

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2006, commencing at 7.00 pm
in PILNING Village Hall

COUNCILLORS Mr I Humphries (Chairman), Mrs N Bendall, Mrs N Chappell,
PRESENT (9) Mr S Cooper, Mr A George, Mrs M Heslop,
 Mr D Humphries, Mr G Moore.

Also Present:- Mr P Tyzack (S Glos Councillor), from 8 pm, and 2 members of
 the public (Mrs Jane Davey & Mr Eddie Neave, both of Ableton
 Lane).

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mr M Pullen & J C Rawlinson (recovering from operation). By prior request from the Clerk, and with all relevant documentation having been supplied, Mrs Woodhouse recorded the minutes of the meeting.

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 6th November were approved as a true record.

1. MH 2. SC All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 - 1 Parish Projects & Related Matters

Following public comment by Jane Davey at the November meeting, Clerk wrote to *In View* magazine to establish the parameters relating the Parish Plan Steering Group and policy involvement by, and with, the parish council. The letter listed below seeks full involvement by the council, in editing and controlling PPSG written output. Clerk has already written to the editor, unofficially, intimating that it was unlikely that council would wish to do this, believing that interference would prove counter-productive. Unanimously agreed by council, that as the PPSG is properly constituted, and is a body of volunteers, they should be left to act free from any council interference. Clerk to inform Robert Griffin accordingly.

3 – 2 Footpaths

Corres below indicates that Eddie Neave has been inducted as a Footpath Warden. Agreed to contact S Glos to establish whether there is a set of rules (contract of employment) which should be followed.

3 – 3 Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill

Corres below confirms all bins have now been ordered. Installation costs for 2 new dog bins are dealt with in section 5 below. IH has met with the county officer in respect of the bin for the bus shelter opposite Trinity Hall. IH is to contact the relevant householder to obtain their consent for a ground-mounted bin at the site.

3 – 4 Railways

FoSBR are currently mounting an initiative aimed at enhancing the rail service, in particular advocating an increase from an hourly to half hourly service (corres below). Improvements to stations as reported by PT last month are listed in the Transport Plan Summary. Unfortunately the plan does not indicate any moves to encourage or improve awareness of rail travel. The serious money is devoted to roads and buses, whilst railways, the ‘greener’ option, remain the poor relation.

4. CORRESPONDENCEAirports

11051.01 Consultation on master plan for Bristol International Airport.

Avon Local Councils Association

11052.02 Membership leaflet.

11053.03 Affiliation fees for the year 2007/2008.

11054.04 ALCA Newsletter, December edition – circulated.

Building-New Developments-Housing

11055.05 Estimate of rough sleepers in S Glos, 27/11-4/12, returned 5/12.

Bus Services, Shelters & Signs

11056.06 Community Transport services: funding requirements.

11057.07 Local Transport Plan, summary and report.

Clerk/Clerks Society

11058.08 *The Clerk*, November edition – circulated.

Campaign to Protect Rural England

11059.09 *Fieldwork*, December edition – circulated.

Cross Hands/Wainbridge

11060.10 Complaint re land adj to path. Visit to be arranged by Streetcare.

Elections/Applications for Parish Council

11061.11 Electoral register, latest issue to be supplied as paper copy, as requested.

11062.12 Legal Briefing note L11-06, minimum age for membership reduced to 18.

Employment/Opportunities

11063.13 Mr I Roberts accepts post as General Assistant.

Environment/Conservation

11064.14 S Glos Council promoting home energy efficiency.

Footpaths

11065.15 Letter from Mr E Neave re appointment as Footpath Warden.

- 11066.16 Grass Cutting
Comment from Mr Roberts re grass cutting contract.
- 11067.17 ICI/Zeneca & Other Industries
End-state meeting to be held on 15th Dec, at Oldbury power station.
- 11068.18 Local Facilities & Amenities
Trading Standards Service, suggestions for local news network.
11069.19 Life Cycle UK, stands available for local installation.
- 11070.20 Parish Projects & Related Matters
Response from *In View* re Parish Plan letter.
11071.21 Attachments, submissions by PP Steering Group for *In View*.
- 11072.22 Playgrounds/Youth Activities
Christopher Herriot attend council meeting in February.
11073.23 RoSPA schedule of inspections for 2007.
11074.24 Home Office brochure on youth shelters.
- 11075.25 Railways
FoSBR complain of current shortcomings with the SB line services.
11076.26 Up to date rail service timetable.
- 11077.27 River, Seawall & Environs
Glos CC seek support following recent Energy Symposium.
11078.28 Leaflet, "Sharing the Severn Estuary", wildlife and you.
- 11079.29 Roads/Road Signs
S Glos unable to provide new boundary sign for Northwick.
11080.30 New parish sign to be supplied, following further contact re payment.
- 11081.31 Rural Areas/Local Plan
Consultation paper on development in the Green Belt.
- 11082.32 Schools
Organisation plan now available on S Glos website.
- 11083.33 South Gloucestershire Council
Meetings for month of December.
11084.34 Cabinet meeting, 20th November at Thornbury.
11085.35 Communities Select Committee, 15th November in Kingswood.
11086.36 Development Control Committee, sites inspection on Fri 24th November.
11087.37 Area Forums questionnaire, response on 24th November.
11088.38 Parish Charter, annual review meeting, 13th December in Yate.
11089.39 Notes on charter meeting of 8th November in Yate.
11090.40 Executive Decisions, w/e 10th November 2006.
11091.41 Budget Priorities 2007/10 – response 6/12/2006.

- 11092.42 Stationery/Circulars/Books
Networking News, autumn edition – circulated.
- 11093.43 Traffic Problems/Transport Policy
 50 mph zone imposed on Green Lane.
- 11094.44 Village Halls
 No response yet re ‘agreement over Right of Way.
- 11095.45 Voluntary/Community Groups
 Senior Citizens Forum, in Kingswood on 14th December.
- 11096.46 S Glos Deaf Association newsletter, issue 25 – circulated.
- 11097.47 Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill
 Installation of litter bins to commence in near future.
- 11098.48 Website/Information Technology
 Offer of equipment to be expedited in near future.
- 11099.49 Accounts/Donations
 AOL, internet fees to 16th November. Item 5-3 refers.
- 11100.50 PC World, paper/ink cartridges. Item 5-4 refers.
- 11101.51 S L C C, annual subscription. Item 5-5 refers.
- 11102.52 Mr I Roberts, grass cutting (Nov). Item 5-6 refers.
- 11103.53 Citizens Advice Bureau, donation. Item 5-8 refers.
- 11104.54 S Glos Council, dog bin emptying fees. Item 5-9 refers.
- 11105.55 S Glos Council, cost of replacement dog bins Item 5-10 refers.
- 11106.56 SB School, booking charges. Item 5-11 refers.
- 11107.57 Music with Mummy, donation. Item 5-12 refers.
- 11108.58 Friends of Suburban Bristol Railway. Item 5-13 refers.
- 11109.59 Request from Scouts, new door at Mafeking Hall. Item 5-14 refers.
- 11110.60 Request from Ableton Court, re cost of Christmas party. Item 5-15 refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

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

- 5 – 6 (Playing fields -LG(MP) Act 1979, s19
 (Sea wall gardens -Public Health Act 1875, s164)
- 5 – 9/10 Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996
- Items 5-1 to 5-4, inclusive, paid as one cheque.
- Item 5-10 & 11, paid as one cheque.

The accounts above were approved for payment. 1. IH 2. CW All agreed.

Current bank balance, prior to payments listed below

£46,966.08 (bank interest since Sept not included)

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT (cont)

5 – 1	£ 543.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (November)	112
5 – 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol	111
5 – 3	£ 15.99	AOL	Internet charges (Nov)	111
5 – 4	£ 31.43	PC World	Ink cartridges	111
5 – 5	£ 95.00	S L C C	Subscription	142
5 – 6	£ 350.00	Mr I Roberts	Grass Cutting (Nov)	MP/PHA
5 – 7	£ 350.00	Mr I Humphries	Ch Honorarium	15(5)
5 – 8	£ 300.00	C A B	Subscription	142
5 – 9	£ 526.99	S Glos Council	Dog waste disposal	DFLA
5 -10	£ 472.12	S Glos Council	Install dog waste bins	DFLA
5 –11	£ 30.00	S Glos Council	SB School booking charge	111
5 –12	£ 200.00	Music with Mummy	Donation	137
5- 13	£ 10.00	FoSBR	Subscription	142
5 –14	£1690.83	Scouts	Donation	137
5 –15	£ 40.00	Ableton Court	Donation	137
5 -16	<u>£ 50.00</u>	Mr & Mrs Collins	Toilet keyholder	PHA36
	<u>£4755.36</u>			

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

7. AGENDA7 – 1 Severnside Development

Nothing to report.

7 – 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields

AG reminded council that he still had some oak saplings. It has previously been agreed these should be planted at the north end of Pilning field to replace the poplars which had been felled. SC recommended early action, regarding removal of the old play area tarmac, which would then require seeding. The seat also needs re-siting.

7 – 3 Parish Plan

See item 3-1 above.

7 – 4 In View Magazine

AG asked about parish council articles in the magazine. Currently CW publishes items when possible. AG feels that more detail, particularly significant matters, should be published. Persons interested in the full content of minutes are already catered for. AG suggested the Clerk could, perhaps, be responsible for submitting information.

7 – 5 Cross Hands Junction

Despite the refusal by S Glos to improve markings around the memorial area concerns are still felt by pedestrian users. Drivers still use the wrong side of the memorial when it suits them. Agreed to ask S Glos for 'No Entry' signs to be mounted.

7 – 6 Speed Limits

With Government proposing 20 mph zones designed to cut accidents, agreed that we should ask S Glos what their intentions are regarding this matter.

7 – 7 Finance Committee Meeting

The meeting has been arranged for Monday 8th January 2007. Detail to be confirmed at the January meeting.

7 – 8 Village Matters

Growth – Noted that grass is already growing through newly laid pavements. NC confirmed that a treatment programme is to be carried out from 13th December.

Waste Tipping – NC asked whether members were aware of the hazardous waste tip now open at Thornbury. The public can use this to dispose of batteries and other items that cannot be disposed of through the weekly collection service.

Travellers – SC asked for a prompting letter re enforcement on the site in Bank Road. Enforcement measures are now long overdue.

Cross Hands Road/Cranmoor Green – MH enquired regarding the overgrown site between Cranmoor and the Wainbridge Crescent path. Corres above confirms that planning are looking into this matter.

Severn Beach Station – Bus parking adjacent to the station entrance causes problems due to the narrowness of the road. AG suggested a letter to the rail authority asking for land to be released to provide for parking.

Double Yellow Lines – S Glos are apparently considering extending the lines from the junction of Beach Road round the bend into Beach Avenue. Residents are against this and IH proposed, all agreed, that S Glos be informed these lines are not wanted. Residents near the corner, already subjected to line markings outside their property would, apparently, like these lines to be removed, though it is unlikely that S Glos would consider this.

Disabled Parking – CW asked whether parking spaces for disabled drivers should be provided on main roads in the parish. Although disabled parking is usually provided in car parks there is no known policy of providing this facility near shops, etc. S Glos to be asked for an opinion.

Rustic Caravan Park – Residents have asked why they must use a communal bin, and have no recycling facility. The park is considered to be a commercial property, registered thus by the owner, Mr Simpson. However, PT has promised to look into this matter.

SB Library – IH queried the insurance liabilities at the post office. S Glos provide the books, the post office the premises. Both are doubtless insured, but injury could result from the poor condition of the ceiling. S Glos are unlikely to admit responsibility for this. As part of the fabric of the building the onus must rest with the owners of the post office.

These minutes have been produced by the Clerk from notes provided by CW

