

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, PILNING VILLAGE HALL 1st OCTOBER 1973.
Present: A Ball, A Denner, R Edwards, J Free, H Lewis, J Parsons, R Singer, J Snee.
APOLOGIES. Mr. Salmon (sick).

Mr. Sellick absent.

MINUTES of 8th August signed.

Alderman Fowler arrived during the meeting.

282 TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT SEVERN BEACH.

The Bristol City Engineer states the matter of providing better road signs at the Shirehampton Roundabout is in hand with the Motorways Authorities, to prevent vehicle drivers taking an incorrect route.

308 RESIDENTIAL CARAVANS. Mrs. Parsons and Mr. Evans.

The Planning Authority states applications for permission to station caravans have been received, and will be dealt with in the usual manner.

416 PILNING CHURCH TO A403. CORNER NEAR CROSS HAIDS. WORK ON SEWERAGE SITE AND SOIL DUMP.

Mr. Fowler gave an explanation why work had not yet started in August as earlier promised on these projects. He said the R.D.C. had a special job to do at Gillingstool, which was taking longer than expected. When completed, gangs from there would be coming to Pilning.

438 PILNING.

Mr. Lewis suggests writing map publishers and the Ordnance Survey asking that Pilning be shown more prominently on their next printings.

493 AUST ROAD.

The R.D.C. had put the improvements to the road out to Contractors. This was stated by Mr. Fowler.

500 PILNING CEMETERY.

Whilst several Councillors spoke strongly against the poor appearance of the Cemetery, and apparant neglect by the Caretaker, the Vicar asked the Committee to remember the Caretaker also did the thankless work of digging graves, a job no one else was willing to do. The Clerk was away at the time when two persons died, and the Vicar spoke of his intense worry and difficulty in getting the graves dug during a weekend in readiness for two funerals early on the Monday morning. The Clerk was asked to see Mr. Dobson, the Caretaker, on the matter.

511 NORTHWICK CHURCH.

Mr. Ball and Mr. Lewis stated that a good job had been done in clearing up the churchyard. A meeting of the Architect, Fisher & Sons, (the demolition firm), and some Parish Councillors was arranged for Wednesday 10th October, to inspect the Church Tower, and look into some complaints of the work not done by Fishers.

549 STATION ROAD, MARSH COMMON ROAD JUNCTION.

It was decided to ask the Highways Surveyor if he can have guard rails placed on the bend, or a footpath laid down to the telephone box.

585 HALLETT'S APPLICATION.

Councillors supported this application provided the original application of 29.11.71 was adhered to. Any increase in size of camp has already been objected to.

607 FOULING BY DOGS.

Plastic notices for attaching to posts etc. have been received. Councillors will be finding sites and collecting notices, giving post numbers to the Clerk, if notices are to be placed on the property of the G.P.O. or S.W.E.B.

629 PILL HEAD COTTAGES.

The houses have been broken into, and Mr. Frost is asked to board up and make secure.

MARLWOOD SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE.

The Bristol Chief Education Officer writes to state it is unlikely that any decisions revising Managing and Governing bodies will be undertaken for some time, because of the immensity of co-ordinating the whole range of the education service. A report is to be sent the Glos. Education Officer re. overcrowding of 'buses, and bad language by one of the 'bus drivers.

RESIDENT PUTTING GARDEN RUBBISH ON VERGE.

Mr. Denner kindly offered to see the resident on this matter. Mr. Fowler will see Mr. Almond on the verge question.

SMELLS FROM SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

Write for reasons why arising at various places through Cross Hands and Redwick Road areas. A Councillor reported the R.D.C. acted very promptly to a complaint of his.

BROKEN CULVERT, ABBOTT ROAD.

A representative from Messrs. Cusond Tricks & Son to visit the site in the company of Mr. Ball, who volunteered to see him.

DOCTOR'S SURGERY. CAR PARKING.

The District Surveyor is to be asked if the small area of ground on the Northwick approach to the railway bridge can be used for car parking, at present used by Highways Division.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION. CROSS HANDS ROAD.

A letter to a resident in Cross Hands Road was produced, showing the Developer was appealing against a refusal decision. Letter not received by the Clerk. Copy is to be obtained. Mr. Edwards had seen plans, and was dissatisfied at the proposed layout.

THORNBURY SPORTS COUNCIL.

Mr. Denner will attend the meeting on the 5th October 1973.

WARNING NOTICES, SEA WALL.

Mr. Frost is to be informed work of repair not yet carried out and will he get it done quickly.

PILL RHINE.

The drainage engineer reports the rhine is being cleared of reeds and rubbish.

ABSENCE OF A NOMINATED COUNCILLOR.

No appearance has been made by Mr. J. Sellick at any Monthly Parish Council Meeting held since his nomination at a Parish Councillor in May 1973. This matter is to be reported to the Returning Officer, Mr. H.G. Wheway, and a copy of letter sent to Mr. Sellick.
no Declaration of Office has been signed.

INAUGURAL MEETING, PARISH COUNCILS FOR AVON.

Mr. Parsons will be attending meeting on 4th October 1973.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION, BEACH ROAD.

Councillor Ball reported that Police Notices are now being placed in Beach Road, to prevent congestion by vehicles.

PICK AND BODY, DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION.

Councillors favour the application provided a one storey building is erected. They object to a two storey building being allowed.

FIELD NEXT PILNING PLAYING FIELD.

The Village Hall and Playing Field Committee request the Parish Council to ask the local Planning Officer to designate the required field as a Parish Amenity.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The newly appointed Police Sergeant is to be invited to attend such meetings, when he finds it convenient and duties allow.

CHESTNUT TREE AT PILNING VICARAGE.

The tree is now growing in the newly-made verge. Ownership is to be ascertained.

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PILNING VILLAGE HALL.

The Councillors made a grant of £150 to help the costs of installing a Heating System.

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WHITEHOUSE FARM.

The Rev. J. Free expressed concern over the sale of this farm and lands, which had been publicly advertised as a "White" area. Most Councillors took part in the discussion which followed, and the fears expressed that developments could take place detrimental to the district. Mr. Fowler stated any such land was unlikely to be used for a very long time. Glos. County Council would do nothing, and Avon County had not the staff at present to deal with such matters.

It was finally agreed that the Planning Committee should look into the situation, and if possible, get more information on the subject.

The meeting ended at 10.40 p.m.

Signed S. Parsons.
5th November 1973

Check Book	3	59	Weeks	£	P.
"	4	71	Pilning Village Hall	150	00
		72	Baker	60	00
		73	Bace	2	00
		74	Pullin	20	00
		75	Dobson	40	00
		76	Dobson	4	50
		77	Denning	1	05
		78	Fisher & Son	376	35
		79	Midland Educational Co.	5	77

Funeral Register of Burials No 268