;
- Why no survey for the Pilning site;
- Already sufficient pitches in this area;
- Concerns over flood zone/coastal zone – as protected in the local plan;
- Wildlife area covered by Regional Spatial Strategy;
- Important marine sites/SSSI/Ramsar/Conservation areas, including adjacent land;
- Selection programme based on a faulty premise.

No other pointers being identified, agreed the meeting should be brought to a close.

Mrs Barr MBE thanked council for their efforts, and, in particular, for calling the public meeting, at which members of the public were able to have their say and obtain copies of the comment forms, produced by the parish council.

8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

8-2 Decisions by S Glos Council

8-3 Planning Variations

With reference to item 4, Correspondence, above, Clerk reported that council had received Christmas cards from S Glos Council and Oldbury Power Station. Councillors and Clerk also received individual cards from AstraZeneca.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 9.28 PM

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