

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2011, commencing at 6.30 pm,
in SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS Mr I L Roberts (Chairman), Mrs F C A Barr MBE,
PRESENT (8) Mrs N A Chappell, Mrs Y Gaulton, Mr R W Hampson,
Mr I W Humphries, Mr M D Pruett, Mrs C E Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), 5 local residents (Mrs Gillian Cox of Ableton Lane, Mrs Julie Fennell of Gorse Cover Road, Mrs Jenny Macleod of Church Road, Mr Doug Nethercott of Beach Road and Mr Peter Tyzack of Little Green Lane), and 3 residents of Ingst village.

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At 6.30, prior to the commencement of the council meeting, Mrs Jackie Grose read a prepared statement detailing her proposals for change of use from agricultural land to horse use on a plot off Warth Lane in Northwick. Mrs Grose clarified many matters that had been of some concern to councillors, answering a number of questions raised. It was made clear that no commercial activities were planned, nor was there any intention to surreptitiously introduce any living accommodation onto the site. Currently the amended application has been withdrawn and Mrs Grose apologised for any concerns that may have been raised by her too precipitate actions. Council felt her comments had cleared the air. Any future application might be more favourably received by council.

At 6.48 Mrs Grose left the meeting. ILR, having thanked her for her attendance, declared his intention to open the meeting, which he did at 6.50 pm.

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The Chairman asked those present to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Ellie May Wendy Withers, a stillborn child, and recently deceased Lily Pruett, grandmother of councillor Michael Pruett

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Due to health issues, Mrs Nicole S Bendall submitted her resignation from council following the September meeting.. Mrs Bendall has been a member of council for 4 years and 10 months: from October 2006 to May 2007; and from June 2007 to September 2011. The vacancy has been properly advertised and no request has been made for an election to be held. Expressions of interest were received from Mr Robert Griffin and Mr Sahand Parish, and as promised, Mr Andrew Cloke, who had previously expressed an interest in joining council, was notified of the vacancy. Just 2 letters of application were received: from Mrs Julie A Fennell; and Mr Dave Humphries. The letters were read to council at the end of the meeting, with GC and JAF still present, all other members of the public having left, A secret ballot was held Based on the outcome of the vote, Mrs Fennell was asked to fill the vacancy.

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1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mr A J Lewis (work) and Mr R Griffin (S Glos Council – prior commitment).

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 5th September 2011 were approved as a true record. 1. FCAB, 2. IWH 5 For, 3 Abstained (NAC, YG, CEW – all having been absent from the last meeting).

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS3 - 1 Village Halls

MDP questioned whether permission is needed to paint out the marking on the door to SB VH. JM stated they would be grateful. MDP to carry out the deed.

Confirmed the Severnside out of School Club has been reorganised under the banner of S Glos Council. They will no longer make use of the village hall and will be based at St Peter's School. The storage skip will no longer be required and NAC confirmed that 1st Pilning Guides were seeking to purchase, thus the funding request.

3 - 2 Medical

FCAB asked whether IWH is likely to be resuming his volunteer duties on the 'doctor's run'. IWH confirmed he would be fully involved again from 19th October.

4. CORRESPONDENCEAirports

14901.01 The future of Filton airfield; consultation document.

Audit/Precept

14902.02 Use of internet for accounting currently being discussed.

14903.03 ALCA advice on levels of revenue reserves.

14904.04 IAC of Bath offer internal audit services.

Avon Local Councils' Association

14905.05 Solutions for escalating energy bills.

Building-New Development-Housing

14906.06 Response from Merlin re Ableton Lane accommodation.

Dog Nuisance

14907.07 Confirmation that dog bin will be placed at New Passage.

14908.08 Complaint by Heather Speyer of unleashed dogs at New Passage.

Elections/Applications for Parish Council

14909.09 Letter of resignation from Mrs N S Bendall.

14910.10 Casual vacancy, confirmation of due process being followed.

14911.11 Expression of interest from Mr Sahand Parish of SB.

14912.12 Letter of application from former councillor, Dave Humphries.

14913.13 Letter of application from Julie Fennell of SB.

Environment/Conservation

14914.14 Agenda for Environment Forum, 12th October in Bradley Stoke.
 14915.15 Minutes of Heritage Forum EGM, held 10th September in Bitton.

Railways

14916.16 Problem on SB service referred to First Great Western.

River, Seawall & Environs

14917.17 S Glos unable to provide any land for car parking.

South Glos Council

14918.18 Meeting of Safer Stronger Community Group, 28th September.
 14919.19 Summary of actions/problems by Robert Griffin.
 14920.20 Meetings re Sustainable Community Strategy.

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy

14921.21 Consultation of variable speed limit strategy, M4/M5.
 14922.22 Copy email: PT to S Glos, re pavement parking by S Glos personnel.

Trees & Tree Planting

14923.23 Brochure from Landcare of Old Sodbury.

Utilities – Electricity

14924.24 National Grid announces preferred route for Bridgwater to Seabank.
 14925.25 Email from Sarah Pomfret re wind turbines at Ingst.
 14926.26 NG organise series of briefing events at venues in south Bristol.

Village Halls

14927.27 SB VH audit sheet for year ending 2010.
 14928.28 Mr D Nethercott raises concerns re VH funding and other matters.

Planning

14929.29 NALC booklet: How to respond to planning applications.
 14920.30 Jackie Grose asks for meeting re 'horse' application at Northwick.
 14921.31 Delegated decisions, w/e 13th August 2011.

Accounts/Donations

14922.32 BWBSL, water rates at Pilning allotments. Item 5-3 refers.
 14923.33 M Gibbs, footpath grass cut. Item 5-4 refers.
 14924.34 Mr N Pearce, odd jobs, September. Item 5-5 refers.
 14925.35 M J Fisher, grass cutting. Item 5-6 refers.
 14926.36 Care for Elderly, attendance July-August. Item 5-7 refers.
 14927.37 C Thompson, play equipment repairs, SB. Item 5-8 refers.
 14928.38 N O'Neill, repairs to showers at SB. Item 5-9 refers.
 14929.39 1st Pilning Guides, donation. Item 5-10 refers.
 14930.40 HMRC, quarterly return, income tax. Item 5-11 refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 - 1	£ 791.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk's wages (Sept)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 - 3	£ 52.69	BWBSL	Water rates	SHAA
5 - 4	£ 30.00	M Gibbs	Grass cut	HA
5 - 5	£ 99.23	Mr N Pearce	Odd job man	111
5 - 6	£ 630.00	M J Fisher	Grass Cutting (Sept)	*
5 - 7	£ 70.00	Care for Elderly	Attendance allowance	LGRA
5 - 8	£ 950.00	C Thompson	Work at SB VH	LGMP
5 - 9	£ 853.72	N O'Neill	Shower repairs, SB VH	LGMP
5- 10	£ 500.00	1 st Pilning Guides	Donation	137
5 - 11	£ 591.00	HMRC	Income tax	112
		£4617.64		

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

5 - 3	Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, s26
5 - 4	Highways Act 1980, s36
5 - 6)Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19
)Public Health Act 1875, s164
5 - 7	Local Government & Rating Act 1997
5 - 8/9	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19

Items 5-1 to 5-5 inclusive, paid as one cheque.

Bank balance, prior to payments above = £29,372.66 (interest to June inclusive).

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. FCAB 2. NAC All agreed.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three residents of Ingst village attended the meeting and a presentation was made on behalf of their community. Concerns were expressed at the scale of the development and it was suggested that with the access based on Bilsham Lane traffic movements would have a significant effect upon our parish. Once established there is a strong possibility of expansion being considered. FCAB and IWH attended the recent presentation. Agreed council should ask to be consulted when plans were submitted. PLT drew attention to a joint effort mounted by 4 parishes at a time when plans to place a wind turbine scheme in the Oldbury area were considered.

ILR thanked the visitors for their input, confirming that this council would be prepared to register their concerns.

7. AGENDA7 - 1 Local Major Developments

MDP informed members of the problems created on the bridleway and footpath at the eastern end of Western Approach. Mud on the road, use by unsheeted lorries and the need for wheel wash equipment was noted in the Minors Farm vicinity.

7 - 2 Village Halls

YG reported on her attendance at a SB VH committee meeting. It was suggested that having established which contractor was considered to be the most reasonable/'user friendly', it could be beneficial for that person to be accepted as the one to contact in times of emergency.

Led mainly by ILR, there was lengthy discussion of the running of SB VH. Mrs Macleod was involved in the discussion and suggested that when a councillor she had sought to enhance the level of payments put aside for the benefit of SB. IWH suggested that SB VH would benefit from appointing the parish council as trustees, as they are at Pilning. Mrs Macleod disputed the logic of this. The current agreement that halls are dealt with on an equal basis suggests this should make no difference. It was agreed, based on information provided by Mrs Macleod, that serious attempts are currently being made to recruit more committee members. Encouraging more involvement would lead to the committee being better able to cope with the running of the hall. On the basis that outstanding precept requests had now been met, and fresh involvement is being sought, CEW suggested that a line be drawn, further discussion of the past should cease and a fresh start be made.

IWH spoke of the situation at Pilning. Following the recent break-in the problems have been dealt with, involving considerable expenditure. Though the insurance claim has been accepted payment has not yet been received. There may be the need for a short term loan. This was agreed.

7 - 3 Allotments

RWH suggested that his wife may not be able to cope with her allotment. There could be others also considering giving up. He felt that too little preparatory work had been carried out, thus making it difficult for leaseholders. ILR commented on the amount of advance work that had been done and the high costs involved. FCAB indicated that because 2 allotments are sited on the north east bank the drainage board was unable to clear the ditch. This is in hand.

7 - 4 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

NAC queried the situation now that NSB has resigned. Clerk confirmed a sum raised at the last fund raising day is yet to be paid to him. Costs for hiring the field will need to be levied against the parish council and will be deducted from this fund. The balance to be assigned toward any further playground expenditure.

7 - 5 St Peter's School

It seems the new road surface in Bank Road may need to be worked on. This may be necessary due to suspected sewer problems.

7 - 6 Village Matters

Grass Cutting – The property at 48 Redwick Road is tenanted but the grounds are untended, being a significant 'eyesore'. The owners, Elmmtree, are to be asked to attend to the matter. The untidy condition is out of keeping with neighbouring properties.

NAC indicated that verges are still not cut on A403. However NAC could confirm that air pollution monitoring continues. Readings have been taken and the monitoring filters replaced.

Cemetery/Churches – CEW suggested that areas between the new graves seemed to be uncut. IWH confirmed the work had been done on Friday last. FCAB again asked for a cemetery committee meeting. Arrangements to be made.

Police – MDP commented on the recent ‘rave’ at Hallen. Generally felt the Police response had been inadequate. RWH commented on the number of ‘riot vans’ that had been called to the area recently, apparently to deal with domestic violence.

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy - The temporary lights on Marsh Common Road were broken at the week end. The solution by S Glos seems to have been to set the lights at red in both directions. It was only when a Police engineer attended that the problem was rectified.

River, Seawall & Environs – MDP voiced his concerns over the litter accumulating from visits by fishermen. This seems to be a problem that would need to be dealt with locally. All previous contacts with the Environment Agency had failed to produce any results. Suggested that as the EA are a public service body perhaps contact by Jack Lopresti MP might prompt some activity, or at least confirm what their duty to the public is.

Again the condition of the burger bar site was questioned. Perhaps ascertaining the ownership of the site might help to prompt some action. There is believed to be some interest in purchasing the site subject to the owner being traced.

Growth on the seawall gardens is excessive. In answer to a complaint from the resident at 122 Beach Road the OJM to be asked to deal with the matter.

Building-New Development-Housing – NAC drew attention to development at the rear of Mayburn Villa. A games room has developed into a house. Previously drawn to the attention of S Glos although they appear to be disinterested.

8. PLANNING

8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT11/2592/F	Land off Warth Lane, horse use	Objection
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PT11/2779/LB	Foxhole Farm, convert barn to dwelling	No comment
PT11/2780/F	Foxhole Farm, barn conversion + other work	No objection
PT11/2794/F	Junction, Severn Road/Central Avenue, signs	Comments
PT11/3074/PNA	Agri building at Northwick House Farm	permitted development

8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT11/2546/F	17 Cross Hands Road, side/rear extensions	Permit
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8 - 3 Application Withdrawn

PT11/2592/F (amended)	Agri land off Warth Lane. Change to horse use
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8 - 4 Planning Enforcement

PT10/2091/F	Pilning Surgery, access & bridge works – re height of fence.
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Next Council Meeting - Pilning Village Hall on Monday 7th November 2011

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 8.55PM

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

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