

## **PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006,  
In SEVERN BEACH School

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

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (S Glos Councillor); and 11 members of the public (Frances Barr MBE of Beach Road, David Bolt, Jane Davey, Eddie Neave and Shaun Pickett, all of Ableton Lane, Becky Cooper and Barry Hood, both of Northover Court, Lyn Gale of Cross Hands Road, Marjorie Lifton of Albert Road, Eric Morse of Redwick Road, and Ian Roberts of Little Green Lane).

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At 6.30 pm, prior to the commencement of the meeting, Nigel Davis, Development Officer of the local Community Transport group, was due to speak with members regarding the work of the organisation. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond his control, Mr Davis was forced to cry off at the last minute.

In order to best utilise the time it was agreed that correspondence would be dealt with first, the new business of the meeting to commence, as advertised, at 7.00 pm. To conform to the normal layout the minutes are printed in their usual form.

1. **APOLOGIES for ABSENCE**  
Mrs F Tyzack.

**The Chairman asked that the death of Avis Vowles (nee Palmer), formerly resident in this parish, should be noted.**

2. **MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> March were approved as a true record.

1. MH 2. CW All agreed.

3. **ACTION/RELATED MATTERS**

3 – 1 **Ableton Lane**

Regarding the land adjacent to Prospect Road, Mrs Davey has requested a public participation slot.

3 – 2 **Redwick Road/New Passage**

The application for the rifle range (PT06/0206/C84) has been granted. Permission is however conditional upon full landscaping and flood prevention work.

3 – 3 **Footpaths**

AG has obtained quotes for the provision of oak posts (10 at £65.50 each) and for finger posts (£142.50 each). Fitting costs would be extra. Further options are to be pursued.

3 – 4 Traffic Problems/Transport Policy

Clerk has made arrangements with Highways. The exhibition is to be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at Trinity Hall, and will be open between 3.00 and 8.00 pm. Public notices were posted 12 days ago. Copies have been prepared for distribution. (This matter was dealt with after the close of the meeting. Thanks are extended to Jane Davey, Lyn Gale and Eddie Neave, all of whom volunteered to help with distribution).

3 – 5 Village Halls/Playing Fields

AG confirmed that suggestions for a skateboard area had been published in *In View*, and should also appear in *The Gazette*. DH commented that some people had already contacted him, mistakenly believing the suggestions to be firm proposals!

4. CORRESPONDENCEAllotments

10451.01 Results of the allotment survey (42, of 47, responding) – circulated.

Audit/Precept

10452.02 New income tax code for Cemetery Clerk, Mrs FCA Barr MBE.

10453.03 Tax arrangements for employees pensions/gratuities.

Bus Services, Shelters & Signs

10454.04 Notice re issue of new over-60s bus passes – posted.

Cemetery/Churches

10455.05 Ackn by DVLA of disposal of council mowing machine.

10456.06 Registration of dealers in controlled oil scheme (mowing services).

Campaign to Protect Rural England

10457.07 Arrangements for Village of the Year competition – passed to AG.

Dog Nuisance

10458.08 Introduction of dog control zones. Proposed IH, seconded DH, 6 For, 2 Abst (AG, MP) that both playing fields, the church path and the sea wall gardens be included.

A parishioner has complained that a councillor had been observed not to have cleared up after their dog, and that councillors should not feel themselves to be above the law. Asked whether the complainant had given their name the Clerk stated that as the councillor and complainant were known to each other the complainant had been unwilling to do so. The Clerk was admonished, as having no right to raise the matter on behalf of an anonymous complainant. The Clerk countered that he had a duty to register any complaint brought to his attention.

Environment/Conservation

10459.09 Friends of the Earth, ‘Save Our Green Belt Campaign’.

10460.10 Home Energy Efficiency Promotion – leaflets distributed.

**Health Authority and Care Services**  
10461.11 Consultation on Health Service 10-year plan.

**ICI, Zeneca & Other Industries**  
10462.12 AstraZeneca invite to official opening of Effluent Treatment Plant, 26/4.  
10463.13 Environmental impact assessment on nuclear plant decommissioning.

**Playgrounds/Youth Activities**  
10464.14 Annual safety inspection now due, confirmation sent on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.  
10465.15 Wicksteed Leisure, leaflet on available equipment.

**Quotations**  
10466.16 Gibbs Garden Maintenance - offer for seat clearance at SB gardens.

**Railways**  
10467.17 FoSBR initiative for supporting SB line, event on 31<sup>st</sup> March.  
10468.18 Response from Kerry McCarthy MP re above.

**Redwick Road/New Passage**  
10469.19 Copy, E Maggs letter to S Glos, re boundary proposals for property.

**Rural Areas/Local Plan**  
10470.20 Comment from Green Belt briefing sessions.

**South Gloucestershire Council**  
10471.21 List of meetings for April 2006.  
10472.22 Council meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Kingswood.  
10473.23 Cabinet meeting, 20<sup>th</sup> March at Thornbury.  
10474.24 Cabinet meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at Thornbury.  
10475.25 Communities Select Committee, 5th April 2006.  
10476.26 Community Care, Housing & Health Select Comm, 5/04 at Thornbury.  
10477.27 Development Control Committee, 30<sup>th</sup> March at Thornbury.  
10478.28 Health Scrutiny Sub Committee, 29<sup>th</sup> March at Kingswood.  
10479.29 Executive Decisions, w/e 10<sup>th</sup> March.  
10480.30 Executive Decisions, w/e 17<sup>th</sup> March.  
10481.31 Executive Decisions, w/e 24<sup>th</sup> March.  
10482.32 Executive Decisions, w/e 31<sup>st</sup> March.  
10483.33 Forward Plan of Executive Decision-Making, Apr 2006 to Mar 2007.  
10484.34 Diary of events, S Glos Area Forum.  
10485.35 Equalities Awareness Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> May at Winterbourne.

**Stationery/Circulars/Books**  
10486.36 *Local Council Review*, March edition – circulated.

**Street Furniture & Lighting**  
10487.37 Neptune of Winchester, product price list.

10488.38 Travellers  
High Court ruling on removal of travellers from public playing fields.

10489.39 Trees/Tree Planting  
Forest of Avon, *Forest Review* - circulated.

10490.40 Utilities – Post Office  
*Pillar Talk*, issue 10 – circulated.

10491.41 Village Halls  
Confirmation of site meeting last week. Draft agreement awaited.

10492.42 Voluntary/Community Groups  
Community Action notices, posted.

10493.43 Senior Citizens Forum, meeting at Kingswood on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

10494.44 Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill  
Consultation on long term management of radioactive waste.

10495.45 Website  
*In View* deadline for submission of articles (14<sup>th</sup> of the month).

10496.46 The Local Channel, website opportunities.

10497.47 Planning  
Delegated decisions, 4<sup>th</sup> March.

10498.48 Accounts/Donations  
AOL, internet charge, March. Item 5-3 refers.

10499.49 Post Office, telephone charges. Item 5-4 refers.

10500.50 PC World, inks/paper. Item 5-5 refers.

10501.51 M Gibbs, clearance at sea wall gardens. Item 5-7 refers.

10502.52 Mr I Roberts, grass cutting (March). Item 5-8 refers.

10503.53 S Glos Council, dog bin services. Item 5-9 refers.

10504.54 Pilning School, donation. Item 5-10 refers.

10505.55 Trinity Hall, booking charges. Item 5-11 refers.

10506.56 Clarke Willmott, legal fees, RoW. Item 5-12 refers.

10507.57 Pilning VH, rates. Item 5-14 refers.

10508.58 SB VH rates. Item 5-15 refers.

10509.59 Sutcliffe Play, play equipment item. Item 5-16 refers.

10510.60 SB School, ackn of booking charges paid. Item 5-7, mins 3/06, refers.

## 5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

**Current bank balance, prior to payments below**  
**£20,802.48 (including interest for March)**

The accounts below were approved for payment. 1. GP 2. CW, all agreed.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT (cont)

5 - 1	£ 418.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (Mar)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol	111
5 - 3	£ 15.99	AOL	Internet charges (Mar)	111
5 - 4	£ 44.54	Post Office	Clerk's telephone	111
5 - 5	£ 36.95	PC World	Stationery (inks/paper)	111
5 - 6	£ 50.00	Mr & Mrs Collins	Toilet keyholder	PHA36
5 - 7	£ 290.00	Mike Gibbs	Clearance at Seawall	PHA75
5 - 8	£ 350.00	Mr I Roberts	Grass Cutting (March)	MP/PHA
5 - 9	£ 248.22	S Glos Council	Dog bin services	DFLA
5-10	£ 500.00	Pilning School	Grant	137
5-11	£ 120.00	Trinity Hall	Transport Exhibition	19
5-12	£1259.50	Clarke Willmott	Legal Fees	LGMP
5-13	£ 356.00	Inland Revenue	Income tax	112
5-14	£ 205.67	S Glos Council	Pilning VH rates	LGMP
5-15	£ 192.68	S Glos Council	SB VH rates	LGMP
5-16	<u>£1372.40</u>	Sutcliffe Play	Play equipment	LGMP
	<u>£5509.95</u>			

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

5 - 6	Public Health Act 1936, s87
5 - 7	Public Health Act 1875, s164
5 - 8	(Playing fields - LG(MP) Act 1979, s19 (Sea wall gardens - Public Health Act 1875, s164
5 - 9	Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996
5 - 12/14/15/16	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1979, s19

In voting to approve the accounts above SC abstained re 5-12, DH abstained re 5-16.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jane Davey of Ableton Lane spoke to members regarding proposals for converting the public amenity land at Prospect Road into allotments. Mrs Davey had been surprised to learn of these proposals, though admitting the fault may lie with her as she had not until recently been a regular attendee at council meetings. A canvas of neighbours showed that of 35 likely to be effected all were against the conversion.

DH, responding on behalf of council, informed Mrs Davey this matter had been in hand for a considerable time. Complaints over the past few months regarding improper use of the site had only added to the determination of the council to seek a change of use. In view of residents' antagonism toward these proposals the council voted unanimously to end this initiative. The status of the area will therefore remain unchanged.

Frances Barr mentioned the quotations received for repairs to memorials at Northwick. A considerably lower quote has been received to that originally tendered. Agreed the repairs should go ahead though any shortfall in the BEN Fear Account would need to be made good and it may be necessary to curtail any further inroads into this account for the foreseeable future. Mrs Barr also drew attention to damaged window slats and roosting doves at Northwick Tower. Cemetery committee to meet and discuss.

## 7. AGENDA

### 7 – 1 Severnside Development

There continues to be a welcome lull in the illegal activity that previously took place on-site. This results from heightened Police activity. Unfortunately the barriers around the lagoon have been removed. Gazeley to be contacted, and requested to remedy the situation.

### 7 – 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields

There is concern over activity at the pavilion. Many youngsters are congregating there in the evenings, and drinking. Proposed IH, seconded CW, all agreed, the only solution to this further problem is to have the pavilion demolished. IH to seek quotations.

The Clerk's summary of the recent meeting with Northover Court residents committee is to be considered after the conclusion of the meeting.

### 7 – 3 Parish Plan

CW confirmed a meeting had been held but it was necessary to encourage further involvement by the public. Community Action had organised an induction meeting for those who had already volunteered. This has proved useful. Richard Snelling had commented on a few 'guide lines', though, as SC confirmed, it is essential that the group follows its own course of action and is not over-constrained by CA guidance. CW stressed the amount of work that will be involved in bringing this initiative to fruition. A guidance leaflet/questionnaire is to be produced and distributed.

### 7 – 4 Footpaths

AG voiced concern over the condition of the Beach Avenue to Gorse Cover Road footpath. Following a 'phone contact by a Neighbourhood Watch member, AG has contacted both S Glos Council and Gleeson (developers), receiving an assurance from Gleeson that they will liaise with S Glos to ascertain responsibility for clearing this route.

### 7 – 5 Village Matters

**Ableton Lane** – DH reported the appearance of a large pot hole near the entrance to Severnwood Gardens. A resident in the end house has complained that recent rains led to water overflowing the footway and flooding the garden.

CW commented on the unfinished nature of the ditch at 'Springfield', in front of what is now 39 Ableton Lane.

The commemorative tree (Mr Britton) has died. Open Spaces to be contacted.

**A403 (Severn Road)** – DH drew attention to serious cracks that have appeared in the carriageway in the vicinity of Whitehouse Farm. Action is still awaited with the provision of a Western Approach sign guiding drivers away from Severn Beach.

NC asked why there were still trailers on the site adjacent to the Church Road footpath. Clerk confirmed that he had again contacted enforcement re this matter. NC confirmed this path had been subject to recent flooding and that litter was clogging the ditches. The path at the Pilning end of the over bridge is also severely cracked.

IH drew attention to the junction sign, the height of which draws much criticism from motorists. Previous complaints brought no satisfaction.

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**New Passage** – CW reported on the problems caused for residents by speeding motorists. A 30 mph sign would be helpful. Although the area is restricted, the restriction is based on the spacing of the lamp posts rather than signage – not necessarily a matter of clarity to motorists.

**Bank Road** – AG reported on damage to the verge near St Peters Farm.

**Northwick Road** – NC noted that kerb stone edges between the post office and Wainbridge House were broken and in need of replacement.

**Cross Hands Road** – Residents at Cross Hands corner are experiencing problems with sewage overflow. The problem stems from Cranmoor Green, and needs reporting to Wessex Water.

#### 7 – 6 Reports

**GREEN BELT** – IH attended the briefing session on 7<sup>th</sup> March at Thornbury Leisure Centre. He stressed the need to have Severn Beach included in the Green Belt, confirming the wish expressed by the Clerk in the council's recent submission.

**NUCLEAR POWER STATION** – IH attended the meeting at Bristol Golf Club on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Oldbury is to be decommissioned over 10 years, between 2008 and 2018. The plant will then be 'moth balled' for between 80 to 120 years.

**NEWS FROM SOUTH GLOS** – PT reported on a recent fire in Ableton Lane. Site to be checked for asbestos residue. A boat has recently been washed ashore beneath the 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge. Laing have agreed to arrange for its removal.

The Cabinet, working on the school review, has identified the need to fund work on the fabric of SB School, the school most likely to be retained following the review.

PT asked about 'No cycling' signs for the sea wall. AG confirmed they are already in place. Unfortunately they are small, probably why no one has noticed them.

#### 8. PLANNING

##### 8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT06/0585/F	Dwelling at Stride Close, SB	No comment
PT06/0599/F	Dwelling at Stride Close, SB	Support
PT06/0606/F	Extension at 115 Marsh Common Road	No comment
PT06/0856/ADV	Illuminated fascia at Currys, Western Approach	Objection

##### 8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT06/0206/C84	3 Huts at Rifle Range subject to landscaping and flood alleviation measures.	Approved –
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##### 8 – 3 Planning Application Required

CAW/06/0096	Lighting at Enron site – obtrusive lighting to be monitored.
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**Next Council Meeting to be held at Pilning Village Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 8.35 PM

Signed.....Dated.....

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