



## **Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Severn Beach School 7pm**

**COUNCILLORS:** P Tyzack (PT) (Chairman); Kevin Weeks (KW); Olga Taylor (CW) M Pruett (MP); Jenn Godsell (JG); Carol Woodhouse (CW); Heather Rickards (HR) Ian Roberts (ISR) and Sue Binns (SCB)

Jonathan Edwardes (Clerk JE) and three members of the public. District Cllr Robert Griffin (RG)

### **PRESENTATION FROM SATO BLACK SOUTHERN BROOKS**

Sato has been working for Southern Brooks for the last eighteen months and has been helping to set up new community groups throughout South Gloucestershire. Particularly focusing on encouraging older residents to gain confidence again after the pandemic. Sato has been using St. Peter's Church's Open Church Café as a base to get things going. A successful meeting at Severn Beach Village Hall today (7<sup>th</sup> November) will hopefully bring another group to start in Severn Beach. Future initiatives to contact residents may be

- Going from house to house
- Leaflets
- Having a stand outside shops in Severn Beach.
- Severn Beach Facebook community page
- In View

**DEATHS:** The meeting held a silence in remembrance of those who had recently died  
Ivor Humphries former Parish Council Chairman and Councillor  
Duncan Hobbs former publican of The Cross Hands  
Julie Boston founder of FoSBR

### **1 Apologies for absence**

Nick Davies (ND)

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests.

CW Declared an interest in item 8.1 as Severn Beach Village Hall representative.

### **3 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting**

The minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October were unanimously approved and signed as a true record.

### **4 Matters arising**

Christmas Tree Report – One set of reports has been received from South Gloucestershire Council. Second one expected. Given the short timescale now the trees will probably be erected in the usual way with ropes.

Benches for Gorse Cover Road – The Clerk has had a reply from SGC with possible locations for the new benches. It also gives the Parish Council the opportunity to mark the Coronation. After discussion the proposal was made to make one of the Gorse Cover Road benches mark the Coronation and replace the very tatty bench on Redwick Road at the corner of The Glebe. A second bench will also be supplied at Gorse Cover Road without a plaque.

**Proposed that a total of three benches are purchased and installed, two for Gorse Cover Road and one for Redwick Road.**

**Vote 8 for 1 against motion carried**

**Delegation to the Clerk to organise the benches**

**Action JE**

Other road schemes needing application to South Gloucestershire Council – The Clerk is working through the list of items

**Resolved to continue with this work**

**Action JE**

Speed enforcement – The Clerk had contacted Avon & Somerset Police to get the Speed Enforcement van to attend. Discovery that the van has not been able to operate in the parish is due to the speed signage and road markings not being correct and therefore unenforceable. Clerk contacted Mark King at SGC for an urgent resolution. A&S are keen to get the situation resolved.

Rewilding – The Clerk has written to Dave Perry asking if this could be done on South Gloucestershire Council land in the Parish. South Gloucestershire Council now looking to see if they still own the site in question. Response from Matthew Lipton at SGC that they will be checking if the land identified on the call for sites (SG593) is still owned by the Council. South Gloucestershire Council have identified other sites under the Biodiversity Net Gain scheme (BNG) that may be suitable for rewilding.

Parish Council are encouraged to consider creating a LNAP Local Nature Action Plan.

**Resolved to:-**

- **publicise the LNAP in In View**

**Action OT**

- **add to December agenda**

**Action JE**

- **write to South Gloucestershire Council to expect trees to be planted on each of the BNG pieces of land and SG593 land**

**Action JE**

- **ask the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to discuss this at their next meeting. Clerk to forward the email.**

**Action JE**

S106 money from AstraZeneca site – The Clerk has asked South Gloucestershire Council but no response yet.

**Resolved for the Clerk to write again, copy to District Councillor**

**Action JE**

Cross Hands enforcement update – SGC have drafted prosecution papers that are awaiting authorisation. However, the Council's solicitor has informed us that once authorised, the case is not likely to be heard in court until the New Year.

**Resolved to keep chasing this item**

**Action JE**

Flora and Fauna report – PT still needs to send details to Councillors for Gypsy Plat.

**Action PT**

Severn Beach rail community notice board – MP still has not managed to get keys for this.

**Action MP**

Shaft Road Buildings – two occasions have passed with no consultation from South Gloucestershire Council Officers regarding this development, despite them being expected to do so.

**Resolved for PT to attend the next planning meeting to share the Parish Council concerns**

**Action PT**

Plot 9000 – PT and JE attended the planning enquiry and presented the case to the inspector. Determination to be made in the next few weeks. South Gloucestershire Council Officer appreciated that we were there to speak to the inspector.

## **5 Correspondence**

Please see Appendix A

Wheelie bin speed sign stickers – these are not supplied by A&S police. The Clerk was made aware that using them could prejudice a speeding offence as they are unofficial.

## **6 Accounts for Payment**

Please see Appendix B

Additional items for approval

Planit Gardens

£114.00

**Revised Total**

**£3643.61**

**Accounts were approved unanimously**

**Action JE**

## **7a Public Participation**

Severn Beach War memorial – a resident presented the Council with an illustration of a proposed war memorial to be erected on Parish Council land at Frances Barr Walk. Suggestions were made by Councillors as to how the memorial will look.

**Resolved**

- **for the item to be placed on the January meeting agenda**
- **consideration for funding**
- **for the Clerk to investigate the required legislation**

**Action JE**

Land lying to the west of Abbot Road – a resident requested an update. The land has recently changed hands and the new owners are intending to submit a planning application. A blanket tree preservation order has been placed on the entire site.

Update on M49 – a resident was concerned that there have had no further updates from the project team. Noted that there is a public meeting at Pilning Village Hall on the 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Traveller sites –

Northwick "Chapel View" site - PT has tried to visit the people at the Northwick site but without success. Permission was refused and the current planning status of the site is unknown.

Bank Road railway line site – the site has apparently changed hands. SGC Enforcement cannot do a great deal as no planning application has been submitted. Further clearance has taken place and is now being used to dump rubbish. The Environment Agency are aware of the situation.

**Resolved for the Clerk to contact Environment Agency**

**Action JE**

## **7b Report from District Councillor**

See appendix C

### **8 AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **.1 To decide on a grant to Severn Beach Village Hall re exterior painting**

Details of the grant application previously circulated to Councillors. Application for £4325 regarding the hall and boundary wall.

Councillors appreciate the huge difference it has made to the look of the hall and field.

**Vote proposed and seconded, seven for two against motion carried.**

**Action JE**

#### **.2 To decide on a letter of complaint to planning enforcement re SGC-128619-L0R7**

In response to an email from a resident regarding an issue at Pilning Station.

**Agreed unanimously to send a letter of complaint to SGC Enforcement, environmental health and Environment Agency.**

**Action JE**

#### **.3 To decide on progressing with Electric Vehicle Charging Points initiative**

PT and JE attended a presentation regarding this initiative.

After discussion it was agreed to pass on the information to the two village halls. Possible other sites could be considered in the future. Suggest to South Gloucestershire Council that the area by Pilning forge could be a suitable location.

**Resolved for the Clerk to pass on the information as above.**

**Action JE**

#### **.4 To decide a course of action regarding river water quality**

OT wants to know if the Council would be interested in finding out the quality of local rhine river water. Chesil Pill, Cake Pill and New Pill to be considered for testing.

**Resolved for OT to find out more details**

**Action OT**

#### **.5 To decide on asking SGC for no motorbike signs on Gypsies Plat**

Considering complaints regarding motorbikes using the bridleway, PT looked at Gypsies Plat and noted that there is correct signage installed at the Church Road end. A check needs to be made of the signage at the A403 end.

**Resolved to ask South Gloucestershire Council to review the signage and upgrade it**

**Action JE**

#### **.6 To decide on obtaining Coronation mugs for school children in the parish**

The Clerk has been investigating potential suppliers of Coronation mugs. According to research the current number of children in the two schools in the Parish are approximately 320.

After much discussion two counter proposals were put forward. Councillors encouraged to look at other proposals in the meantime.

**Resolved to place other proposals on the December agenda**

**Action JE**

#### **.7 To decide on an event or events to mark Coronation Day**

JG has shared ideas with the council regarding Coronation Day activities. Consideration for setting up a working party to co-ordinate events in the Parish was made.

**Resolved to put details into In View for potential volunteers or events.**

**.8 To receive a report regarding potential South Glos service cuts**

PT shared thoughts that South Gloucestershire Council, given their budget constraints, are likely to be cutting anything they can. Councillors need to be aware that there could be potential cuts to Parish services and whether the Parish Council is able to take any of them on. Another route could be getting corporate sponsorship to keep things going. More information should be known by the Parish Council's Finance meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**9. The Neighbourhood Plan**

9.1 Report from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group please see Appendix D Sevenside Masterplan. - PT requested that he attends the South Gloucestershire Council Cabinet meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> November, when the Masterplan will be discussed for adoption and ratification. RE confirmed that there were no issues with the Master plan from a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group perspective. PT encourage all the Councillors to review the document so views can be expressed at the South Gloucestershire Council cabinet meeting.

**Resolved for the Clerk to circulate the Master plan document for comments**

Action JE

**Resolved for PT to speak at the South Gloucestershire Council Cabinet meeting**

Action PT

**10 Severn Beach Centenary / Jubilee**

Pebble Display – Four pieces have been put onto Facebook asking for assistance with building the plinth for the pebble display. Two responses have come forward to help. Sketches need to be prepared for the plinth. It appears there will be costs involved, monies approx. £300 will be used from the raffle of the hamper at the Jubilee beacon event.

**Resolved for CW & SCB to continue with this action**

Action CW & SCB

**11 Updates**

**11.1 Village Halls**

**11.1.1 Severn Beach Village Hall**

Minutes circulated previously. No other comments.

**11.1.2 Pilning Village Hall**

Minutes circulated previously. No other comments.

**11.1.4 Pilning Playing Field**

Recent walk round by HR & SCB

Damage to the teen hut is not as extensive as Councillors were led to believe.

Security of the field, SCB mentioned that questions were being raised over

- the number of visits Relyon made to the field during the summer.
- CCTV upgrade at Pilning Village Hall so Police could act on it.
- Camera for the play equipment

Discussion was had over whether the insurance needs the alarm to be answered with a call out and the effectiveness of CCTV cameras to get a conviction. Signage to be investigated to impress that CCTV is in use. Clerk to speak with Village Hall Secretary.

**Resolved for the Clerk to investigate CCTV signs and to speak to Pilning Village Hall Committee**

Action JE

### **11.2.1 Severn Beach Allotments**

Work has been done on a few plots that needed to clear the boundaries of their plot but more needs doing to ensure the paths are kept clear. Only three plots have not been worked for a while:

Plot 22, Plot 25 & Plot 38

Plot 3 will be giving up.

Allotment holders to be reminded of their responsibilities to keep poultry indoors due to avian flu

**Action JE**

### **11.2.2 Pilning Allotments**

All looks tidy

### **11.3.1 Pilning Cemetery**

Cemetery meeting is coming up, items to be discussed then

### **11.3.2 Northwick Cemetery**

HR mentioned an issue with a gravestone appears to have been knocked over by the heras fencing. This is disputed. SCB to look at the heras fencing on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November

### **11.3.3 Northwick Tower update**

No further update

### **11.4.1 Pilning Station**

OT reported on recent passenger usage at Pilning station.

A letter for Network Rail and GWR was circulated previously to support timetable improvements at Pilning Station

- an additional stopping service (Summer only)
- Sunday service on a similar stopping pattern as the Saturday service.

**Resolved for the Clerk to send the letter**

**Action JE**

Noted that Pilning station will be integral to the development of Swanmoor Stoke and that this is included in the Severnside Masterplan.

### **11.4.2 Severn Beach Station**

See matters arising regarding the community notice board.

Noise from trains appears not to be an issue currently.

## **12 Communication**

### **12.1 In View**

- Promoting Southern Brooks involvement in setting up new groups in the parish.
- Local Nature Action Plan
- Benches
- Deaths in the parish
- Consultation on a Severn Beach war memorial
- Knitted poppies, thank you
- New allotments, might there be a need?
- Fireworks
- Severnside Masterplan
- Pebble display

### **13 Reports from external meetings**

None

### **14 Update from Councillors on "Report it" reference numbers.**

None

### **15 Planning**

#### **.1 To report South Gloucestershire Council planning decisions**

P22/04255/HH 32 Redwick Road Pilning South Gloucestershire BS35 4LQ Erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation. Approve with Conditions.

P22/04504/RVC Foxhole Farm Barn Pilning Street Pilning Bristol South Gloucestershire Conversion and extension of existing barn to form 1no. dwelling with associated works (resubmission of P19/5300/F) Variation of approved plans condition attached to P20/01250/F, added by P22/02693/NMA to alter the fenestration layouts (retrospective). Approve with Conditions.

#### **.2 Update on ongoing planning matters inc. enforcements and applications.**

See matters arising for Plot 9000 appeal.

The new A403 entrance to the former AstraZeneca site is being actively worked on.

Shaft Road PT suggested he goes to go to the planning committee regarding this.

**Resolved for PT to attend the meeting**

**Action PT**

#### **.3 To decide on professional legal advice – ref Orchard Pools.**

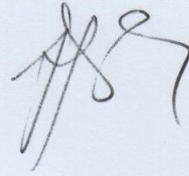
Nothing currently to report

### **16 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at St Peter's Church Pilning BS35 4JB. There being no other business the meeting was closed at 21:25

**Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council – Full Council meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Minutes approved as a true and accurate record, and signed as so by the Chairman presiding

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

APPROVED



## APPENDIX A – CORRESPONDENCE

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Action</b>
27/09/2022	Email	Bus survey	JE Replied
28/09/2022	Email	Trees behind Prospect Road	Noted
28/09/2022	Email	Sevenside CEF meeting Thursday 13 October 2022 at 7pm	Circulated
28/09/2022	Email	Get your Parish Council prepared for Remembrance	Noted
28/09/2022	Email	Abbott Road entrance	Noted
28/09/2022	Email	Bus survey responses	JE Replied
29/09/2022	Email	Memorial tree	JE Replied
29/09/2022	Email	Rail Strike this Saturday and then from Wednesday 5th to Saturday 8th October	Noted
29/09/2022	Email	Bollard at Severn Beach Station Road	Action required
29/09/2022	Email	An invitation to all Members - WERN's 10th Annual General Meeting	Circulated
30/09/2022	Email	M48 bridge closure	JE Replied
30/09/2022	Email	Illegal parking at junction of Riverside Park/Beach Road	PT Replied
30/09/2022	Email	Parish Council update re Cross Hands Pilning	JE Replied
30/09/2022	Email	We fixed the Damaged kerb stone you reported: SGC-93699-W9P4	Noted
30/09/2022	Email	Plot 3 WA	JE Replied
01/10/2022	Email	Redwick Road speed limit	Noted
02/10/2022	Email	Pilning and Severn Beach Village Agent	JE Replied
02/10/2022	Email	Damage to Teen Hut	Noted
03/10/2022	Email	Severn Beach Village Hall minutes	Circulated
03/10/2022	Email	Severn Estuary Partnership News - September 2022	Circulated
03/10/2022	Email	NR Site visit	JE Replied
03/10/2022	Email	Funding for the repainting of the Village Hall walls	Agenda
03/10/2022	Email	Redwick Road, neighbour response	JE Replied
03/10/2022	Email	Electric Vehicle Charging Point	Agenda
03/10/2022	Email	Update on SG Council's financial position	Circulated
03/10/2022	Email	Land West of Abbot Road	JE Replied
03/10/2022	Email	GWR's Community Rail and Stakeholder Conference, Monday 17 October	Noted
04/10/2022	Email	Freedom of Information Request	JE Replied
04/10/2022	Email	New works at Severn Beach (pile driving)	JE Replied
04/10/2022	Email	Reminder - rail strikes tomorrow until Saturday	Noted
04/10/2022	Email	Temporary road closure - Wainbridge, Pilning	Noted
04/10/2022	Email	Parish Online Newsletter #34	Noted

04/10/2022	Email	Land at Bank Road Pilning	JE Replied
04/10/2022	Email	Community Oil Buying Scheme	Noted
04/10/2022	Email	Piling on Severnside	JE Replied
04/10/2022	Email	Remembrance parade and service	Noted
05/10/2022	Email	Attendance at a hearing ref APP/P0119/W/22/3302609	JE Replied
05/10/2022	Email	Bank Road Environment Agency Case Officer	Circulated
05/10/2022	Email	SG Are Group ALCA AGM	Circulated
05/10/2022	Email	Former Railway at Cross Hands clearance	JE Replied
05/10/2022	Email	Marsh Common Road Land Clearance	JE Replied
06/10/2022	Email	Speed van update	Noted
06/10/2022	Email	Speed enforcement	Forwarded to SG Council
06/10/2022	Email	Pilning and Severn Beach Village Agent	Noted
06/10/2022	Email	SGC ref. P22/02510/RM - Further Response to Pilning & Severn Beach PC	JE Replied
06/10/2022	Email	Traffic Data Reports	Circulated
06/10/2022	Email	Consultation re Domestic Violence and Abuse Services Pop- Up meeting	Circulated
07/10/2022	Email	Piling works at former Avlon site	Circulated
07/10/2022	Email	Speed enforcement	Noted
10/10/2022	Email	Comments regarding 32 Redwick Road BS35 4LQ	JE Replied
11/10/2022	Email	COM/22/0222/OD Land Behind Pilning Railway Station	Matters arising
11/10/2022	Email	Grants for warm spaces	Noted
12/10/2022	Email	Cemetery Memorial Safety & Sustainable Memorialisation course	Forwarded to Cemetery Clerk
16/10/2022	Email	Request for scattering of ashes	Forwarded to Cemetery Clerk
17/10/2022	Email	Meeting the need for new development in areas at risk of flooding	Circulated
17/10/2022	Email	geViews - Plans for Public Spaces	Noted
17/10/2022	Email	32 Redwick Road Pilning	JE Replied
17/10/2022	Email	Request for agenda item	JE Replied
17/10/2022	Email	Speed enforcement issues	Matters arising
17/10/2022	Email	Saving Carbon Output With Solar	Noted
17/10/2022	Email	SevernNet News - 11th Oct. 2022	Circulated
17/10/2022	Email	Parish Council availability for a NR site meeting	JE Replied
17/10/2022	Email	Report of demolished sign on Green Lane	SGC informed
17/10/2022	Email	Fireworks at Pilning Playing Field	JE Replied

17/10/2022	Email	Good employer and Staffing committee courses	Noted
18/10/2022	Email	Redwick Road Speed Restriction (Case Ref: JL17755)	JE Replied
18/10/2022	Email	Notification of Public Consultation: Annual Council Budget 2023/24	Agenda
19/10/2022	Email	P22/05802/F Severn View Industrial Park Central Avenue Hallen	Agenda
19/10/2022	Email	Express interest in running the new community building at Stoke Gifford	Noted
20/10/2022	Email	Traffic barrier on Station Road Severn Beach	Matters arising
20/10/2022	Email	Agenda item ....Coronation	Agenda
20/10/2022	Email	TRAPP'D OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER	Circulated
21/10/2022	Email	Euroloos at Pilning Station	Agenda
21/10/2022	Email	Closing of your Pothole report: SGC-128664-P0Y9	Noted
21/10/2022	Email	Confirmation of your Drain report: SGC-128671-T4B5	Noted
21/10/2022	Email	Cross Hands enforcement update	Matters arising
22/10/2022	Email	Severn Beach and Pilning Village Agent - hyper local discussion	Correspondence
22/10/2022	Website	In praise of Severn Beach	JE Replied
24/10/2022	Email	Rail strike dates announced for November	Noted
24/10/2022	Email	Service for Remembrance Sunday	JE Replied
24/10/2022	Email	Wheelie bin stickers	Noted
24/10/2022	Email	Recommended Special Expenses 2023-24	Noted
24/10/2022	Email	Concern over the litter bin at Pilning shop	JE Replied
24/10/2022	Email	Maps for AECOM	JE Replied
24/10/2022	Email	Piling affecting Severn Beach Residents	JE Replied
24/10/2022	Email	Traffic incident on Redwick Road over the weekend	JE Replied
24/10/2022	Email	Consideration for lowering the speed limit on New Passage Road	Dec Agenda
25/10/2022	Email	Listed building and permanent mobility aids	Noted
25/10/2022	Email	Buried services report	Noted
25/10/2022	Email	Minutes Severnside Community Engagement Forum 13 October 2022	Circulated
25/10/2022	Email	Cost of living support, fly-tipping convictions, happy Halloween 🎃 and more	Circulated
25/10/2022	Email	Christmas Tree offer	Forwarded to The Gardener's Club
26/10/2022	Email	Potential location of EV charging points in Severn Beach	Agenda
26/10/2022	Email	Weed killer used on Riverside Park	JE Replied
26/10/2022	Email	Extension of Green Belt - RTPPI reply	Matters arising
26/10/2022	Email	Pilning Village Hall Container Insurance	Noted
27/10/2022	Email	Hire of Pilning Village Hall	JE Replied
27/10/2022	Email	Complaint Severn Beach Toilets not open	JE Replied

27/10/2022	Email	Offer of site visit to expanding Bristol's water recycling centre at Avonmouth	Circulated
27/10/2022	Email	Pilning Station - Request to GWR	Agenda
28/10/2022	Website	Request for filming in Severn Beach	JE Replied
28/10/2022	Email	DLUHC funding review	Circulated
29/10/2022	Email	RIP Julie Boston	Noted
31/10/2022	Email	Signing of minutes	Noted
31/10/2022	Email	Road closure Northwick Road	Posted publicly
01/11/2022	Email	Complement on how tidy the sea wall looks	Noted
01/11/2022	Email	LNAPs Webinar - Our Hedgehog Neighbourhoods Project	Circulated
01/11/2022	Email	PSGA event for local councils	Forwarded to Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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**APPENDIX B – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>NET VAT</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
03/10/2022	N HILLS	Severn Beach Toilets	£33.33	£-	£33.33
03/10/2022	ELM TREE GARDEN	Grounds Maintenance	£1,219.99	£244.00	£1,463.99
07/10/2022	EMMAUS CHURCH	Hall Hire \$	£90.00	£-	£90.00
07/10/2022	RELYON GUARDING	Pilning Playing Field security	£97.50	£19.50	£117.00
07/10/2022	GOOGLE IRELAND LTD	Email and Data storage	£110.40	£-	£110.40
17/10/2022	BRITISH TELECOM	Telephone & Broadband	£133.90	£26.78	£160.68
18/10/2022	O2	Mobile phone	£11.00	£2.20	£13.20
19/10/2022	NOW PENSIONS	Pension Contribution	£115.74	£-	£115.74
21/10/2022	MYTHIC BEASTS	Domain Hosting	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
31/10/2022	HMRC	Tax & NI	£106.41	£-	£106.41
31/10/2022	J EDWARDES	Wages, Office & Broadband	£1,222.86	£-	£1,222.86
31/10/2022	O MCINTOSH	Wages	£24.00	£-	£24.00
			<b>£3,225.13</b>	<b>£304.48</b>	<b>£3,529.61</b>

\$ From the Neighbourhood Plan Grant

## APPENDIX C – REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Robert C. Griffin

21, Riverside Park, Severn Beach South Gloucestershire, BS35 4PN  
01454-632624 robert.griffin@southglos.gov.uk

News for Pilning, Severn Beach, Easter Compton & Hallen. November 2022

Dear Ward Members,

**Gypsy Platt** – Many thanks to Planning Enforcement who acted on a ward member's alert of a JCB and actioned 3 TPO (Tree Preservation Orders). They also contacted the new owners, who are developers on their plans for this land. I will keep you informed of any action the Planners take.

**Plot 9000** – This failed Planning Application at Western Approaches has now gone to appeal. Sports Centres – are turning off hot tubs for energy reasons but are disappointing members of the public with muscular problems.

**Bus Services** – There have been some reductions of services said to be to due lack of use after the pandemic.

**Energy Advice** – is available at libraries.

**Hot spell** - in July/August 3,000 people over 65 died exacerbated from heat associated conditions.

**Birth Rate** – has been dropping for the last few years and schools are worried about their annual intake.

**Heat Pumps** – I attended a presentation on this form of heating. This technology is in its infancy and needs a £5,000 government grant to make it viable.

**Community Buildings** – Many councils are opening their halls and libraries some with solar heating to their residents who need a warm refuge. Tea & Biscuits are also being offered.

**Royal Mail stamps** – are changing from the 31st January 2023. Barcodes are being added to stamps and existing stamps will no longer function. They can be returned and replaced by upgraded ones.

**Internet security** – I have been approached by a charity who would like to educate the rising 12's in the pitfalls of using this communication method. They require £12.50 per pupil. Unfortunately, I nor the District Council has this finance available.

**Avian Flu** – this biosecurity risk means all domestic birds must be locked in until further notice. Unfortunately, wild birds and fowl carcasses can be seen by waters' edges but must not be touched. There is a scheme to cull turkeys prematurely and freeze them for Christmas sponsored by the government.

**Pandemic/Flu** – This is currently level and is holding steady thanks to 10 million older residents being vaccinated for both. 26 million members of the public still need to be treated. Young children under three are then most susceptible and can have a nasal spray.

**Pile Driving** – I have had complaints about this noise from Western Approaches sites. Unfortunately raising the land 2 metres and finding a firm foundation are part of the building regulations for construction on a flood plain.

Yours sincerely,

Robert C. Griffin – District Councillor for Pilning, Severn Beach, Easter Compton & Hallen.

## **APPENDIX D – REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

SG meeting since last PC meeting 18<sup>th</sup> October

### **Planning Applications**

Churngold offices application reviewed and supported. Considered to be appropriate and aligned to the NP for a brown field site. Nick Davies provided us with an up-date on Plot 3.

### **Parish Character Assessment & Design Codes**

All now fully complete. AECOM provided a status report for Design Codes Work, which is to plan and we can expect a draft report before the end of the month. We were asked to provide examples of future proofing in recent builds. Limited to there being few new builds; reported ecological roofs on St Peter's school and the old Northwick School kitchen roof, photovoltaic cells on roofs, thermodynamic integrated panels, mitigation of flooding by moving bedrooms and dining rooms to first floors.

### **Evaluation of Sites**

Work underway with AECOM expected to take 4 months. SGC has made a screening decision that SEA & HRA will most likely be required for our NP. In informing AECOM, SGC has advised they are currently undertaking their HELAA which will support their potential site allocations for the Local Plan. They are keen to know what methods AECOM will use, what the next steps for the steering Group will be e.g. they believe that the majority of sites will be subject to a stage 2 FRA. They also describe our NP as 'ambitious'. We are arranging a joint meeting to discuss. SGC has confirmed their CfS list for the Parish which add 3 further sites to what we were already aware of. Locality has recently authorised the commencement of both SEA & HRA

### **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

We have had expressions of interest from 3 consultants for reviewing our Visions, Aims & Objectives, moving these towards policies and contributing to the structure of the NDP. We have issued formal requests for proposals and aim to award the work by 13<sup>th</sup> December. Public consultation, other than InView newsletters, will not take place until after the consultant's work is finished.

### **Project Plan**

The dates and activities of the Project Plan were reviewed and agreed. Issue 5 is now published. With additional work i.e. SEA & HRA, completion of the NP project is likely to slip a further two months to May 2024.

### **Accommodation for Elderly**

Robert Gourd has contacted The Anchor Society with regard to advice on options on age care properties.

### **Next SG meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Nick Davies will provide a demonstration of Parish Online. Please come along if you are interested.

### **Meeting attendance**

At last month's PC meeting, I reported that one of the PC representatives has not been attending meetings, nor sending apologies or fulfilling actions. This was repeated for our October meeting. We can't continue to mislead residents on the Steering Group membership and I ask the PC to provide an alternative representative please.