

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 1st October 2007,
In SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS Mrs C Woodhouse (Chairman), Mr J Black, Mrs N Bendall,
PRESENT (10) Mrs N Chappell, Mr S Cooper, Mr D Humphries,
 Mr I Humphries, Mr G Moore, Mr D Nethercott, Mr A Webber

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (S Glos Councillor); 3 members of the public (Mrs Frances Barr MBE of Beach Road, Mrs Barbara Matthews of Salthouse Farm Park, Mrs Victoria Somper of Northwick Road).

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Apology received from Mrs Jane Davey.

The Chairman asked that members join in remembrance of Norman Rossiter of Severnwood Gardens, and Ralph Nelson of Bank Road, both recently deceased. Mr Nelson, who lived in Pilning from 1936, was employed at BAC during the war, then worked as the local electrician until his retirement in the late 1980s. He was a member of the parish council between June 1978 and June 1983.

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 3rd September were approved as a true record.

1. NC 2. IH All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 - 1 Village Halls

There were again complaints regarding the lack of progress with remedial work at Pilning playing fields. Contractor to be contacted.

3 - 2 Severnside Development

With regard to the ICI planning consent dating from 1957, and following a prompt from Mrs Barr, MBE, Clerk has written supporting the suggestion by PT that the consent no longer has any relevance 50 years on. A response from Pat Hockey shows an enthusiasm for seeking an alternative. As yet financial considerations prevent any action. Any feasible alternatives would be fervently considered.

3 - 3 Grass Cutting

IH queried whether there had been any response to his complaint regarding the condition of local grassed areas. Clerk stated all areas had been cut within 2 to 3 days of his letter, though this was probably coincidental. No written response –though actions speak louder than words. IH claimed it was more than 6 weeks since the previous cut.

4. CORRESPONDENCEAllotments

11791.01 Mrs Weeks of Cranmoor Green enquires about an allotment.

Audit/Precept

11792.02 Update on Accounts & Audit Regulations.

Avon Local Councils Association

11793.03 NALC annual report and accounts, 2006/2007.

11794.04 ALCA annual report, 2006/2007.

11795.05 Agenda for AGM, Yate, 13th October.

11796.06 ALCA branch meeting, 4th October in Winterbourne.

11797.07 Minutes of 2006 AGM held in Peasedown St John.

11798.08 ALCA Newsletter, August edition – circulated.

11799.09 ALCA Newsletter, September edition – circulated.

Bus Services, Shelters & Signs

11800.10 Residents of 34/36 Redwick Road: request for removal of bus shelter.

11801.11 4TT meeting, 22/11 in Thornbury. CW to attend with IH if possible.

Clerk/Clerk's Society

11802.12 SLCC AGM in Coventry, 27th October.

11803.13 Parish clerks' forum, 19th October in Kingswood.

Dog Nuisance

11804.14 Fixed Penalty Notice issued in respect of digression by local resident.

Elections/Applications for Parish Council

11805.15 Review of Polling District and Polling Stations.

Environment/Conservation

11806.16 Minutes of Enviro Link Group meeting, 13th February in Almondsbury.

Footpaths

11807.17 Modification of definitive map, claimed footpath at Severn Beach.

11808.18 Autumn walks leaflet issued by S Glos/Heritage Forum.

Grass Cutting

11809.19 Ian Roberts has purchased a grass collector. This led to some comment and CW is to meet with IR to clarify the situation.

Health Authority/Care Services

11810.20 S Glos Primary Care Trust met on 26th Sept in Chipping Sodbury.

ICI, Zeneca and other Industries

11811.21 Nuclear Power Site Stakeholder meeting, Berkeley, 16th October.

ICI, Zeneca and other Industries (cont)
 11812.22 Agenda for meeting above.
 11813.23 Minutes of meeting held at Oldbury on 15th August.
 11814.24 Response from Pat Hockey re comment on 1957 planning consent.

Licensing Authority
 11815.25 Legal briefing guidance re Licensing Act 2003.

Local Facilities & Amenities
 11816.26 *The Big Draw* leaflet: opportunities for local artists.

Railways
 11817.27 Train timetables for SB to Temple Meads rail journeys.
 11818.28 FoSBR newsletter 62, September issue – circulated.
 11819.29 Confirmed enhanced service to commence in May 2008.

Redwick Road/New Passage
 11820.30 Richard Parry (Rifle Range) confirms need to keep gate locked.

Roads/Road Signs
 11821.31 Problems within the local area to be dealt with.
 11822.32 BBC Northern Ireland to commence filming on river bank next week.
 11823.33 Mrs Davey notifies perceived problems with surface of Ableton Lane. PT confirmed that areas where tarmac had been laid were part of the formerly erratic nature of the rural road. Originally agreement had been reached to ensure no attempt be made to ‘urbanise’ the route.

Rural Areas/Local Plans
 11824.34 Local development framework, information note 1.
 11825.35 S Glos core strategy, information note 2.
 11826.36 Mrs Barr seeks support in rescinding planning consent for flood plain.
 11827.37 20 year strategy for development. Response 2/10.

South Gloucestershire Council
 11828.38 Council meeting, 12th September.
 11829.39 Audit and Accounts Committee, 26th September in Thornbury.
 11830.40 Children & Young People Select Committee, 26th September, Thornbury.
 11831.41 Communities Select Committee, 3rd October in Thornbury.
 11832.42 Community Care & Housing Select Committee, 26th Sept, Thornbury.
 11833.43 Development Control Committee, Thursday 13th Sept in Thornbury.
 11834.44 Development Control Committee, Thursday 4th Oct – sites inspection.
 11835.45 Economy & Skills strategic partnership, 13th Sept in Yate.
 11836.46 Health and Well-Being Strategic Partnership, 25th Sept in Kingswood.
 11837.47 Health Scrutiny Select Committee, 3rd October in Thornbury.
 11838.48 Joint meeting of the area committees, 8th October in Kingswood.
 11839.49 Local Strategic Partnership, 20th Sept in Thornbury.
 11840.50 Public Transport Forum, 15th October in Kingswood.

South Gloucestershire Council (cont)

11841.51 Safer & Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership, 14 Sept, Thornbury.
 11842.52 Executive Decisions, w/e 7th September.
 11843.53 Executive Decisions, w/e 14th September.
 11844.54 Executive Decisions, w/e 21st September.
 11845.55 Executive Decisions, w/e 28th September.
 11846.56 Forward plan, executive decision making, Oct 2007 – Sept 2008.
 11847.57 *Town and Parish Standard*, September 2007.
 11848.58 S Glos core strategy, workshop on 8th October at Thornbury.
 11849.59 Quality of Life, consultation document - circulated.
 11850.60 Community involvement, draft document, August 2007.

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy

11851.61 Comment re Bristol Bridge, Marsh Common Road.
 11852.62 Comment re 7.5 T weight limits in parish.
 11853.63 Bridge at Northwick Road is the responsibility of Rail Property Ltd.

Trees/Tree Planting

11854.64 Forest of Avon Trust, newsletter – circulated.

Voluntary & Community Groups

11855.65 CVS South Glos, AGM at Thornbury, 10th October.

Website/IT

11856.66 Data protection scam – info notified.

Planning

11857.67 Delegated decisions, w/e 7th August 2007.
 11858.68 Delegated decisions, w/e 14th August 2007.
 11859.69 Delegated decisions, w/e 21st August 2007.

Accounts/Donations

11860.70 Letter of thanks, Friends of SB School. Item 5-17, minutes 3/9, refers.
 11861.71 MJ Amusements, bouncy castles. Item 5-18, minutes 3 Sept, refers.
 11862.72 AOL, internet charges. Item 5-3 refers.
 11863.73 Post Office, postage stamps. Item 5-4 refers.
 11864.74 PC World, inks for printer. Item 5-5 refers.
 11865.75 S Glos Council, dog bin service. Item 5-6 refers.
 11866.76 Mazar, annual audit. Item 5-7 refers.
 11867.77 DWR Services, fire doors for Pilning VH. Item 5-8 refers.
 11868.78 Mr I Roberts, grass cutting. Item 5-9 refers.
 11869.79 SB School, donation for purchase of books. Item 5-10 refers.
 11870.80 Booking charges for use of SB School. Item 5-11 refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

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

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT (cont)

5 - 1	£ 674.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (Sep)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol	111
5 - 3	£ 15.99	AOL	Internet charges (Sep)	111
5 - 4	£ 7.20	Post Office	Postage stamps	111
5 - 5	£ 30.97	PC World	Inks for printer	111
5 - 6	£ 737.78	S Glos Council	Dog bin service	DFLA
5 - 7	£ 470.00	Mazar	Annual audit	ACA
5 - 8	£2702.50	DWR Services	Fire doors at Pilning VH	LGMP
5 - 9	£ 350.00	Mr I Roberts	Grass cutting (Sep)	*
5 -10	£ 600.00	SB School	Donation	137
5 -11	£ 50.00	S Glos Council	SB School booking charges	111
5 -12	£ 50.00	Royal British Legion	Donation	137
	£5738.44			

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

- 5 - 6 Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996
- 5 - 7 Audit Commission Act 1998, s3
- 5 - 8 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19
- 5 - 9 (Playing fields -LG(MP) Act 1979, s19
(Sea wall gardens -Public Health Act 1875, s164

The accounts above were approved for payment.

- 1. NC
- 2. DH
- All agreed

Current bank balance, prior to payments above

£41,943.48 (Interest to June inclusive)

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Victoria Somper of Wainbridge Cottage spoke of plans by a neighbour to open a certificated caravan site. The proposal, going through The Camping and Caravanning Club, would allow for 5 caravans at a time, though with an imposed limit of 28 days this would result in caravans leaving and entering on a regular basis. Though the application is not a planning matter, such use would be contrary to the conditions placed in 2004 when stables and paddock were permitted. Opposition to the proposal ranged through the lack of notification – some 6 residents were contacted when maybe 30 are affected, the enclosed nature of the land which is surrounded by houses, loss of visual amenity, access problems and Green Belt site.

7. AGENDA7 - 1 Severnside Development

Police have again been active at Western Approach though biking has continued, the Police presence covering a very small percentage of time. Discussions are currently underway re the leasing of Plot 8000 to a commercial bakery.

7 - 2 Village Halls

DH confirmed that lighting had been installed outside SB VH. Efforts have been made to vandal-proof the fittings.

NC reported the kitchen window had been broken at Pilning VH. The lack of progress on clearing the former play area was also commented on.

7 - 3 Parish Plan Update

BM confirmed that questionnaires are currently being analysed.

7 - 4 Youth Activities

NB confirmed that £3,000 has been pledged by S Glos. With the parish council willing to fund the youth shelter and the section 106 account holding £7,000, fund-raising efforts continue. NB stated that several ideas had been voiced, including a sponsored football match, a pledge auction and a pub quiz. Though 1 lady has volunteered her services NB urgently needs more help. An advertisement in *In View* might also be opportune.

Currently seeking a third quote for one item of equipment, NB was questioned about the 'dirt track'. Some thought seemed opposed to this though PT recommended that contact be made with Patchway PC. Their track is up and running and initial problems appear to have been overcome. He also suggested that some opinion should not be considered as that person would seem to have an interest. NB also asked that Michael Follett be allowed to attend and address council. This to take place in November. A little over £23 has been received from small donations. This and a list of donors was handed to the Clerk.

7 - 5 St Peters School Project

CW confirmed that whilst approaches have been made and CW and IH attended a meeting with the authorities no decision had been reached. Any ideas relating to use of Pilning playing field as part of the site were as yet only ideas. If, or when, any proposals were made they would need to be presented to the whole council, and subsequently to the parishioners. No covert operations had been carried out, though surveyors have looked at sites. A visit to Pilning was preceded by an invitation to the Clerk. Out at the time, the Clerk made contact on his return only to find the visit had just been completed.

The interim Governors are meeting at St Peters, Pilning on Tuesday 9th October at 7.00 pm. Councillors are invited to attend. Please contact CW to confirm numbers.

Clerk has also spoken with Ray Wiggins and Claire Medland. They are to attend the November meeting to update council on progress and ideas.

7 - 6 Village Matters

Footpaths – JB indicated that the path from Gorse Cover Road to Beach Avenue is overgrown. Streetcare to provide the service, cost to be borne by council.

Cross Hands – IH stated that some measures need to be taken. It is only a matter of time before there is an accident. S Glos to be contacted again.

Severn Barrage – DN asked that because of the impact likely to result from this project, the parish council should be kept informed of any progress. PT confirmed there are a minimum of 5 different projects under consideration but he would keep the council informed.

Trees/Tree Planting – NC is to ring re various local problems and asked for further input on problems of which she is unaware. JD mentioned tree bole growth in and near Abbott Road (her letter on Ableton Lane) and NC to mention this also, although Clerk will also be informing Streetcare.

Cemetery/Churches – NC voiced her concerns re the church path. Reverend Topalian has manually removed the overgrowth but the disintegration of the path along the edge of Mr Singer's garden is quite serious, possibly needing some kerbing. Cemetery Committee to meet and investigate.

Allotments – Clerk confirmed to NC that following complaints and an examination of the site, 3 notices had been issued. 2 were to quit, the third gave an option to improve or sub-let on a 50/50 basis. The occupant of this allotment is actively bringing it up to standard. Notice becomes due for completion on 10th October, at which time the plots will be offered for re-allocation.

Dog Nuisance – PT confirmed, further to his copy of the email from Celia Bourne, that he had previously been notified of 2 FPN issues in August.

DH indicated that the dog bin by the shops was full, though BM was able to confirm it had been emptied this morning. NC stated that the bin in Vicarage Road appeared to be untended, but is also to check to see if now cleared.

Railways – PT confirmed that the introduction of a Sunday service would not benefit this parish; all the Clerk's emails have been in vain! The journey will terminate at Avonmouth. As the service is subsidised by Bristol City Council they have only covered the stations within their boundary. S Glos will need to be asked for funding if the journey is to be extended.

Local Facilities & Amenities – PT suggested that former councillor Albert George should be thanked for his efforts in arranging the second Information Day. This was agreed. IH was thanked there and then for organising the bus service.

7 – 8 Reports

LOCAL FACILITIES & AMENITIES – PT mentioned the recent sale of the Burger Bar. The new owner is looking to clear the site and construct a modern building. As for his hope of building an upstairs flat he was told this would most definitely not be permitted. He is currently considering his options.

RAILWAYS - Following a suggestion by DH (the Burger Bar site could be used for car parking) PT informed council that the properties department of the railway have been instructed to dispose of some of their unused plots of land. If the strip between Stride Close and the station were to become available at a reasonable price the parish council could consider utilising this as a car park/park 'n ride facility.

DEVELOPMENT – PT has been involved with the Future Development Working Group and is able to confirm that no development is proposed for this area.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS – PT will be attending the annual Governors conference at University of West of England in the near future. He also confirmed that the District Council's Annual Civic Service is imminent.

RIVER, SEAWALL & ENVIRONS – FB asked that the question of the Severn Barrage should be placed on the next agenda. It is essential the parish registers an interest.

8. PLANNING

8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT07/2656/F	Extension, 60 Beach Avenue, SB	No objection
PT07/2695/F	Extension, 3 Northwick Road	No objection
PT07/2708/F	Vehicle access, 40/42 Redwick Road	No objection
PT07/2823/F	Conservatory at 2 Sunnylands Cotts, Cross Hands	No comment
PT07/2829/F	Extensions at 19 Riverside Park	Comments

8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT07/1858/F	Vehicle access, Greenfield Farm, Severn Road	Approve
PT07/2155/F	Extension, Faith House, Station Road, SB	Refuse
PT07/2404/F	Modify condition, Rose Grove, Church Road	Permit
PT07/2470/F	Porch at Severnside, New Passage Road	Permit
PT07/2529/F	Carport at Santosa, Church Road, SB	Permit

Next Council Meeting to be held at Pilning Village Hall on Monday 5th November.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 9.25 PM

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

JCR