

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

Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2006, commencing at 7.00 pm  
In PILNING Village Hall

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

**Also Present:-**      J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr P Tyzack (S Glos Councillor) and 6 members of the public (Mrs Becky Cooper, Mr Barry Hood, Mrs Jacqueline Hood – all of Northover Court, Mr Eric Morse of Redwick Road, Mr Eddie Neave of Ableton Lane, and Mr Gary Sheppard of New Passage Road).

**The Chairman asked those present to join him in remembrance of Mrs Olive, formerly of Northwick Road, and recently deceased.**

**1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE**

Mr A George (for expected late arrival), Mr G Moore.

**2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December were approved as a true record.

1. MH      2. MP      All agreed (NC abstained, having been absent).

**3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS**

**3 – 1 A403/Church Road**

Ken Meachin has been unable to help in identifying the owner of the ‘timber yard’, but has furnished the address of a possible source. Contact has yet to be made.

**3 – 2 Severn Beach Village Hall**

PT has made contact with members of the ‘skateboard’ group. Any future initiative is at their discretion.

**3 – 3 Cross Hands Road**

Reported that the overgrowth adjacent to 9 and 15 has now been cleared.

AG arrived at 7.09 pm.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Audit/Precept**

10201.01      Precept arrangements, 2006/2007.

10202.02      Amendment to default value re above.

**Avon Local Councils’ Association**

10203.03      *Local Council Review*, November edition – circulated.

**Cemetery/Churches**  
10204.04 Mrs F Barr MBE advises the need for repairs at Northwick Cemetery. Agreed that quotes be sought. Work to be funded by BEN Fear account.

**Environment Agency**  
10205.05 Flood Risk Management meeting, posters displayed.  
10206.06 Invitations re above, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

**Environment/Conservation**  
10207.07 *Ashtav News*, September edition – circulated.  
10208.08 *Glossary*, Gloucestershire Record Office, Autumn edition – circulated.

**Footpaths**  
10209.09 New opportunities, “Walking to Health in the Chase”.

**ICI/Zeneca & other Industrials**  
10210.10 Decommissioning meeting, minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> November.  
10211.11 Decommissioning meeting, minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> December.  
10212.12 Guidance, a route map to determine site end states and end points.

**Medical**  
10213.13 The future of Thornbury Hospital, comment sought.

**Neighbouring Parishes**  
10214.14 Louise Langdon, Clerk at Almondsbury, advises that liaison with this parish to discuss local problems would be useful. Members agreed a joint strategy may prove helpful. Meeting with Almondsbury PC to be held.

**Parish Projects & Related Matters**  
10215.15 Legal support to Parish Councils: proposals.

**Police**  
10216.16 Safer South Gloucestershire, meetings in February.

**River, Seawall & Environs**  
10217.17 S Glos enquire about maintenance activities at Seawall Gardens. Clerk has confirmed that work was carried out on parish council instructions.

**Roads/Road Signs**  
10218.18 Ackn of letter re overgrown hedges.

**Rural Areas/Local Plan**  
10219.19 Forest of Dean development proposals – circulated.

**Schools**  
10220.20 South Glos school organisation plan 2005-2010.

**Scouts, Guides, Brownies**  
 10221.21 Scout group ask for a stay on requested funding – due to problems with appointed contractor. Agreed the request from Brownies (under Accounts/Donations, below) would be met, in view of the above.

**South Gloucestershire Council**  
 10222.22 List of meetings for January.  
 10223.23 Children & Young People Select Committee, 4<sup>th</sup> January, Thornbury.  
 10224.24 Constitutional Review Policy Advisory Group, 22 December, Thornbury.  
 10225.25 Development Control Committee, 5<sup>th</sup> January at Thornbury.  
 10226.26 Standards Committee, 10<sup>th</sup> January at Thornbury.  
 10227.27 Executive Decisions, w/e 16<sup>th</sup> December 2005.  
 10228.28 Executive Decisions, w/e 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2005.  
 10229.29 Forward Plan of Executive Decision-Making, Jan 2006 to Dec 2006.  
 10230.30 Severn Vale Area Forum, 4<sup>th</sup> January at Severn Beach School.  
 10231.31 Standards Board, November newsletter – circulated.

**Stationery/Circulars/Books**  
 10232.32 *Local Council* Review, January edition - circulated.

**Traffic Problems/Transport Policy**  
 10233.33 Consultation, A4174 Ring Road, extension of 2+ traffic lane.  
 10234.34 Future of the railway in the Local Transport Plan.

**Village Halls**  
 10235.35 Community Halls for Rural People, funding opportunities.

**Voluntary/Community Groups**  
 10236.36 South Glos Deaf Association, November edition – circulated.  
 10237.37 Compton Publishing annual report, general information.  
 10238.38 WASP Financial Statement 2004.  
 10239.39 Community Development, issue 7 - circulated.  
 10240.40 Severn Vale Community Network newsletter, winter – circulated.

**Planning**  
 10241.41 Delegated decisions, 10<sup>th</sup> December.  
 10242.42 Delegated decisions, 17<sup>th</sup> December.  
 10243.43 Delegated decisions, 24<sup>th</sup> December.

**Accounts/Donations**  
 10244.44 AOL, internet fees to 16<sup>th</sup> December. Item 5-3 refers.  
 10245.45 PC World, cost of 2 ink cartridges. Item 5-4 refers.  
 10246.46 Mr I Roberts, grass cutting for December. Item 5-5 refers.  
 10247.47 Mr Les Liddiatt, grass cutting at Northwick. Item 5-7 refers.  
 10248.48 Brownies funding request. Item 5-8 refers.  
 10249.49 S Glos Council (footpaths). Item 5-10 refers.  
 10250.50 SB VH request on hold. DH to speak with committee.

4. CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

The parish council received Christmas cards from the following sources:-

Boyd Sport & Play	Seabank Power
South Glos Council	Victim Support
Wheels at St Peters	

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 - 1	£ 420.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (Dec)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol	111
5 - 3	£ 15.99	AOL	Internet charges (Dec)	111
5 - 4	£ 23.98	P C World	2 Ink cartridges	111
5 - 5	£ 350.00	Mr I Roberts	Grass Cutting (Dec)	LRGA
5 - 6	£ 355.00	Inland Revenue	Income Tax	111
5 - 7	£ 822.50	Mr L Liddiatt	Grass Cutting (Northwick)	214
5 - 8	£ 200.00	Brownies	Donation	137
5 - 9	£ 100.00	Mrs C Woodhouse	SB Regeneration Fund	Loan
5 - 10	£ 500.00	S Glos Council	Footpath clearance	HA
5 - 11	£ 88.11	Eurowest	Copier Drum	111
	<u>£2925.58</u>			

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

- 5 - 5 Local Government & Rating Act 1997
- 5 - 9 Initial costs involved in administering the Regeneration Group have been met by CW. Until promised funding is received, council agreed to a loan payment – to be repaid when grant payment is received.
- 5 - 10 Highways Act 1980, s43/50

Accounts above were approved for payment. 1. CW 2. MP, All agreed.

**Current bank balance, prior to payment of above:-**

Current a/c	<b>£ 1,245.08</b>
Extra interest a/c	<b>£29,673.01</b>
Total fund holding	<b>£30,918.09</b> includes all interest payments

**Finance Committee Meeting**

Held on 19<sup>th</sup> December at ICI Club. Minutes, estimates and proposals were issued to all members on 24<sup>th</sup> December. IH briefly reported on the meeting, expanding upon proposals for increasing payments to the Clerk and the logic behind this. No one wishing to comment, it was proposed AG, seconded MP, all agreed, that all proposals be accepted.

Accordingly a precept request will be submitted to South Glos for the sum of £50,000. As figures are accepted unchanged, they have not been re-issued. Those published as Appendices I - III to the December minutes to suffice.

## 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Gary Sheppard of Passage House, New Passage Road, spoke with members regarding an application for construction of an earth bund to the southern side of New Passage Road. Council informed S Glos they saw “no good reason why this application should not be granted”. However, as the application has been referred to committee and the comment has been interpreted merely as a ‘no objection’, Mr Sheppard queried the council’s position, asking whether it might be possible for a more positive note to be injected. Original proposals for the second Severn crossing project included the construction of a bund. As with many other proposals, the provision of the bund was delayed. Finally, responsibilities were shirked. Following claims that no funding was available, the bund never materialised. Agreed that council would fully support Mr Sheppard in this matter. \*Clerk faxed Mrs Butt (the case officer) the following day, - receipt confirmed- copies to Mr Sheppard and PT (a committee member)\*

## 7. AGENDA

### 7 – 1 Severnside Development

CW again drew attention to the intolerable noise levels created by bikers. Environmental Officers at South Glos are now involved and it appears that a meeting will be organised with Gazeley, the landowners, and also involving the Police. Members also informed that biker activity had been noted in the area where travellers had previously caused problems.

Attention was drawn to PT05/3568/RVC which seeks the variation of condition 4(a) – limitation on floor space area - imposed on application PT01/0293/RVC at Western Approach. As this will provide *carte blanche* for excessive development of the site, agreed the application be opposed.

### 7 – 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields

SB VH have requested funding for improvements to the changing facilities at the hall. It was noted that funding for this year has already been provided in full. Any funding provided will need to be properly allocated between the field and hall funds. DH to inform committee that funding will only be available against next year’s precept.

DH left the meeting at this point.

### 7 – 3 Village Matters

**Northwick Road** - SC again complained of the quality of the fencing at the bridge. Agreed to contact South Glos in order to request improvements.

**Roads/Road Signs** – NC indicated that the sign at the junction of Redwick Road/Vicarage Road, indicating “Keens Grove/Chessell Avenue”, is in need of resetting.

**Police** – MP stated that a number of complaints had been received regarding speeding along Beach Avenue. Hodges transport lorries are the culprits. Speeding is a Police matter, and they are to be informed.

**Footpaths** – AG mentioned that signs at the A403 end of Gipsies Plat, warning against motorcycle use, did not exist at the Church Road end. To be rectified.

**Local Facilities & Amenties** – AG stated Mark Baker, representing the State Pension Service, had been pleased with his first surgery. Next attendance- 7<sup>th</sup> February.

**Village Halls** – MH is disgusted by the *In View* letter from residents of Northover Court. Chairman has asked Clerk if he will respond. This was agreed.

**Ableton Lane** - CW, advised by Mrs Davey of Ableton Lane, reported that 'teens' are playing 'organised' football games on the ground between Ableton Lane and Prospect Road. Contact to be made with South Glos.

**ICI, Zeneca & other Industries** – NC reported the planned closure of ICI for the regulation clean-up process. This will involve daily visits, from 14<sup>th</sup> January, by up to 1,000 personnel. The process will last 14 days.

#### 7 – 4 Reports

**CEMETERY/CHURCHES (TRINITY HALL)** – PT reported the receipt of a 'thank you' letter from the Methodist authorities, following their visit to the parish council meeting last month. Clerk confirmed he had not received any communication.

**ROADS/ROAD SIGNS** – PT informed members that the roads at both Pilning and Redwick & Northwick Schools have been added to the gritting schedule. SC confirmed that gritting has already commenced in Bank Road.

**SEVERNNSIDE SIREN** – PT confirmed the siren noted by FT was the monthly COHMA zone test signal.

**ENVIRONMENT/CONSERVATION** – PT confirmed that applications are before the Secretary of State for wind power developments at both Ingst and Avonmouth.

### 8. PLANNING

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

PT05/2586/F	Development at Beach House, SB	Objection
PT05/3411/F	Conservatory, 8 Cranmoor Green	Support
PT05/3568/RVC	Variation of condition (PT01/0293/RVC), Sside	Objection

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

PT02/1532/RVC	Relax conditions, Norton Trailers	Permit
PT05/1734/RM	LPG Tanks, Calor Gas, Enron, Severnside	Permit
PT05/3103/F	Gypsy caravans at Marsh Common Road	Refuse

**Next Council Meeting to be held at Severn Beach School on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February.**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 8.26 PM

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

