

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting held on Monday 1st March 2010, commencing at 6.30 pm
in PILNING Village Hall**

COUNCILLORS Mr I Humphries (Chairman), Mrs F Barr MBE, Mrs N Bendall,
PRESENT (9) Mr J Black, Mr S Cooper, Mr D Humphries, Mr I Roberts,
 Mr N Webb, Mrs C Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), 1 member of the public (Mrs Barbara Matthews). Also in attendance were Mrs Rebecca Champion of Wainbridge Crescent, Mrs Lyn & Mr Bob Lloyd of Cross Hands Road. Also present – representing St Peter’s School Travel Plan Working Group – were Ed French, Sharon Barber, Robert Griffin, Lance Palmer and Kate Urry.

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Ed French spoke of the group’s promotion of walking and cycling to St Peter’s School. In view of the distance involved in using the main entrance in Bank Road, the group is hopeful of gaining an access right through the back of the premises, travelling via Cross Hands Road. Whilst accepting the need for much work to enhance the safety aspects of the route, EF confirmed funding is available to pay for this work.

CW presented the case for the parish council, supported by the Clerk who read out the report of the meeting held on 13th October 2008. Following this meeting - with the Head Teacher, Chairman of Governors and 2 representatives of S Glos Council - the parish council were informed that any access via Cross Hands Road would be totally impractical. Whilst the parish was happy to support access for children via the bridge over the Pill, it acknowledged the limited width would create too many problems with parents dropping-off children then turning round and driving out as children were on their way in. Whether the field gate was open or closed, either condition would create its own problems. Accordingly it had been assumed that no further thought would be given to creating an access at this point. Pat Case had requested emergency access via the bridge with a formal agreement to be drawn up. Nothing further has been heard about this, and renewed interest in access along Cross Hands Road is also a surprise.

The difficulties relating to this access could be overcome with the provision of a pedestrian bridge. This would require the release of land by a private landowner. Without this it is difficult to see how progress could be made.

SB asked if kerbside barriers could be placed at both ends of the church path. LP suggested this would actually reduce the width of the footway, yet the main safety aim is to increase the width. Confirmed to those present that barriers are a highways issue, but a new gate system allowing permanent access would be in place before the school is opened. With a site meeting with Oliver Mann imminent, agreed IH would raise the question of barriers when discussing the new entrance.

With the time now at 7.12 pm the Chairman thanked EF for his input and all others for their attendance. It was agreed that much more dialogue is needed regarding the school and its place in the community.

All members of the public, other than BM, adjourned into the committee room for a private meeting. After a very short break the council meeting continued.

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**The Chairman asked all present to remember Mr William Bayliss of Prospect Road
Mr Gwyn Jones of Rustic Park, Mr Gary of Faith House, Mr Ron Howse of Beach
Road and Mr Grahame Rowley of Salthouse Farm Park, all recently deceased.**

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mrs N Chappell (family commitment). Apologies also received from Mrs J Davey (family commitment).

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 1st February 2010 were approved as a true record.

1. IR 2. FB All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 – 1 Roads/Road Signs

Clerk reported difficulties in obtaining a new planter but efforts are ongoing.

3 - 2 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

Although council has declared a responsibility for providing litter bins, because of the costs involved agreed that 2 bins only would be placed at Pilning VH. Proposed IR, seconded CW, all agreed. One to be sited near to the gate, the other to be placed close to the community shelter. NB to deal with this.

3 - 3 Allotments

A planning application has been submitted in respect of the rugby ground at SB.

3 - 4 Avon Local Councils Association

IH still hopes to attend the special meeting at Emersons Green.

3 - 5 Roads/Road Signs

The road surface in Northwick Road, near the War Memorial, has been renewed, apparently to a good standard. Some of the worst pot holes on Marsh Common Road have been marked for attention.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Allotments

13781.01 Response re proposals for rugby ground.

13782.02 Comment from PT re ground lease.

13783.03 Copy email, Linda Mawby to PT.

13784.04 Need for decision to be made re lease.

13785.05 Draft lease for consideration.

Audit/Precept

13786.06 HMRC, P35 Employer Annual Return.

13787.07 Allowances for members of parish councils.

13788.08 Preparing for audit: course at Tytherington in April.

Avon Local Councils Association
 13789.09 Agenda, Special general meeting, Timsbury in September.
 13790.10 Minutes of AGM on 23rd September 2009 at Timsbury.
 13791.11 Special general meeting, 18th March, in Emersons Green.
 13792.12 ALCA Newsletter, February 2010 edition – circulated.
 13793.13 Councillors training sessions, commencing in May.

Bus Services, Shelters & Signs
 13794.14 Public Transport Forum, 8th February in Kingswood.

Cemetery/Churches
 13795.15 Cemetery Management course, 24th March in Chepstow.
 13796.16 Legal briefing L17-08, Burial Fees in England.

Elections/Applications for Parish Council
 13797.17 Opportunity to meet prospective MPs at local venues

Employment/Opportunities
 13798.18 Employment briefing E01-10, pay recommendations for 2010/2011.
 13799.19 Briefing on age discrimination, meeting 23rd March in Bristol.

Environment/Conservation
 13800.20 Film Show – How Will Farming Cope?, Falfield on 18th March.
 13801.21 Encouragement to join Green Communities for energy saving.

Footpaths
 13802.22 Oliver Mann to meet with council re gate at Bank Road.

Grass Cutting
 13803.23 Ambience thank council for consideration of their tender.

Health Authority/Care Services
 13804.24 NHS dentists available by ringing the helpline.

Local Industry
 13805.25 Meet the team opportunity at Oldbury, 25th March.
 13806.26 Minutes of Socio-Economic sub-group meeting, 20th January.
 13807.27 Minutes of Site Stakeholder group, 20th January at Falfield.
 13808.28 Consultation on possible new nuclear power station at Oldbury.
 13809.29 Further comment by National Grid re Hinkley Point C project.

Playgrounds/Youth Activities
 13810.30 Wicksteed Playscapes booklet.

Police
 13811.31 Meeting at Aztec West, 16th February – “Tackling Anti Social Behaviour”.

Railways
 13812.32 SB Working Group update document – circulated.
 13813.33 New railway timetable: distributed.

Roads/Road Signs
 13814.34 Notified problems listed on schedule for action.
 13815.35 Comment from S Glos re suggestions relating to line markings at SB.

Schools/Education
 13816.36 Report on Pedestrian/Cycle access to St Peter's School.
 13817.37 Filton College: consultation on name change.

Severnside Development
 13818.38 Mike Fish complains of activities at local Tesco site.
 13819.39 Email re complaints above, from PT.

South Gloucestershire Council
 13820.40 Severn Vale Area Forum to meet, 3rd March.
 13821.41 Standards-Code of Conduct: links available on websites.

Street Furniture/Lighting
 13822.42 'Transforming Britain's Landscapes, Marshall of Halifax.
 13823.43 R Griffin requests information re reduced street lighting project.

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy
 13824.44 Inter-parish meeting arranged for Thursday 25th March.
 13825.45 Chris Sane of S Glos available for meeting within the parish.

Utilities – Water/Sewage
 13826.46 Comment from Wessex Water re problems in Beach Road.

Village Halls
 13827.47 Health & Safety Executive report on LPG tank at Pilning VH.

Voluntary/Community Groups
 13828.48 Senior Citizens Forum, Winter edition – circulated.
 13829.49 S Glos Deaf Association, newsletter 37 – circulated.

Planning
 13830.50 Delegated decisions, w/e 2nd January 2010.
 13831.51 Delegated decisions, w/e 9th January 2010.
 13832.52 Delegated decisions, w/e 16th January 2010.

Accounts/Donations
 13833.53 S Glos Heritage Forum, subscription. Item 5-3 refers.
 13834.54 Daily Express, Handy Grabber. Item 5-4 refers.
 13835.55 Odd Job Man, work + purchases. Item 5-5 refers.
 13836.56 Ordnance Survey, copying right. Item 5-6 refers.

Accounts/Donations (cont)

13837.57 BWBSL, allotment water rates. Item 5-7 refers.
 13838.58 Grass Cutting Services, February. Item 5-8 refers.
 13839.59 Victim Support, donation. Item 5-9 refers.
 13840.60 SB VH, donation (£2000) towards roof work.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 - 1	£ 769.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (February)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 - 3	£ 10.00	SG Heritage Forum	Subscription	137
5 - 4	£ 12.95	Daily Express	Handy Grabber	111
5 - 5	£ 83.06	Mr N Pearce	Odd Job Man	111
5 - 6	£ 64.33	Ordnance Survey	Printing rights	111
5 - 7	£ 20.22	BWBSL	Allotment water supply	SHAA
5 - 8	£ 600.00	G C Services	Grass cutting	*
5 - 9	£ 200.00	Victim Support	Donation	142
5 -10	£ 450.00	SB Village Hall	Youth Club support	127
5 -11	£ 600.00	Severnside OoSC	Childrens club support	127
	<u>£2859.56</u>			

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

5 - 7 Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, s26
 5 - 8)Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1979, s19
)Public Health Act 1875, s164

Items 5-1 to 5-7, inclusive, paid as one cheque.

Current bank balance, prior to payments listed above

£25,252.07 (Interest included to end of September).

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. IR 2. CW All agreed.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None requested.

7. AGENDA7 - 1 Severnside Development

Residents are greatly concerned by the attitude of Tesco. They are displaying a complete lack of regard for the area. An email from Mike Fish was read, as was comment by PT, following a site visit by him, in the company of Steve Webb MP. Agreed to register complaints with planning and Tesco themselves.

7 - 2 Village Halls

Health & Safety Executive report on LPG tank to be dealt with by VH committee.

7 - 3 Parish Plan

BM confirmed the draft is now with the printers, all maps and photo's having been inserted. The finished article is expected at any time.

7 - 4 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

NB confirmed that cash raised is now more than £3,000. The next item of equipment is costed at £5,200, NB asking if the parish would donate £2000. Proposed CW, seconded IR, 4 For, 4 Against (JB, SC, DH, NW), NB Abstained. On the casting vote of the Chairman, agreed.

NB confirmed that fund raising is still underway, the latest idea being the '(Not Quite) Full Monty", a number of Dads having agreed to take part.

7 - 5 Village Matters

Bank Road – SC drew attention to mud on the road in the vicinity of the new-build school. FB asked for the burned-out caravan and other rubbish to be removed from the field next to the traveller camp. Attention was also drawn to increased drainage problems in East Redham Farm, perhaps resulting from the school work.

Severn Beach Village Hall – DH confirmed the Rev Sandra Williams had discussed the possibility of holding services in the hall, although this would require planning permission. The Rev was surprised to hear of the parish council's interest in utilising the Church Road site for allotments.

Development – PT reported (through CW) on proposals to control development where it unduly influenced susceptible wildlife. Developers will need to demonstrate their project has sufficient value to proceed.

A403 – FB reported that 8 trailers are now parked in the 'timber yard'.

7 - 6 Reports

ARMY CADETS/PILNING RANGE – CW reported on the recent open day which she attended with NC and IH. All were very impressed by what is being achieved. Fifteen local youngsters are included in the project and others would benefit from being involved. Visitors were entertained by a band/marching display. DH recommended the benefits to be gained from membership. He had served in the 1950s, his service allowed him to 'fast track' to officer training in his national service. Scholarships are now also available to cadets.

8. PLANNING8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT09/5982/F	Severnside Energy Recovery Centre	Objection
PT10/0012/F	Sage Cottage, erection of 3 dwellings	Objection
PT10/0195/F	Gilslake Farm, new extra dwelling	Comment
PT10/0242/F	Foxhole Farm, convert barn to office	Comment
PT10/0244/F	Foxhole Farm, change of use (above)	Comment

8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT09/1210/CLE	Station Yard, storage	Refuse
PT09/5901/ADV	Tesco, fascia signs	Permit
PT09/6006/F	Greenfield Farm, convert building to goat house	Permit

Next Council Meeting - at Severn Beach School on Tuesday 6th April 2010

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 8.20 PM

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