

Minutes 2nd March, 1970.

All Councillors present.

Minutes of Meeting 2nd February, 1970 confirmed and signed.

459. Street Lighting - Demolished Standard, Severn Beach.
The Councillors expressed dissatisfaction at the length of time being taken to replace the Standard and a strong letter is to be sent to Mr. Frost pointing out the danger to pedestrians.
357. Safety Measures, Severn Beach.
The attention of Mr. Frost is to be drawn to the condition of the ropes attached to the lifebouy and to suggest these should be boxed in.
358. Yellow Lines, Severn Beach.
A letter from the County Surveyor stated that a "Prohibition of Waiting Order" is required and the necessary procedure is being followed to get the Order, in time for the summer season.
463. Proposed Development at Osborne Road.
Although the Parish Council raised no objection to this development, the local Planning Officer decided to refuse consent to the proposal.
464. Proposed Development at Marsh Common.
The Local Planning Officer advises that he had decided to refuse consent to the proposal, this being in line with the suggestion made by the Parish Councillors.
442. Flood Alleviation, Severn Beach.
Considerable time was spent discussing this old problem and it was finally decided the Councillors would strongly object if any Compulsory Purchase Order was made against Mrs. Miller, and they felt Mr. Fowler had their support when he attends a meeting at the R.D.C. on Friday 6th March. Mr. Fowler will give his report at the next meeting.
416. Soil Dump, Redwick.
The County Surveyor advises that the soil would be used as "Fill In" during the closing of the existing sewerage works. The Highway Authority will apparently give the soil to any other Authority who will remove it at their own expense, so saving the County Authorities money.
467. Extension to Local Telephone Exchange.
A letter from the local Planning Officer gave a list of the types of developments on which they would consult the Parish Councils, but stated it was not mandatory upon the County Council, as the Local Planning Authority to do so.
The Parish Councillors felt although this may be so, common courtesy should have been shown in this instance and the Councillors advised of the development, for them to answer any local enquiries.
The Parish Councils' Association is to be written on this subject.
465. "Shelter" Appeal Fund.
The organizers of the fund state they appreciated the support which has been given in the past by the local community.
- No ref: A letter from Mrs. M. Betty thanking the Parish Councillors for their letter of sympathy on the death of her husband was read. Mr. Betty was a Councillor for a number of years at Pilning.
186. Sweeping of Severn Beach.
The Annual payment of £40 to the R.D.C. is now due and to this the Councillors agreed to pay.
407. Public Water Supply.
The Bristol Waterworks Company asks that any person finding a cause of complaint regarding the water supplied should immediately telephone using the company's Freefone 981 service, which operates 24 hours a day.

427. Abbott Road, Severn Beach.

No reply has been received from Mr. Andain regarding the complaint sent to him on 11th February concerning the bad state of the road. The Clerk reported that R.D. Councillor, Mr. C. Dyde, was personally taking this matter up with the District Surveyor.

No ref: Severnside Study.

Mr. Denner gave the information that a large map was on show in the Registrars Office, Quaker Friars, Bristol, giving details of the Severnside Scheme as envisaged for the future.

Mr. Fowler stated that to his knowledge no Severnside Study report had so far been issued.

414. Old Peoples Flats, Severn Beach.

Mr. Fowler gave the information that the work had been put out for tenders and were being built at Severn Beach, land not being available at Pilning.

468. Ableton Lane.

Mr. C. Ball reported on the numerous pot-holes in the road leading to his farm from the Coast Road, which requires Mr. Andain's attention.

469. Coast Road.

Mr. Edwards asked if a crash barrier could be erected from the railway bridge southwards down the Coast Road, as a means of preventing a vehicle leaving the road and charging into houses in Chessel Avenue or Keens Drive. The County Surveyor is to be asked if such a barrier could be provided.

470. Bus Services.

Complaints were received of buses failing to run as scheduled and prospective passengers are left stranded.

The bus compny are to be approached on the matter.

471. Sewage Pipe Line across Pilning Playing Field.

Mr. Lewis was disturbed that apparently no bodies who had special interest in the Pilning Playing Field were consulted and their views obtained before the pipe line was excavated across the field. He was also desirous of knowing if the Thornbury R.D.C., would be making any recompense for that damage done to the field, as the ground would not be really fit for the coming season.

468. Drains - Station Road, Severn Beach.

Mr. A. Ball reported that apparently the drains near the approach to the railway station were blocked causing a long stretch of water to remain alongside the pavement after rain.

Water from the pumps under the river bank also flows to the drains. Mr. Andain is to be informed and asked to investigate.

433 Pilning Playing Field.

Despite a lot of comment by Councillors who expressed many varied views on the problem, the meeting could not definitely decide who was responsible for the welfare and maintenance of this field.

Apparently the Deeds of the property are not sufficiently clear on the question.

All present wished to get the matter settled as quickly as possible and a meeting is to be arranged with Representatives of all interested parties to bring the problem to a conclusion.

It was announced that the Annual Public Meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on Monday, 23rd March at 8 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 9: 30 p.m.

ACCOUNTS PAID:-

Rev. J. Free.	£1. 1. -
P. Locke	4. 10. -

Signed A. Parsons
Date 6. 4. 70.