

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2009, commencing at 7.00 pm,
in SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS Mr I Humphries (Chairman), Mrs F Barr MBE, Mrs N Bendall,
PRESENT (8) Mr J Black, Mrs N Chappell, Mr D Humphries, Mr N Webb,
 Mrs C Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (South Glos Councillor) and 3 members of the public (Mrs Jane Davey of Ableton Lane, Mr Gary Dunsford of Cross Hands Road, and Mr Eric Morse of Redwick Road). Also in attendance were Mr W Smith and members of his family, all of whom left around 7.15, immediately after discussion of the letters relating to Mrs Smith's memorial at Pilning Cemetery.

1a APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mr S Cooper (work), Mr I Roberts (family commitment).

Apologies also received from Mrs B Matthews.

1b ELECTION of CHAIRMAN

Proposed FB, seconded NC, all agreed, that Mr I Humphries should again be appointed. Having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book, IH took charge of the meeting.

1c ELECTION of OFFICERS

IH asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. NW nominated NB, NC nominated CW, seconded by FB. With no seconder for NW, CW was elected unanimously. The updated list of officers is attached at Appendix A.

**The Chairman asked all present to remember
Colin Shipley of Beach Road and Vera Friend, formerly of Ableton Court,
both recently deceased.**

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 6th April 2009 were approved as a true record.

1. CW 2. NC 7 For, 1 Abstained (FB).

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 – 1 Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board

Confirmed there is no problem with the in-filled ditch adjacent to Plot 7, Church Road. This ditch was apparently dug to prevent traveller access onto the site. The ditch on the opposite side of the road is the acknowledged part of the local drainage system.

3 - 2 IT/Website

With internet facilities restored, Clerk has contacted IT at S Glos, providing updates on various matters relating to the parish website. Despite this no alterations have yet been made. Mike Pruett of SB has spoken with Clerk, offering to set up an independent website for the council. Agreed Clerk should discuss this with Mr Pruett.

4. CORRESPONDENCEAudit/Precept

13241.01 Clerks' pay talks 2009/10. Indicated 0.5% likely maximum.

Avon Local Councils Association

13242.02 Invitation to AGM at Timsbury, 23rd September.

13243.03 Nominations sought for group officers, deadline 30th July.

13244.04 NALC AGM to be held 4th September, 11 St Andrews Place, London.

13245.05 ALCA Newsletter, May edition – circulated.

13246.06 Minutes of Executive Committee meeting, 27th January 2009.

13247.07 Info re car allowances 2009/10.

13248.08 Courses for newly-appointed clerks, at Edington on 2nd/9th June.

Carnival

13249.09 Details of road closure application for Carnival day, 20th June.

Cemetery/Churches

13250.10 Complaint from Mr W Smith re work at cemetery.

13251.11 Complaint by Liz Treasure of Olveston, re above.

Charities/Representation

13252.12 Invitation to Almondsbury Charity AGM, 29th April.

Clerk/Clerks' Society

13253.13 Certificate in Local Council Admin: sitting available, 16th June.

Elections/Applications for Parish Council

13254.14 European Parliamentary election, 4th June 2009.

Employment/Opportunities

13255.15 Comment on forthcoming Equality Bill.

Environment Agency

13256.16 Enquiry from parish council referred to SW area at Bridgwater.

Footpaths

13257.17 Comment re cycling on seawall path.

13258.18 Application under WCA 1981 (Bank Rd) under consideration.

13259.19 Comment from Diane Crawford re application above.

Health Authority/Care Services
 13260.20 LINK event at Filton on May 21st.
 13261.21 Summary of Strategic Health Needs Assessment.

ICI/Zeneca & other Industries
 13262.22 PowerLines, issue 8 - circulated.
 13263.23 Magnox North, Socia-Economic Development Plan 2009-10.
 13264.24 Leaflet, constitution of Oldbury power station stakeholder group.
 13265.25 Stakeholder group, agenda for meeting on 22nd April.
 13266.26 HM Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, quarterly report.

Licence Applications
 13267.27 Licence application for 'Cooks Kitchen', Govier Way, now granted.

Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board
 13268.28 Infilling ditch at Plot 7, Church Road, not considered to be a problem.

Northwick
 13269.29 Operations at Vine House considered to be permitted development.

Parish Projects & Related Matters
 13270.30 Report on recent Parish Plan Steering Group meeting.

Playgrounds/Youth Activities
 13271.31 Finance Department confirm section 106 funding is available.
 13272.32 Offer of services by Greenfields of Churcham, Gloucestershire.
 13273.33 Products brochure from Komplay of Milton Keynes.
 13274.34 Products brochure from Playworld of Ledbury.

Police
 13275.35 Email contact re travellers, motorbikes and 'Farm Watch'.

Railways
 13276.36 Detail re booking of SB VH for October slide show.

South Glos Council
 13277.37 'Quality of Life' booklet – circulated.
 13278.38 Safer & Stronger Communities funding opportunities.
 13279.39 Council booklet, Council spending and performance.

Stationery/Circulars/Books
 13280.40 *Clerks & Councils Direct* – circulated.

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy
 13281.41 Confirmation by Highways Agency – no M49 access imminent.

Travellers

13282.42 Response re planning control at Bank Road.
 13283.43 Comment on multi-agency inspection of Bank Road site.

Village Halls

13284.44 Breakdown of rateable values for both village halls.
 13285.45 Highways Agency confirm Visitor Centre unsuitable for re-use.

Voluntary/Community Groups

13286.46 Disability Action Group newsletter - circulated.
 13287.47 AGM of Senior Citizens Forum, 21st May in Kingswood.
 13288.48 SCF newsletter, Spring edition - circulated.
 13289.49 Age Concern, nail cutting service to be introduced.
 13290.50 LINk posters for meeting of May 21st.

Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill

13291.51 Services offer by Rammer of Easter Compton.
 13292.52 Letter from Mrs B Matthews re litter disposal on seawall path.

Planning

13293.53 Delegated decisions, w/e 21st Mar 2009.

Accounts/Donations

13294.54 Post Office, Clerk's telephone. Item 5-3 refers.
 13295.55 British Gas, SB VH. Item 5-5 refers.
 13296.56 Danwood, toner cartridge for copier. Item 5-6 refers.
 13297.57 Grass Cutting Services, grass cutting (April). Item 5-7 refers.
 13298.58 Calor Gas, standing charge Pilning VH. Item 5-8 refers.
 13299.59 Allianz, annual insurance premium. Items 5-9/11 refer.
 13300.60 C P R E, annual subscription. Item 5-10 refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 - 1	£ 760.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (April)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 - 3	£ 78.04	Post Office	Clerk's telephone	111
5 - 4	£ 200.00	J C Rawlinson	Parish plan exp (R Lees)	111
5 - 5	£ 97.38	British Gas	SB VH	LGMP
5 - 6	£ 92.00	Danwood	Toner for copier	111
5 - 7	£ 600.00	Grass Cut Services	Cutting (April)	*
5 - 8	£ 58.97	Calor Gas	Standing charge, P VH	LGMP
5 - 9	£1649.43	Allianz	Insurance premium	111
5 - 10	£ 29.00	C P R E	Annual subscription	142
5 - 11	£ 200.00	Allianz	Underpaid, re 5-10 above	111
	<u>£3814.82</u>			

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. IH 2. FB All agreed

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT (cont)

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

5 -7)Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1979, s19
)Public Health Act 1875, s164

5 -5/8 Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1979, s19

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

Current bank balance, prior to payments above

£21,159.64 (Interest included up to April)

£27,000.00 + First precept payment, received 30th April

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Gary Dunsford of Cross Hands Road presented photographic evidence of groundworks at the traveller site in Bank Road.

As the Annual Parish Meeting was completed early, items of correspondence were considered prior to commencement of the council meeting. Accordingly, Mr Smith and other members of his family commented at that time on correspondence re conditions at the cemetery. The need to comply with regulations was clarified. Although there was some animated comment, by the time the topic was closed there appeared to be general acceptance of the situation. Though this topic was discussed around 7 pm it is included here to conform to the usual format of the minutes.

7. AGENDA

7 – 1 Major Developments

Nothing to report.

7 - 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields – Grass Cutting

The entrance gate and the swing gate at Pilning VH are both damaged.

7 – 3 Parish Plan

JD reported on ongoing proof-reading in order to complete the plan document. The problems with the Farmers' Market were brought to the attention of council. Many stallholders are pulling out of market activity and increased staffing and travelling costs are causing problems. Preparation for the prosperous Thornbury market also takes place on Wednesdays. The poor weather and low attendance at the April market may influence future events.

7 - 4 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

NB reported on keen involvement by Miss Emily Roberts (who has been thanked), and Miss Molly Gaulton, Charlie Fish and Davey Humphries who raised the sum of £58 for the play equipment fund. Mrs Y Gaulton has managed to contact businesses in Avonmouth, and has also sent further letters in the hope of obtaining some sponsorship for the play equipment. A section 106 agreement relating to the development at Cranmoor Green has resulted in £7,756.00 being available for the provision of play equipment.

7 - 5 Annual Accounts

Copies were distributed to all members. Proposed CW, seconded NC, that the accounts be approved. Approved 7 for – FB abstained having been involved in preparation of the cemetery accounts. The Chairman signed the Annual Return for submission to the Audit Commission.

7 - 6 Village Matters

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy – FB reminded members that Hallen Road is now closed – as from today. The period of closure is advertised as 14 weeks.

IH advised that Warburton bakery vehicles were moving through the village in the early hours of the morning, causing some disturbance.

Police – FB informed members that as part of the policing pledge, advised at the Safer and Stronger Community meeting, Anti-social behaviour at the Bank Road traveller site, and Motorbike activity on the seawall are highlighted for special attention.

7 - 7 Reports

HEALTH AUTHORITY/CARE SERVICES – PT has met with officials at the Hayes unit. He suggested contact with the parish council should they wish to address members.

WASTE DUMPING/DISPOSAL/LANDFILL – PT suggested that a site may have been found for the plastic bottle recycling bank. It can be placed on the site alongside the station. The area has been cleared and is currently subject to preliminary consideration for a planning application.

ICI/ZENECA/OTHER INDUSTRIES – PT stated that the recent siren problem has been resolved. Plans for removing the siren at Aust are in hand. Opinion has been sought from all the relevant authorities.

POLICE – PT informed members the Police authority had promised to sort out the problem posed by the Police Constable and PCSO taking leave at the same time. CW confirmed that both had again been absent over the weekend. FB is currently the only member to have met with the new officers.

SEVERN SIDE DEVELOPMENT – PT confirmed that conversion of 2 Western Approach units is well underway. The *Gazette* reports that work on the £125,000,000 manufacturing facility commenced on Tuesday 7th April. Aerospace giant, GKN, claim the aircraft wing construction project will provide 250 new jobs.

BUS SERVICES, SHELTERS & SIGNS – PT announced that replacement of bus shelters, by ultra modern new units, on the ‘flagship’ bus routes will result in many shelters being stored at the Broad Lane depot. Some of these could be recycled. He is to suggest that some shelters could be reused in this locality. Any suggestions for preferred sites would be welcomed.

8. PLANNING

8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT09/0508/F 160 Gorse Cover Road, garage to bedroom No objection

8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT09/0188/F	Units 5010/5020, staff changing/amenity facility	Permit
PT09/0350/F	Caroline Cottage, NP, 12m radio mast	Permit
PT09/0359/RVC	Land A403/Church Road, Vary condition A	Permit
PT09/0385/F	135 Marsh Common Road, extension & c/servatory	Refuse
PT09/0412/TRE	Bank House, works to Aspen tree	Permit
PT09/0508/F	160 Gorse Cover Road, garage to bedroom	Permit
PT09/0498/F	143 Beach Road, boundary wall with pillars	Permit
PT09/0516/F	18 Shaft Road, SB, detached garage	Permit

Next Council Meeting - Pilning Village Hall on Monday 1st June 2009

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 8.46 PM

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