

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 1st October 2012, commencing at 7.00 pm,
in PILNING VILLAGE HALL

COUNCILLORS Mr I L Roberts (Chairman), Mrs F C A Barr MBE,
PRESENT (7) Mrs N A Chappell, Mr I W Humphries, Mr A J Lewis,
 Mr M D Pruett, Mrs C E Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr R C Griffin (S Glos Councillor) and 3 members of the public (Mrs Becky Cooper of Northover Court, Alderman P L Tyzack of Little Green Lane and Mr Kevin Weeks of Prospect Road).

The Chairman asked those present to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Mr Chris Barlow, formerly of Beach Avenue, Mrs Marilyn Harris of Station Road, Pilning, Mrs Valerie J Humphries of Abbott Road and Mr Roy S Lee of Beach Avenue, all recently deceased. Mrs Harris was Chair of the Doctor's Surgery Group. Mrs Humphries' husband Dave was a parish councillor until May 2011.

Mrs V A Bywater, newly appointed clerk, was again present as an observer.

Following on from the resignation of Mrs Gaulton and the proper process being followed, an election has not been requested. Accordingly council is now able to co-opt. Mr Ian Humphries, unsuccessful in the ballot held at the meeting in July, has again expressed an interest. Agreed that he should be invited to fill the casual vacancy. S Glos Council to be so advised.

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mrs J A Fennell (post-operation convalescence), Mr L D Nethercott (work commitment) and Mr R C Griffin (S Glos Council meeting – he arrived at 8.50pm).

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

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

1. CEW 2. MDP All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 - 1 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

FCAB has conducted a brisk trade in mugs. Many are still available.

3 - 2 Grass Cutting

Suggested that complaints re the service by S Glos should be raised at the next forum meeting. Though the centre island at Marsh Common has been cut, long grass on the verge is considered to be obstructing vision for drivers.

3 - 3 Village Halls

CEW attended the recent village hall meeting. CEW recorded a considerable improvement, with a first rate committee, bookings at a high and money in the bank. This report caused members to question the request by the committee that council meet the bill for electrical work. The initial account for £365.16 (safety certificate held on file) was paid by council (Item 5-6, minutes of 3rd Sept) but members refused to pay the further £820.56, the feeling being there are sufficient funds to meet this other demand, without need to involve the council.

3 - 4 Filton Enterprise Zone

Expanding upon the email received from S Glos the Clerk drew attention to the ultimate destination for council taxes from local industries and retailers. On the basis of tax increases during the next 30 years being directed toward the local council, members unanimously agreed to support the inclusion of Cribbs Causeway within the Filton Enterprise Zone, appearing to be of most benefit to local inhabitants.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Allotments

15671.01 Graham & Rose Crane complain of neglected allotments at SB.

Building-New Developments-Housing

15672.02 Contact by Matthew Kendrick of Grassroots Planning.

15673.03 Email from MK above confirms attendance at November meeting.

Bus Services, Shelters & Signs

15674.04 Comment from SW Transport Network re bus services.

Campaign to Protect Rural England

15675.05 *Fieldwork*, Autumn edition – circulated.

Elections/Applications for Parish Council

15676.06 Rachel Madden advises no applications have been received.

Environment Agency

15677.07 Changes to the flood warning service.

Environment/Conservation

15678.08 Open Spaces Society invite donations to their legal fund.

Grass Cutting

15679.09 S Glos response re notified problems with grass cutting.

15680.10 FJ Rollings offers grass cutting services.

Local Industry

15681.11 Oldbury site stakeholder meeting, Wednesday 24th October.

15682.12 Agenda for meeting above.

Playgrounds/Youth Activities

15683.13 Response from S Glos Council re graffiti at Pilning playing field.
15684.14 Wicksteed "Their World" brochure.

Police

15685.15 Contact re Speed Watch operations within the county.

Railways

15686.16 FoSBR advise of extra train into Avonmouth each evening.
15687.17 SW Transport Network list improvements sought to rail service.

Roads/Road Signs

15688.18 Overgrowth problems logged for action by S Glos Council.
15689.19 Swarco of Yorkshire offer vehicle activated signs.

South Glos Council

15690.20 Consultation on local "Enterprise Zones"; comment invited.
15691.21 Minutes of Parish Charter meeting, 27th October 2011.
15692.22 Agenda for Parish Charter meeting, 4th October 2012 in Yate.

Street Furniture & Lighting

15693.23 Glasdon of Blackpool: brochure on waste bins, etc.
15694.24 Glasdon brochure listing seats, notice boards and gritting equipment.

Trees & Tree Planting

15695.25 Treecreeper Arborists of Wotton-u-Edge offer their services.
RCG submitted report to planners re timber yard activity.
Email contact by MDP, re activities at timber yard in Church Road.

Voluntary/Community Groups

15696.26 Southern Brooks community partnership – courses for all booklet.

Planning

15697.27 Delegated decisions, w/e 30th Aug 2012.
15698.28 Delegated decisions, w/e 6th Sept 2012.

Accounts/Donations

15699.29 Post Office, postage stamps. Item 5-3 refers.
15700.30 Post Office, telephone/internet. Item 5-4 refers.
15701.31 Mr N Pearce, odd job man (Sept). Item 5-5 refers.
15702.32 M J Fisher, grass cutting (Sept). Item 5-6 refers.
15703.33 Mazar, annual audit. Item 5-7 refers.
15704.34 Mr I Roberts, travel to Thornbury. Item 5-9 refers.
15705.35 South Glos Council, dog bin. Item 5-10 refers.
15706.36 SB Scouts, defibrillator donation. Item 5-11 refers.
15707.37 Mr I Humphries, travel to Henleaze. Item 5-10 refers.
15708.38 Contract Electrical, work at SB VH. – not approved.
15709.39 Victim Support, letter of thanks. Item 5-11, minutes 3rd Sept, refers.
15710.40 SB U/12s FC, letter of thanks. Item 5-12, minutes of 3rd Sept, refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 - 1	£ 791.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (Sept)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 - 3	£ 10.00	Post Office	Postage stamps	111
5 - 4	£ 95.01	Post Office	Telephone/internet	111
5 - 5	£ 71.78	Mr N Pearce	Odd job man	111
5 - 6	£ 790.00	M J Fisher	Grass cutting	*
5 - 7	£ 480.00	Mazar	Annual Audit	ACA
5 - 8	£ 591.00	H M R C	Income tax	111
5 - 9	£ 9.00	Ian Roberts	Travel expenses	174
5 -10	£ 149.00	S Glos Council	Dog bin replaced	CNE
5 -11	£ 500.00	SB Scouts	Donation (defibrillator)	137
5-12	£ 9.00	Ivor Humphries	Travel expenses	174
	<u>£3545.79</u>			

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

5 - 6	(Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19
	(Public Health Act 1875, s164
5 - 7	Audit Commission Act 1998, s3
5 -10	Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005

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

Receipts (unlisted to date)

£ 294.00	Ben Fear a/c transfer - cleaning work paid from general a/c now repaid
£ 34.00	Sale of Jubilee mugs, received from FCAB
£28,000.00	Precept payment due – end of September

Bank balance, prior to council payments above = **£78,033.88** (interest to May incl).

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. FCAB 2. NAC All agreed.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Becky Cooper spoke on behalf of the SB Scout Group. So successful was the Jubilee initiative that a defibrillator has been purchased. Such was the interest the group is now within £500 of having sufficient funds to purchase a second machine. Proposed ILR, seconded FCAB, all agreed, that council donates the £500.

7. AGENDA7 – 1 Local Major Developments

FCAB pointed to errors that appeared in a recent *In View* article. No housing is proposed in the vicinity of All Saints, Compton Greenfield, the development boundary being much closer to the Station Road junction. Gloucestershire County Council were involved in sanctioning the 1957 agreement, not Avon County Council.

7 - 2 Village Halls

Gary Patterson of "The Way Gym" has offered a donation of £20 per month to Pilning village hall, for the benefit of using the field for his commercial venture.

7 - 3 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

Users of Pilning VH have complained about young travellers. Having been refused use of the toilet facilities they exposed and relieved themselves where they stood. ILR has made a direct complaint to the Police.

Clerk to obtain an 'under 12' notice for the play equipment at Pilning.

7 - 4 In Memoriam

Clerk asked members to consider a protocol whereby council would have a clearly defined course of action to follow. This would be relevant on the death of a councillor/former councillor or their direct partner. Following the recent death of Valerie Humphries both FCAB and ILR informed the Clerk who expressed his sympathy and then forgot all about it. FCAB voiced her dismay that other than herself and IWH (relative) no other councillor attended the funeral. Not everyone is comfortable about attending a funeral and attendance is a personal matter. Should a policy be formulated – perhaps sending a wreath – the course of action would be clear and all could be treated equally. Members appeared to favour setting up a protocol, but no decision was made.

7 - 5 Allotments

ILR stressed the need to make a decision over the club house at Severn Beach. The lowest demolition quote exceeds £5,000 but he felt this to be money wasted, with nothing to show, whilst refurbishing the building would produce an asset. Clerk indicated that whilst the council needed to agree to the new lease it would not be necessary to actually deal with the building until the 5-year mark is reached.

FCAB informed members that she and the Clerk she had identified all those plots in need of attention. Clerk confirmed that he had started drafting the letters earlier in the day. Five tenants are to be threatening with eviction. Ten other tenants to be warned of the need to bring their plots up to standard.

7 - 6 Appointment of New Clerk

After interviews conducted by NAC, IWH, ILR and CEW on 20th August, Mrs Victoria Bywater was chosen from 5 applicants. The appointment was ratified by full council at the September meeting. Mrs Bywater attended in September, as well as this evening. The retiring Clerk and Mrs Bywater will liaise on council matters during the month. Mrs Bywater will attend the November meeting as a council employee, taking on full responsibility for the post on and after 3rd December.

7 - 7 Trees/Tree Planting

Many complaints were registered, including lorry movements on the public footpath and dangers to the public. Passers-by need to be extremely wary. It has been noted that mdf is still present at the site. Problems with the timber yard were brought to the attention of planners at the recent meeting, though it appears unlikely that S Glos are on the same wavelength. RCG is attempting to involve local MP Jack Lopresti in the process.

7 - 8 Website/IT

MDP reported on the main talking points on facebook. Dog fouling by the church and along Cross Hands Road is causing concern. The one-way system Beach Road/Station Road is causing confusion, vehicles travelling the wrong way. There is great support for the provision of biking (bmx type) facilities. MDP mentioned the recent photographic exhibition in Bristol which both he and ILR found disappointing.

7 - 9 Village Matters

Building/New Development/Housing – ILR showed the plans produced by Mr Kiely in respect of the 2 houses he proposes for Church Road.

Travellers – The owner of the field to the rear of SB playing field has been attempting to gain access, apparently for maintenance purposes. He has been advised of the need to contact the VH committee for access through the field gate, having so far failed to prove his right to gain access from Gipsies Plat.

Footpaths – There is a trip hazard on the footbridge over the M48.

Local Facilities & Amenities – Reported that the exterior of the public toilet in SB is in need of a coat of paint.

Roads/Road Signs – Goldcrest Way has been subjected to fly-tipping and travellers have set up at the end of Farm Way, threatening a passer-by. These are problems for the owners, Gazeley. Fly posting is a problem at Redwick Common. ILR is to deal with this.

7 - 10 Reports

TRAVELLERS – ILR reported on the recent meeting at Thornbury in which he was accompanied by IWH, AJL, CEW and the Clerk. Meeting with the planning department; also in attendance were the Police and a member of the Anti Social Behaviour Group. The discussion covered a whole spectrum of problems but over all it appears that planners have been put on the back foot by the certificate of lawfulness application. General feeling is that the ineffectual actions of S Glos in the past has been the catalyst for the current, difficult situation.

LOCALISM – Suggested there is a need to have a chat with an expert to learn more about this ever more important topic.

SEVERN SIDE SIREN – PLT reported that the new siren at Hallen is due for installation on Thursday.

BANK ROAD – There was some disquiet over the Sage Cottage application, currently in circulation. Having been refused permission to build, it appears that 2 wooden huts to the rear of the cottage have been occupied and a certificate of lawfulness is now being claimed.

8. PLANNING8 - 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT12/2928/RVC Timber Yard, Church Rd, vary condition 3

Objection

PT12/2938/F 31 Marsh Common Road, extensions

No comment

8 - 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT12/1303/MW Energy Recovery Centre, bottom ash facility

Permit

PT12/1968/F 21 Cross Hands Road, extensions side & rear

Permit

