



# Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thank you to the parishioners for joining the January meeting and raising all the important issues. If we can't help, we refer issues to whomever can, and we aim to follow up the process until a solution has been found. The next virtual meeting will take place on **Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** starting at **7pm**. Joining details are advertised on the Parish Council website.

## PILNING AND SEVERN BEACH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The next **Neighbourhood Plan working group meeting** has been scheduled to take place on **Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** starting at **7pm**. For joining instructions, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## GRAVE DECORATION POLICY

Earlier this year the Parish Council adopted a new Grave Decoration Policy to ensure that the cemeteries provide a safe environment for the visitors. There is now a list of items which are not permitted on the graves. We would like you to make yourselves aware the new policy, which can be found in the "Policies and Finance" section of the Parish Council website. We believe that by following the new policy, together we can maintain a beautiful, well-kept, safe and contemplative environment for everyone.

Please note that the first risk assessment of the memorials will take place in early March 2021. We would be grateful to you if you could ensure that the items that do not comply with the new policy have been removed by the end of February.

## SEA WALL PATH

The Parish Council are concerned that a large section of the sea wall path will soon be closed during the improvement works. This diversion already causes walkers to cross the busy A403 in two locations, both of which feel very unsafe. We are looking to get in touch with the contractors and South Gloucestershire Council to see if a better solution can be found.

## ALLOTMENTS



While the scientists and doctors investigate whether vitamin D deficiency is (or not) a major risk factor for severe coronavirus infection, there is one thing for sure – getting fresh air, doing physical exercise and eating healthy food will help combat many illnesses and maintain one's immune system in a good shape.

What better way to combine all three by renting an allotment and growing veg for you and your family whilst enjoying the great outdoors?! Contact the Parish Clerk for more details about full size and half-size plots being available.

Who knows, your allotment may yield something that would earn you the top prize at the Pilning and Severn Beach Flower Show.

## SEVERN BEACH 100 – CENTENARY CELEBRATION TEAM

Despite the gloomy winter blues, celebrations ideas are pouring in! We are hoping that by June 2022, when Severn Beach will mark its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, most of the current social restrictions will be lifted, so we could truly enjoy the community spirit.

But we still need more volunteers to take the reins and help organise the events. We want this special occasion to be memorable for all, and we would love for many local people to be involved, so there is something for everyone. Don't be shy... step into the light!

## PARKING AT NEW PASSAGE AND SEVERN BEACH

We are very grateful to the parishioners who highlight issues concerning the influx of visitors to our area. As most of them come in private cars, their enjoyment seems to come at the detriment of the locals.

The situation at New Passage is becoming unbearable, with vehicles parked on the verge of the narrow country lane, often preventing larger vehicles (e.g., delivery vans) coming in. We also hear reports of local workers leaving their cars and vans parked in an irresponsible way whilst the driver pops over to the shops in Beach Road.

The immediate solution seems to be a scheme for additional car parking, but do we want to lose our green spaces and attracts even more car drivers to the area?

We would like to hear your ideas about how we can make our villages attractive and enjoyable for all, so we can find some common ground (pardon the pun!) between the locals and the visitors to our area. Please drop an email to the Parish Clerk or join our virtual meeting and tell us in person!

## GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION – FUTURE OF TRANSPORT: RURAL STRATEGY

On the subject of local transport, it is encouraging that the Department for Transport (DfT) wants to hear our views and collect evidence on what could be incorporated into a Future of Transport: rural strategy as part of the Future of Transport programme.

How would you like to improve our rural transport network that connects Pilning, Severn Beach and nearby towns and villages? What about a wider solution across the county, the former Avon authority, and the South West? Do you think we need a service to Thornbury, Bristol, Chepstow, Newport or Cardiff, or a fast route into London? Do we want to see bike or electric scooter rentals in Redwick or New Passage? Do we need electric car charging points?

To make our voices heard by the Central Government, please spare a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire on the following website before closing date (16 February 2021) - <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-rural-strategy-call-for-evidence>



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