

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 7th April 2008, commencing at 6.30 pm,
at SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS Mrs C Woodhouse (Chairman), Mr J Black, Mrs N Bendall,
PRESENT (8) Mrs N Chappell, Mr S Cooper, Mr D Humphries,
 Mr I Humphries, Mr D Nethercott,+ Mr N Webb.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (South Glos Councillor) and 4 members of the public (Mrs Jane Davey of Ableton Lane, Mrs Barbara Matthews of Salthouse Farm Park, Mr Eric Morse of Redwick Road, and Mr Ian Roberts of Little Green Lane).

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At 6.30 pm, Kim Hazeldine the Sports Development Team Manager at S Glos Council spoke of his desire to set up a sports association in the area. Currently community coaches operate at 5 sites within the district. Finance is available to provide local coaching facilities, funding would need to be provided locally if costs were incurred in using local halls or other facilities.

There were comments from members and contact names and numbers were provided for KH. Having covered all the options, and provided as much information as possible, the Chairman called the session to a halt, thanking KH for his attendance

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1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mr A Webber (away on business) – Clerk informed members that AW had stated his need to be in France, to where he would be re-locating in the near future. Accordingly he would, in due course, be tendering his resignation from council. No action can be taken until this resignation is officially notified. Apologies also received from PCSO Kirsty Flicker (unwell).

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Having been invited to fill the casual vacancy, Mr Nick Webb was in attendance, and the Chairman welcomed him to council. Mr Webb handed in his signed Statement of Interests, signed the Acceptance of Office book, and took his place as a councillor.

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The Chairman asked that members join in a few moments silence, in remembrance of Mrs Jackie Smith of Redwick Road, and Mr Dave Snook of Chessell Avenue, both recently deceased.

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 3rd March 2008 were approved as a true record.

1. IH 2. DN All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 – 1 Village Halls

NC asked whether any action had been taken in respect of the fence close to the gate opening onto Pilning playing fields, where access for motorbikes is now possible. Clerk confirmed that he had asked the OJM to deal with this as a priority item.

3 - 2 Travellers

S Glos Council have already commenced clearance work on the Mongan site, cost to be borne by the council. DN confirmed that AW had noted the presence of a vehicle at the site and had passed the registration number to S Glos, in the belief that the owner of the vehicle is in fact the landowner. Whether this results in the cost being passed onto the owner (as it rightfully should) remains to be seen.

3 - 3 River, Seawall & Environs

Clerk distributed an information sheet extracted from the monthly Bristol Naturalists Society bulletin. Dealing with the proposed Severn barrage, it is part of a series of news sheets, copies of which have previously been provided. For members wishing to view the information as a whole it can be obtained through the internet, on www.bristolnats.org.uk.

3 - 4 Health Authority & Care Services

There has been another incident involving a resident of the Hayes Unit. This incident took place in “The Plough” and was reported in *The Gazette*. Though a Carer was also in attendance some damage was caused and many diners’ Sunday lunches were spoiled.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Allotments

12241.01 Mr G Brailsford, Redwick Road, explains actions re allotment clearance.

Audit/Precept

12242.02 Confirmation of appointment of Mazar and panel of audit officers.

Avon Local Councils Association

12243.03 Minutes of meeting, 10th January at Henfield.

12244.04 Agenda for meeting of 27th March in Thornbury.

12245.05 Cemetery Training, 1st May at Long Ashton.

12246.06 Accounts Training, 15th March in Yate.

12247.07 ALCA Newsletter, March edition – circulated.

12248.08 ALCA Newsletter, April edition – circulated.

12249.09 Training for new clerks, 15th May in Congresbury.

12250.10 Councillor workshops, June/Oct, all in West Harptree.

12251.11 Minutes of Executive Committee meeting, 22nd November in Filton.

- 12252.12 Bus Services, Shelters & Signs
Bus lane alterations to Aztec West roundabout.
- 12253.13 Campaign to Protect Rural England
Calor Village of the Year competition.
- 12254.14 Cemetery/Churches
Mrs Jennifer Sellick of Westbury, re problems due to allotment fire.
- 12255.15 Elections/Applications for Parish Council
Monthly update of electoral roll, email covering both wards.
- 12256.16 Email from Ian Roberts, confirming interest in rejoining the council.
- 12257.17 Environment/Conservation
Heritage Forum, open meeting, 16th May in Thornbury.
- 12258.18 BAC 100 Aviation centenary, research opportunities (HF event).
- 12259.19 Archaeology in the Park (HF event), 20th July at Warmley Gardens.
- 12260.20 Climate change, options for renewable energy.
- 12261.21 Footpaths
Modification of definitive map, link from ORN 16 to Beach Road. The decision on this matter is imminent.
- 12262.22 ICI, Zeneca and other Industries
Magnar North, notify next meeting in Thornbury.
- 12263.23 Playgrounds/Youth Activities
Wicksteed Playscapes brochure – fitness for older folk.
- 12264.24 Annual safety inspection: response: response 28/3.
- 12265.25 Childrens Playlink, printed from internet – circulated.
- 12266.26 Children & Young People plan 2008-09.
- 12267.27 Police
Safer & Stronger Community meeting, 1st May in SB School.
- 12268.28 Railways
Ackn by Andrew Haines, MD of First Great Western re fares.
- 12269.29 Response by Andrew Haines re non-collection of fares.
- 12270.30 Roads/Road Signs
Street Scene to deal with notified problems: booklet – circulated.
- 12271.31 Rural Area/Local Plans
Steve Webb MP supports inclusion of rights/safeguards in Planning Bill.
- 12272.32 South Gloucestershire Council
Annual report of Standards Committee.

South Gloucestershire Council (cont)

- 12273.33 Agenda for Parish Charter Working Group, 15th April in Winterbourne.
12274.34 *Town and Parish Standard*, March edition.
12275.35 *Active for Life* newsletter, February edition: directory circulated.
12276.36 *Quality of Life 2026* booklet – circulated.

Stationery/Circulars/Books

- 12277.37 *LCR* magazine, March edition – circulated.

Street Furniture & Lighting

- 12278.38 Solar powered lighting, comment re experimental project.

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy

- 12279.39 Changes to parking enforcement regulations, from 31st March.

Travellers

- 12280.40 Approval given for clearance of Mongan site in Bank Road.
12281.41 Brian Glasson, S Glos Council confirms work above to be carried out.

Village Halls

- 12282.42 Clark Willmott return deeds of ownership following contact by Clerk.
12283.43 Land Registry confirm title to entrance at Pilning VH being dealt with.

Voluntary/Community Groups

- 12284.44 S Glos Disability Action Group, March newsletter – distributed.

Planning

- 12285.45 Delegated decisions, w/e 4th March 2008.
12286.46 Delegated decisions, w/e 11th March 2008.
12287.47 Parish role in helping S Glos determine planning applications.

Accounts/Donations

- 12288.48 Confirmation by HMRC of VAT repayment, 2006-2007.
12289.49 Signet Signs, finger posts for SB. Item 5-12, minutes 3rd March, refers.
12290.50 B & Q, kitchen supplies for Pilning VH. Item 5-1 refers.
12291.51 AOL, internet charges, March. Item 5-4 refers.
12292.52 Post Office, Clerk's telephone. Item 5-5 refers.
12293.53 S Glos Heritage Forum, annual subscription. Item 5-6 refers.
12294.54 ALCA, annual membership. Item 5-7 refers.
12295.55 Mr I Roberts, grass cutting for March. Item 5-8 refers.
12296.56 S Glos Council, dog bin service. Item 5-9 refers.
12297.57 FoSBR, annual subscription. Item 5-10 refers.
12298.58 S Glos Council, Pilning VH council tax. Item 5-11 refers.
12299.59 S Glos Council, SB VH council tax. Item 5-12 refers.
12300.60 Ian Goldsmith, Marsh Common Road. Due to undertake a voluntary work trip to Malawi later this year. Clerk proposed that a grant should be made, although previous council policy had been to refuse applications from individuals.

5.	<u>ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT</u>			
5 - 1	£1651.15	B & Q	Pilning VH (kitchen)	LGMP
5 - 2	£ 722.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (Mar)	112
5 - 3	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol	111
5 - 4	£ 15.99	AOL	Internet charges (Feb)	111
5 - 5	£ 53.36	Post Office	Clerk's telephone	111
5 - 6	£ 10.00	S Glos Heritage F	Subscription	137
5 - 7	£ 733.56	A L C A	Annual subscription	142
5 - 8	£ 400.00	Mr I Roberts	Grass cutting (Mar)	LGMP/PHA
5 - 9	£ 368.89	S Glos Council	Dog bin service	DFLA
5 -10	£ 10.00	FoSBR	Subscription	142
5 -11	£ 219.45	S Glos Council	Pilning VH council tax	LGMP
5 -12	£ 205.59	S Glos Council	SB VH council tax	LGMP
5 -13	£ 115.00	Care for Elderly	Attendance allowance	LGRA
5 -14	£ 50.00	Ian Goldsmith	Donation	137
5 -15	£ 122.00	Tincknell	Gas oil (mower)	LGMP.PHA
5 -16	<u>£ 730.00</u>	Gibbs Garden Maint	Clearance at Pilning VH	LGMP
	<u>£5456.99</u>			

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

5 - 1, 8 (part), 11, 12	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, s19
5 - 8 (part)	Public Health Act 1875, s164
5 - 9	Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996
5 -13	Local Government & Rating Act 1997

Items 5-2 to 5-6, inclusive, paid as one cheque.

Items 5-11 & 5-12, paid as one cheque.

With reference to the request from Ian Goldsmith (12300.60 above), the Clerk suggested that perhaps a nominal sum (maybe £20) should be granted. Clerk felt that the power to spend “in the interests of all or some of its inhabitants”, could be justified, as encouraging the initiative, public-spirited and adventurous attitude shown by this young man, would be an example that others might follow, and as such would be “in the interests of the parish”. An opinion was expressed that such a grant could create a precedent. The Clerk suggested that such a precedent was worth setting, and any future applications would always need to be dealt with on merit. Proposed by SC, that a grant of £50 be made. This was agreed, and on the basis of a comment by NW, it was suggested that Mr Goldsmith's reference to a photographic record should be put to use for the benefit of “some of the inhabitants”, in that he should be requested to report on his trip (with support from photographs) to both of the local schools on his return. This would be a small step toward fostering a more positive and caring attitude among local youngsters.

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. NC 2. DH All agreed

Current bank balance, prior to payments above

£29,772.17 (all interest to date included)

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT (cont)

Funds in hand boosted:

Grant -S Glos Environmental Fund	£5,000.00	towards climber (Sutcliffe-4/2)
by; VAT repayment (2006/7)	£2,934.65	

Following an enquiry, 2007 payment to ALCA was £717.31 (approx 2½% increase).

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None requested.

7. AGENDA

7 – 1 Severnside Development

No information yet on when the ‘Salmon Putter’ will be erected.

7 - 2 Village Halls

The ‘promised’ skip was provided. Despite NB and young helpers previously ‘cleaning-up’, NC and grand daughter were able to gather 6 bin bags of rubbish.

Clerk distributed a breakdown of expenditure on village halls during the last financial year. DN drew attention to the need for funding, so many necessary works being outstanding. Monies have been given by the parish council which far exceed the sums allocated for VH use, but funding for village halls has always been made available.

Merlin Housing Society (an arm of S Glos Council) issued an invoice for work carried out at Pilning VH, despite this work having been done by the supplier of the door. There was criticism of Merlin, who are to be contacted for an explanation.

7 - 3 Parish Plan update

JD confirmed that efforts to lay on a ‘farmers market’ are now well advanced. As suggested previously, the “Kings Arms” is an ideal venue. The car park is available for no charge, the play area would be an ideal area of relief for mums with young charges, and the landlord is happy to provide a tea and coffee service for those in need. It appears that Wednesday is the favoured day, hours possibly 9.30 am to 2.00 pm So far 6 or 8 traders have expressed an interest in taking part.

JD was impressed by her visit to the Bickeridge Centre where she saw the IT facilities available – all obtained by outside funding. Training is on a 1 to 2 basis, a 2 hour session costing £2.50. It is proving to be a money-spinning activity that has drawn a lot of interest. A similar facility here could prove to be a boon.

7 - 4 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

Councillors should meet at Pilning playing fields, at 10.00 am, on Saturday 19th April, to consider provision of equipment. CW volunteered her services on a committee, as did NC, IH and IR.

NB has an email from Robert Griffin. The text suggests St Peters School Governors have no interest in communicating with this council, or any desire to cooperate in sharing facilities. This opinion does not conform to the views held by members of this council. Accordingly the email to be copied to the Chairman of Governors with a request for his comment.

7 - 5 Church Road

DN asked about the status of the former church site in Church Road. The site has become a dumping ground. Suggested that contact with Rev. Topalian would provide the answer.

7 - 6 Allotments

Copies of the allotment regulations were issued to all members last week. A number of comments have been marked on these copies which were handed back to the Clerk. A new draft copy will be prepared with suggestions incorporated. The matter will be considered at the next meeting.

7 - 7 Redwick Road/New Passage

IH complained of activity at the yard in New Passage, activity which has caused problems for local residents. Vehicles of 'Branch Walkers' are based there and whilst they may be out and about during the day it appears there is much going on on-site during the evening. Contact to be made with Planning Enforcement.

7 - 8 Village Matters

Footpaths – IH drew attention to signage at the junction of New Passage and the sea wall. The signs are not adequate for the purpose, horse riders and cyclists thus taking advantage.

Grass Cutting – IH asked that the grass cutting season be identified. Growth and tufting is occurring, but, as yet, there is no sign of the cutting team, although they have already been active elsewhere.

Motor bikes – DN is concerned by recent activity at the sea wall and Church Road, in addition to the ongoing problem at Western Approach. Police assistance to be sought again, preferably from a higher ranking level.

Code of Conduct – DN asked if it would be possible to obtain the disk on which the code is explained. Costing £38 it is available through the *Clerks & Councils Direct* magazine.

Hayes Hospital – CW passed the information onto the Clerk with a view to arranging a meeting with the principal.

7 - 9 Reports

RIVER, SEAWALL & ENVIRONS – PT commented on the recent flood warning issued by the Environment Agency. Two or three of those present commented on the fears aroused by the nature of the warning, though it was obvious to locals in-the-know that conditions were not such as to bring about flooding on this occasion. The owner of Bert's Burger Bar has expressed his willingness to meet with councillors to add detail to his recent planning application.

PT has recently met with interested parties for discussion on their wish to erect a river barrage. The port authority in Liverpool has also met to discuss a similar project for that area.

The River Severn Project, previously mentioned in the March minutes, is prepared to spread their influence further downstream by providing riverside art in this area. PT will be meeting with representatives of the Coastal Forum in the near future.

