

PILNING PARISH COUNCIL.2nd August 1971.

ACCOUNTS PAID.

	£.	p.
Pullin.	4.	00 ✓
Singer.	2.	00 ✓
Edwards.	2.	00 ✓
Dobson.	4.	50 ✓
Orbell.	1.	05 ✓
Bristol U. Press	4.	62 ✓
Thornbury R.D.C.	92.	00 ✓
Orbell.	1.	05 ✓
Dobson.	4.	50 ✓
Postmaster.	5.	00 ✓
Tomes & Son.	20.	75 ✓
Raven Press.	1.	25 ✓
Pensioners' Comm:	30.	00 ✓

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at Severn Beach School.
2nd August 1971.

APOLOGIES. Mrs. Barry, Mr. Singer, Mr. Parsons.

Mr. Fowler the R.D.C. Councillor attended.

268. Upon hearing the reason for Mr. Parsons' absence it was decided to send him a letter of sympathy.

521. PLAY LEADERSHIP SCHEME.

Councillor Edwards reported that the Thornbury R.D. Council had taken over the running and finance of the scheme. The Play Leaders and assistants had been selected from the applicants.

So far approximately 140 children had attended, and Councillor Edwards was satisfied with results so far. However, he was going to suggest that next year two age groups be formed, to attend on alternate days, as older children did not mix well with the younger. He was thanked for his work on the project.

554. POLICE STRENGTH.

Councillor Ball spoke of the difficulties he found, and reactions which might arise from Police Headquarters. It was decided not to pursue this delicate matter, but instead to invite the local Police Sergeant to attend Council Meetings when his duties permit.

544. BUS SHELTER DAMAGE.

The Police advised the Court case had taken place, and the defendant was fined. The amount decided upon by the Magistrates included the £10 for damage to the 'bus Shelters. This should eventually be received.

500. PILNING CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS.

The Clerk reported he had seen Mr. Dobson (whose estimate of £28. had been accepted), and instructed him to do the work. He is asked if he would be willing to act as Caretaker if the vacancy occurred.

458. PILNING CHURCH PATH.

Work done on hedge and trees bordering the path satisfactorily done, and Mr. Singer is to be thanked.

561. STREET LIGHTS; ABLETON LANE.

These lamps are not in order, and require retiming by the County Electricians.

558. PILNING REFUSE TIP SITE.

The Clerk reported he had noticed the weeds on the Tip and had written to Mr. Frost. The site had now been cleared up.

525. RURAL 'BUS SERVICES.

The Thornbury R.D. Solicitor writes to state copies of the Parish Council letters had been sent to the County Solicitor. His reply is to be awaited on the question of having Service 324 Bristol to Severn Beach diverted to pass through Northwick.

436 PILNING TO CRIBES CAUSEWAY. B4055.

Capt. F. Corfield, the local M.P. advises he is inquiring into this matter of a Weight Restriction, and will write when he has anything to report.

555. COAST ROAD DITCH. STAGNANT WATER.

Mr. Hodges the drainage Engineer will make a further inspection after the next rainfall, to discover what, if anything, is wrong.

354. FIELD HEDGE OPPOSITE SEVERN BEACH HALL.

Mr. Denner and Mr. Ball will deal with the lopping of hedge as they have satisfactorily done in the past.

207. PILNING CHURCH HARD STANDING.

Details of difficulties arising at Pilning Church during ceremonies there have been given to Mr. Frost, who was also asked if he could provide a Hard Standing.

559. APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AT BEACH ROAD.
The application is for the erection of Workshops, Warehouses and Flat s on the piece of grass land adjacent to the Riverside Club Car Park. The Councillors were against the application, and the Planning Office is being advised. 34
563. PILNING LOW LEVEL, ROAD AND GATES.
Councillor H. Lewis drew attention to the bad piece of road at the rail crossing, and suggested it might be possible to get British Rail to realign the crossing gates.
- No Ref. There was much discussion on the derogatory remarks made in The Western Daily Press and over B.B.C. Radio against conditions said to be found at Severn Beach, the only complimentary statements being of the Old Persons Flatlets.
Finally it was resolved to let the matter drop as being "not worth going further into".
567. SIMPSON'S ISLAND, SEVERN BEACH.
This patch requires tidying up, and it was resolved to ask Mr. Simpson if he has any plans for this land.
553. LINE TEMPLE MEADS TO SEVERN BEACH.
Application has been made to British Rail asking them to supply 150 copies of the combined train and 'bus services for distribution with a Parish Magazine, as one means of drawing attention to the two services.
369. FOOTPATH, ABLETON LANE.
The Glos. County Council has been asked to completely restore the footpath, and erect a gate or stile at Ableton Lane, and a stile at the opposite side of the field on which was built the school and the Flatlets. The County Authorities are looking into this request.
- No Ref. POLLUTION.
Councillor Denner spoke of the change of mind by Dr. Hansen on the question of pollution, when he had previously stated there was no health hazard. Apparently it is now thought that possibly animals are being affected, and this is being investigated.
551. BEACH AVENUE, TREE SUCKERS.
Mr. Ball asked that Mr. Andain be reminded to deal with the suckers.
494. SEAT AT THE SHOPS, BEACH ROAD.
Mr. Ball reported the seat was delivered to Mr. Peter Thomas, who was going to erect it in a few days time.
523. DIRECTION SIGN FOR JUNCTION OF BEACH ROAD AND BEACH AVENUE.
Mr. Elliott kindly allowed part of this sign to be placed on his land, and it has been erected.
449. PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE.
Several items were referred back to this Committee by the Chairman.
100. BINN WALL.
Councillor J. Snell inquired what had happened in this matter, and he was informed the Thornbury R.D.C. was trying to find the owner.
- No Ref. Councillor Edwards mentioned the rumours he had heard that the Bristol to Severn Beach railway was to be closed, and suggested steps should be taken to oppose this closure. The Councillors decided they could not act on a rumour, but would act should an official statement be made by British Rail.
562. DERELICT CAR NEAR I.C.I. ENTRANCE.
Mr. Frost is to be asked to have this dumped car removed.
504. PAVEMENTS PILNING CHURCH TO PLAYING FIELD AND PILNING SCHOOL TO CROSS HEDGES BRIDGE.
Both have become overgrown, and Mr. Andain requested to get the hedges cut back.
The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.
James M. Lee
Chairman
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