



Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council

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PILNING AND SEVERN BEACH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A date has been set for the first Neighbourhood Plan working group meeting on **Monday, 11 January 2021**. We would love to see as many of you as possible. Some very important decisions about the future of our Parish will have to be made, and we would like you to be part of it.

If you would like to receive the joining instructions, please contact the Parish Council Clerk.

BMX TRACK SURVEY



Our BMX track survey generated a fair bit of interest – we received over 70 responses! The feedback was mostly positive: people would like to see a new skate park (albeit not in their back yard), and it's likely that the facility would be well used by skaters of all ages. You can see the detailed survey results on our website – www.psbpc.co.uk

We were also contacted by a number of people who would like to get involved with the project. Thank you very much!

LOW FREQUENCY NOISE POLLUTION – REPORTING ISSUES

South Gloucestershire Council Environmental Health Department continue to work in partnership with the Environment Agency (EA) to resolve the issue. As the EA regulates the incinerator via an Environmental Permit, the residents can report any disturbance (this also includes flies or odour from the incinerator) on their 24-hour pollution number - 0800 80 70 60.

SEVERN BEACH 100

Thank you to the parishioners who highlighted the fact that in 2022 Severn Beach will be celebrating its 100th birthday. More details about the plans will be unveiled soon. So far, we'll give you a spoiler by saying that the organisers of the Severn Vale Festival and Pilning & Severn Beach Local History Group agreed to get involved.

TRAFFIC CALMING SURVEY – PILNING AND SEVERN BEACH

We hear the residents, who are concerned that the planned traffic calming measures in both villages may not prove effective to tackle passing drivers' bad behaviour or HGVs, which – despite being banned – frequently take a shortcut through Marsh Common Road. Your feedback has been recorded, analysed and passed on to the decision makers at South Gloucestershire Council.

CCTV AT SEVERN BEACH RAILWAY STATION

British Transport Police attended Severn Beach station after report of vandalism to the shelter. The BTP were impressed with the quality of the CCTV images produced by the recently installed equipment – this enabled them to identify the suspects and start the proceedings.

ST THOMAS'S TOWER, NORTHWICK

At our November meeting, the Parish Council Clerk was pleased to report that a progress has been made with an application to secure a grant with The Pilgrim Trust for the repairs of Northwick Tower. It is not a straight-forward process, and there is a lot of hard work ahead. The Parish Council are aware that St Thomas's Tower is considered a treasured local landmark by many parishioners, and we very much respect their point of view that the Tower should remain in public ownership, whilst being adequately maintained.



THE FENCE AT PILNING CEMETERY

This is to remind you that the online survey concerning the options for the cemetery fence is still open at <http://piln.in/cem2020> as we would like to receive more responses. You can also express your opinion on the matter by contacting the Parish Council Clerk.

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE REGION

West of England Combined Authority (WECA) would like to hear your views about the future of our region. The feedback will help shape a Spatial Development Strategy, which is behind planning of new homes, employment spaces and transport links over the next 20 years.

Do we need better public transport links? Where do you think opportunities should be for work, education and leisure in our region?

Have your say on <https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/future-of-the-region>, but hurry up - the consultation is closing on 14 December 2020. You can also request a paper copy of the survey by telephoning 0117 428 6210.

ALLOTMENTS

Did you know that academics at the University of Sheffield have recently published a study, which outlines the wellbeing benefits of allotment gardening? The 163 volunteers spoke of their "high levels of social and community activities, knowledge exchange, awareness and interaction with wildlife, emotional connection to their allotment, appreciation of time spent outside and aesthetic delight in the natural world". The full report can be found here: <https://www.emerald.com/insight/content/doi/10.1108/BFJ-07-2020-0593/full>

Would you like to experience the same? Contact the Parish Council Clerk, who will inform you when plots become available.

PARISH COUNCIL – DECEMBER MEETING

Our next meeting is going to be held online on **Monday, 7 December 2020, starting at 7pm**. As usual, everyone is welcome to join us. The minutes of the previous meetings and the current agenda, as well as the dial-in details can be found on the Parish Council website.

During the meeting, we are looking to adopt the Parish Action Plan for the forthcoming year. It will be drawn from matters raised by members of the public as well as those identified at Parish Council meetings.

Article by Olga Taylor on behalf of the Parish Council