

# Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Emmaus Church Centre Gorse Cover Road Severn Beach 7pm

**COUNCILLORS**: P Tyzack (PT); Olga Taylor (OT); M Pruett (MP); Nick Davies (ND) Five members of the public.

Parish Clerk Jonathan Edwardes (JE) and Cemetery Clerk Odile (Del) McIntosh (OM)

DEATHS: The meeting held a silence in remembrance of those who had recently died Joyce Jones formerly of Pilning

# 1 Apologies for absence

Simon Johnson (SJ) (District Councillor)

# 2a Co-option of Councillors

In the 35 days after a local election the Parish Council is permitted to co-opt councillors without referring to South Gloucestershire Council.

Ian S Roberts was nominated.

# Proposed PT and seconded MP unanimously agreed

#### **2b 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.

None.

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

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

#### 4 Matters arising

<u>Compton Publishing</u> – PT attended the AGM of the group and raised concerns mentioned at the last meeting. See 12.1 Communication of April 2023 Minutes.

<u>Severn Beach School rep from the Parish Council</u> - Resolved for PT to find out why despite initial interest from the school this has not happened.

# Resolved to carry working on this item

**Action PT** 

Adapted housing usage - The Clerk has still had no reply

# Resolved to carry working on this item

**Action JE** 

<u>State of the A403</u> – PT reports that when South Gloucestershire Council say they are cleaning the A403 this should be from Aust to the Bristol City Council boundary. Currently only a small section has been tackled.

Resolved to be mentioned to the new District Councillor

**Action PT** 

Resolved to press on requesting the cleaning of the A403

**Action ND & ALL** 

<u>Salthouse Farm development</u> – Work in progress on the site with mature trees being felled. There are several options that need to be pursued

# Resolved to add to June agenda

**Action JE** 

<u>Pilning station timetable study</u> – still nothing to report at this stage.

# Resolved to continue with this item

**Action JE** 

<u>Report of unauthorised development</u> – due to the sketchy information given, it has not been possible to pursue this item.

#### **Resolved item closed**

<u>20mph speed restriction on Redwick Road west</u> – Clerk has given the incoming District Councillor the petition via PT.

#### Resolved to continue with this item

**Action JE** 

<u>Bramble removal at Pilning Tennis Court</u> – Work in progress

# Resolved to continue with this item

**Action JE** 

<u>Tennis court upgrading</u> – OT proposed it would be worthwhile finding out how often the tennis court is being used. Consideration given for a Google form survey to be linked with a QR code on a poster at the tennis court entrance.

#### **Resolved to continue with this item**

**Action JE** 

<u>Press statement regarding development and flood risk</u> – PT and ND to consider this further.

#### Resolved to continue with this item

**Action PT and ND** 

Severn Fest – Dedicated website is now up and running for the event.

<u>Land clearance at Severn Beach railway station</u> – PT noted that although he knows a potential developer who might be interested in the site, the current landowner was responsible for clearing the site.

# **5 Correspondence**

See appendix A

<u>Hedgerows at Pilning Playing Field</u> – The Clerk explained that an approach by The Conservation Volunteers was being considered to improve the diversity of hedgerows at Pilning Playing Field. <u>Motion to Ocean</u> – details of the scheme to be passed onto SJ.

Report from Bristol Zoo Project – noted that the Wildplace site will be renamed as Bristol Zoo Project, even though it's in South Gloucestershire. PT has a strategy document to share with Cllrs. Hedgehog heroes – signage from South Gloucestershire Council now up at New Passage, good news that the Parish has hedgehogs so close to the River Severn.

# **6 Accounts for Payment**

See appendix B

Mike Archer-Smith – preparation of internal audit and AGAR £150.00 South Gloucestershire Council – Localism £1941.91 **E52,098.25** 

Note actual total spend without the return of the incorrect precept sent by South Gloucestershire Council is £14,704.50

#### Accounts were approved unanimously.

**Action JE** 

# .1 Bank reconciliation for the previous month see appendix C

To comply with Parish Council Financial Regulation 3. viii the Chairman was presented with the bank reconciliation.

Resolved that the bank reconciliation report for April 2023 be approved.

# **7a Public Participation**

<u>Tennis courts at Pilning Playing Field</u> – Cllrs were encouraged to hear that they are being used. <u>Petition re land behind Prospect Road</u> – petition to be passed onto SJ

# **7b Report from District Councillor**

The Council received and noted a written report from Simon Johnson

Resolved for the Clerk to write to both incoming and outgoing District Councillors with thanks to Robert Griffin and congratulations to Simon Johnson.

**Action JE** 

#### **8 AGENDA ITEMS**

.1 To decide on a letter to SGC asking for a progress on the new expected spine road linking the M49 J1 towards Hallen.

PT circulated information prior to the meeting, Kelvin Packer M49 J1 Project Manager at South Gloucestershire Council had been asked for a comment regarding the spine road but that is outside of his remit. Some land on the course of the spine road has been allowed to be developed for other purposes.

Resolved for the Clerk to write to South Gloucestershire Council asking for clarification about the spine road route.

Action JE

Resolved to invite Kelvin Packer to the next Parish Council meeting

**Action JE** 

.2 To decide on a replacement memorial bench on the Binn Wall

Clerk circulated the information prior to the meeting.

Noted that the cost fitting of the bench would be undertaken by the Parish Council.

PT proposed and MP seconded carried unanimously

**Action JE** 

.3 To decide on asking for an update on flood defence construction progress
Work is still being undertaken along the sea defences but progress is very slow indeed.
Resolved for the Clerk to contact BMM JV to arrange a meeting with Parish Councillors
Action JE

# .4 To decide on a course of action to tackle speeding on the A403

After discussion it was decided that the following scheme be proposed to South Gloucestershire Council, with a feasibility study as the first stage

- white lining the dual carriageway sections down to a single lane
- making the junctions wider and safer as there will only be one lane of traffic to cross.
- the speed would naturally be regulated by the slowest vehicles e.g., 50mph lorries.

Resolved for the Clerk to request a feasibility study from South Gloucestershire Council regard the above proposal.

**Action JE** 

# .5 To decide on a grant to Severn Beach School PTA for Coronation project

The Clerk circulated the grant application prior to the meeting.

Vote to grant Severn Beach School PTA the sum of £1691 for the King Charles III Sensory Room.

PT proposed MP seconded all in favour.

**Action JE** 

# 9. The Neighbourhood Plan

See appendix C

# 10 Severn Beach Centenary / Jubilee

No report from the Pebble display volunteers

# 11 Updates

#### 11.1 Village Halls

#### 11.1.1 Severn Beach Village Hall

Nothing to report

#### 11.1.2 Pilning Village Hall

The Parish Council received a report from the Village Hall Management Committee regarding the status of the building and hall users. The Management Committee are in the process of getting quotes for various levels of refurbishment of the hall roof. A working group meeting with Parish Councillors and the Management Committee is proposed for 14<sup>th</sup> June.

**Action ALL** 

The Parish Council expressed grateful thanks to the committee, for their efforts.

#### 11.1.3 Pilning Playing Field

Pilning Playing Field is relatively tidy, however

- the teen hut has covered in unsavoury orange graffiti. TD asked to clean
- There are issues with encroachment of brambles along the left-hand side of the field.
- TD has been asked to strim the side of the rhine.
- Piece of wood on the notice board requires attention.

Issues will be discussed further at the meeting with the Parish Council and hall committee in June.

#### 11.1.4 To decide on the future of the teen hut

As noted above in 11.1.3 the teen hut is regularly being vandalised, it was noted that the thick Perspex is still intact but burnt in places.

After discussion this subject has been referred to the working group meeting with the Village Hall management committee in June.

#### 11.2.1 Severn Beach Allotments

Several plots are fallow currently, the Clerk is to chase up those tenants not working their allotments.

Small waiting list of a couple of people at Severn Beach.

#### 11.2.2 Pilning Allotments

Almost all the plots are being worked well, there is quite a long waiting list at Pilning. Clerk to chase up two tenants who might need encouragement.

# **11.3.1 Pilning Cemetery**

Councillors received a report from the Cemetery Clerk. Subjects included

- As the Cemetery is now over 100 years old it is necessary to have a procedure for extending burial rights for families where these have expired.
- Consideration of additional fees where burial rights are extended
- Memorial audit
- Report that two further gravestones had to be laid flat recently having failed a stability test

Cemetery Clerk's recommendations were considered

Moved that the Cemetery Clerk's recommendations be adopted in full; proposed and agreed unanimously

**Action OM & JE** 

#### 11.3.2 Northwick Cemetery

OT noted that the churchyard was looking tidy

# 11.3.3 Northwick Tower update

Nothing to report

# 11.4.1 Pilning Station

<u>Land misuse around Pilning station</u> – Clerk has been in contact with South Gloucestershire Council Enforcement and legal proceedings are being pursued.

<u>Bus replacement</u> – Engineering works in the Severn Tunnel will mean Pilning train services will replaced by buses for a few weeks in June.

<u>GWR Community Fund</u> – Two suggestions from OT

- flower planters see comment below
- an improved waiting shelter.

Community payback scheme – OT considered that getting the Community payback could be a good way of getting the planters made.

#### 11.4.2 Severn Beach Station

Lights on the bike shed are still burning away all night

# Resolved for the Clerk to contact Severnside Community Rail Partnership again Action JE

Diesel engines are for the most part being switch off when waiting time standing at the platform.

Consideration could be given to providing a bench for people waiting for the bus or rail replacement bus when provided.

# **12 Communication**

#### **12.1 In View**

# 13 Reports from external meetings

None

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

21/10/2022 SGC-128671-T4B5 By 106 Beach Road - Blocked drain

02/03/2023 SGC-137202-P7N5 Green Lane, by motorway incline - Broken barrier

03/04/2023 SGC-145073-H8Q9 All of Redwick Road and Cross Hands Road - Blocked drains

25/01/2023 Ref unknown State of Marsh Common Road on the slope to the railway bridge

# 15 Planning

Planning decisions – after much debate it was agreed to explore a blended approach to planning application responses. Councillors are to be given a choice to delegate to the Clerk or to have a planning application discussed at the next full council meeting.

Resolved for the Clerk to consider the way this can be achieved.

**Action JE** 

# .1 To report South Gloucestershire Council planning decisions.

<u>P23/01004/HH</u> 40 Beach Avenue Severn Beach South Gloucestershire BS35 4PB Erection of a single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. Erection of detached double garage. <u>Approve with Conditions</u>.

<u>P22/05208/RVC</u> The Wave Bristol Main Road Easter Compton South Gloucestershire BS35 5RE Variation of condition no. 38 attached to planning application PT17/1730/RVC to amend drawings and documents <u>Approve with Conditions</u>.

<u>P22/06963/F</u> Land Next to Northwick Road Pilning South Gloucestershire BS35 4JF Creation of separate access to Plot 2. Re-siting of existing mobile home and static caravan. Provision of enlarged day room. <u>Approve with Conditions</u>

<u>P23/01119/HH</u> 40 Riverside Park Severn Beach South Gloucestershire BS35 4PN Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of single storey rear extension to form additional

living accommodation. Approve with Conditions.

<u>P23/00156/HH</u> Churchside Gorse Cover Road Severn Beach South Gloucestershire BS35 4NP Erection of a single storey front extension to existing detached garage. <u>Approve with Conditions</u>. <u>P22/06975/F</u> 8020 Western Approach Distribution Park Severn Beach South Gloucestershire BS35 4GG Erection of 2 no. single story plant rooms and 1 no. liquid nitrogen storage tank with ancillary equipment and 1.8m high security fencing. <u>Approve with Conditions</u>.

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

<u>P23/00894/F</u> – Avlon Works site - Parish Councillors not swayed by any arguments put forward by the developer. Parish Council response remains as an objection.

P21/01998/O – Plot 9000 - Still no determination following the appeal hearing.

# .3 To decide on a course action with outstanding SGC Planning Enforcement

Concern expressed at the length of time South Gloucestershire Council are taking responding to enforcement issues.

Resolved to take this action up with the District Councillor.

**Action ND** 

Resolved to redouble efforts in highlighting the outstanding issues in this parish.

Action ALL

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

PT to circulate to Councillors the complaint sent to South Gloucestershire Council Enforcement that remains unanswered.

**Action PT** 

# **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at Pilning Village Hall. There being no other business the meeting was closed at 21:35.

# **Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council — Full Council meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**Minutes approved as a true and accurate record and signed as so by the Chairman presiding.

Nick Davies



# **APPENDIX A – CORRESPONDENCE**

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Date	Type	Detail	Action
28/02/2023	Email	Vehicle obstructions on the highway - a shared approach	Circulated
28/03/2023	Email	WESTlink idea	Noted
28/03/2023	Email	Severn Beach Village Hall Minutes	Circulated
28/03/2023	Email	Permit for Drone Take Off - Thursday 30th March	JE Replied
28/03/2023	Email	Hedge laying	JE Replied
29/03/2023	Email	Network Rail engineering in the area	Noted
29/03/2023	Email	Student Project Filming Permission Severn Beach	JE Replied
29/03/2023	Email	Pilning Village Hall Parish Council website information correction	JE Replied
30/03/2023	Email	South Gloucestershire Hedgehog Heroes	Circulated
30/03/2023	Email	Cross Hands update	Noted
30/03/2023	Email	Habitat creation - Northwick wetlands	Noted
31/03/2023	Email	Severn Estuary E-Newsletter - March 2023	Circulated
31/03/2023	Email	Meeting with Barton Willmore rep re P23/00849/F	Noted
01/04/2023	Website	Call for sites	JE Replied
01/04/2023	Email	Redwick Road Speed Limit	JE Replied
02/04/2023	Email	Blocked Drains	Reported to S.G.C.
02/04/2023	Email	Severn Beach Neighbourhood Plan	Forwarded to NSPG
03/04/2023	Email	Wildlife friendly allotments	Circulated
03/04/2023	Email	622 bus service - another update	Noted
03/04/2023	Email	Request for help with my dissertation questionnaire	Noted
04/04/2023	Email	Voter ID is coming - make sure you're ready	Noted
05/04/2023	Email	Statements of Person's Nominated - all areas	Noted
05/04/2023	Email	Adopted roads in the Parish re fly tipping	JE Replied
05/04/2023	Email	LCA SPD Refresh: Consultation Invitation to Parish and Town Councils Clerk	Noted
05/04/2023	Email	Bench update	JE Replied
06/04/2023	Email	Forestry and Woodland taster days	Circulated
06/04/2023	Email	COMPLETE: 230324/MKB16 - 221221/AR07 wastewater / sewerage into the Pill Rhine at Pilning	Circulated
06/04/2023	Email	304099-WX: 230324/JC07: FOI - Water quality in Pilning & Severn Beach Parish	Circulated
06/04/2023	Email	Settlement Boundaries	Noted
06/04/2023	Email	Streeting cleaning and maintenance work for Parish Council	JE Replied
09/04/2023	Email	Notice of uncontested election - for display	Noted

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26/04/2023	Email	Suggestion of a bench at Severn Beach station for bus passengers	
26/04/2023		Truck stops and lorry parking issues	Noted
27/04/2023	Email	Train Driver Strikes	Noted
27/04/2023	Email	Litter picking kit (South Glos Council)	JE Replied
27/04/2023	Email	No Mow May 2023 - Social media toolkit for you to use	Noted
28/04/2023	Email	Hedgehog heroes garden hub sign	JE Replied
	Email	South Gloucestershire Council Precept payment error	JE Replied
28/04/2023		Training opportunity Planning advisory	Circulated
, ,	Email	PIL14006 Pilning & Severn Beach Play Equipment inspection delay State of the A403	JE Replied Noted
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07/05/2023	Email		Circulated
08/05/2023	Email	Land at Orchard Pools update	Noted
09/05/2023	Email	, ,	Reported to S.G.C.
10/05/2023	Email	Hinkley Connection Project - Spring Update 2023	Circulated
10/05/2023	Email	PT.7648 Various Roads, Various Wards - Carriageway Patching - Temporary Road Closures	Circulated
10/05/2023	Email	Police attendance at 5th June Parish Council meeting	Noted
10/05/2023	Email	Land registry for Pilning Allotments	JE Replied
10/05/2023	Email	Let's celebrate half hourly services to local station (Yate)	Noted
10/05/2023	Email	Hinkley Connection Project - Spring Update 2023	Noted
10/05/2023	Email	Pilning playing field - teen hut complaint	JE Replied
11/05/2023	Email	Severnside Sirens Annual General Meeting - 07.06.23	Circulated
11/05/2023	Email	Reminder - rail strikes and Network Rail improvement works tomorrow and this weekend	Noted
11/05/2023	Email	The Severn Estuary Forum 2023 - draft programme announced	Circulated
11/05/2023	Email	WERN recruitment	JE Replied
11/05/2023	Email	Damaged bollard	JE Replied
11/05/2023	Email	Severnside Festival 23	Noted
12/05/2023	Email	Community Engagement Forum (CEF) Meeting Dates	Circulated
12/05/2023	Website	Complaint that grass at Riverside Park is being cut too short	JE Replied
12/05/2023	Email	Ward discrepancy at Marsh Common Road	JE Replied
12/05/2023	Email	New member library induction session	Circulated
12/05/2023	Email	Locality Awards '23 - Nominate a local authority	Noted
12/05/2023	Email	Petition for New Passage 20mph speed limit	JE Replied
14/05/2023	Email	Severn Beach Allotments	JE Replied

14/05/2023 Email 15/05/2023 Email report on Pilning Cemetery, Allotment and Playing fields. May 2023 Contractor renewed Insurance certificate 2023 Noted JE Replied



# **APPENDIX B – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	REF	NET VAT	VAT	TOTAL
04/04/2023	ALCA	Membership		£773.51		£773.51
05/04/2023	MOTION PRINT	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group printing	\$	£427.20	£71.20	£356.00
05/04/2023	PLANIT GARDENS	Pilning Playing Field		£125.00		£38.00
05/04/2023	PLANIT GARDENS	Pilning Cemetery				£19.00
05/04/2023	PLANIT GARDENS	Allotments				£68.00
11/04/2023	GOOGLE	Email & Data Storage		£110.40		£99.36
11/04/2023	GOOGLE	Email & Data Storage				£11.04
13/04/2023	O2	Mobile Phone		£13.20	£2.20	£11.00
14/04/2023	MARCHES PLANNING	Submission for Green Belt (Interim payment)		£1,886.90		£1,886.90
14/04/2023	SEVERN BEACH V HALI	L Internet Access		£192.00		£192.00
19/04/2023	NOW PENSIONS	Pension Contribution		£120.98		£120.98
28/04/2023	SOUTH GLOS	Return of SG overpayment		£37,393.74		£37,393.74
28/04/2023	MRS O MCINTOSH	Wages		£168.00		£168.00
28/04/2023	MR J EDWARDES	Wages Office & Broadband		£1,668.16		£1,668.16
03/05/2023	ELMTREE GARDEN	Grass Cutting	2	£1,527.82	£254.64	£716.00
03/05/2023	ELMTREE GARDEN	Northwick Cemetery	3			£223.00
03/05/2023	ELMTREE GARDEN	Pilning Cemetery	3			£334.18
03/05/2023	MRS N HILLS	Severn Beach Toilet	1	£33.33		£33.33
04/05/2023	HMRC	Tax & NI	4	£351.65		£351.65
16/05/2023	PLANIT GARDENS	Pilning Playing Field	2	£148.75		£38.00
16/05/2023	PLANIT GARDENS	Pilning Cemetery	3			£19.00
16/05/2023	PLANIT GARDENS	Allotments	4			£91.75
16/05/2023	AED	Defibrillator monitoring 2022/2023	6	£1,134.00		£1,134.00
16/05/2023	THINKLOGIC	Defibrillator monitoring 2023/2024	6	£600.00		£600.00
16/05/2023	GLASDON	Coronation Bench (Redwick)	2	£841.69	140.28	£701.48
16/05/2023	COMPTON PUBLISHING	GAdvertising / Parish Information	5	£2,490.00		£2,490.00
				£50,006.33	£468.32	£49,538.08

- 1 Public Health Act 1936 s87
- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s19 Local Government Act 1972 s214 2
- 3
- 4 Local Government Act 1972 s111
- 5 Local Government Act 1972 s142
- 6 Local Government Act 1972 s137
- From Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Grant



# **APPENDIX C Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

NP SG Report to Parish Council 15th May 2023 Steering Group meeting since last PC meeting: 18th April. Matters discussed and arising since.

#### **End of Year Accounts:**

It was agreed that taking into account current spends on Land Registry searches and some on-going consultancy work, we would be returning to Locality, £405 of our grant allocation of £7,035. We should be able to claim this back in the current financial year and an additional £8,000, as we will be allocating sites for housing. However, as of today, the funding for 2023-24 for the Neighbourhood Planning Support Programme has not been announced, although DLUHC have advised Locality that it is highly likely that funding will be made available. A re-issue of our Project Plan is available for Steering Group approval, which now identifies June 2024 for the public referendum which will conclude the NP.

#### **Evaluation of Sites:**

The situation of AECOM wanting to deviate from the agreed approach of excluding flood risk and green belt from the evaluation of individual sites continues. Despite us requesting to be at least observers of any discussions, AECOM has held their own discussions with SGC and claim that 'SGC was content with the approach that AECOM are taking'. We will agree our response to this at our next meeting tomorrow.

In the meantime, the evaluation of potential sites for suitability and availability by the Steering Group has made significant progress. A sub- group meeting was held on 2nd May to priorities sites and allocate responsibilities for moving each forward. We have completed a large number of searches through Land Registry to identify owners and are holding meetings with landowners or their agents to discuss availability.

We will be meeting with the new Parish Council at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd May to brief you on progress and in particular discuss sites own by the PC and options for community facilities such as halls, playing fields and allotments. The importance of this meeting was stressed.

We had a meeting with Helen Hamilton (planning consultant) also attended by PT to discuss the Parish Council's desire to revise green belt boundaries. It was agreed to hold off on that work until after the Neighbourhood Plan is submitted.

#### Planning Applications:

There were no new applications to discuss. However, it was noted that the travellers' site modifications on the north side of Bank Road has been passed, but only one resident's objection was registered, when it was known that several were understood to have been submitted. The chair of the PC was approached and said the PC was not prepared to challenge the apparent error in SGC's process. We now believe it is the use of SGC's 'quick response form', which despite being able to be flagged as an objection, does not record it. I would ask again that the PC does take this up with SGC and also notifies residents via In View of the importance of reading planning applications and if responding, using the template which results in the receipt of a confirmation email.

# **New Councillor:**

We would like to welcome Simon Johnson to his new role and look forward to briefing him on the Neighbourhood Plan at a meeting on 22nd May and obtaining his future support.

Next SG meeting 16th May