

Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022. Severn Beach School 7pm

COUNCILLORS: P Tyzack (PT) (Chairman); M Pruett (MP); I Roberts (ISR); Sue Binns (SCB); Kevin Weeks (KW); Heather Rickards (HR) Olga Taylor (OT); Carol Woodhouse (CW)

5 Members of Public, Cllr Robert Griffin (RG) Odile McIntosh (OM) Bradley from GWR

DEATHS: The meeting held a silence in remembrance of those who had recently died Rodney Withers of Pilning

1 Apologies for absence

Jonathan Edwardes – Clerk

2a) Co-option of Casual Vacancy (1x Severn Beach Ward) - applications are open until the 31st of January 2022. The application form can be downloaded from the Parish Council website. The vacancy is also being published in In View. The Clerk has had one interested candidate. **Resolved to** Co-opt James Ruffles by way of a show of hands.

2b Declarations of Interest To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests.

PT declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and will not participate in any decision making on this matter

3 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting Resolved to approve the minutes

4 Matters arising

<u>New swings for Pilning Playing Field</u> - there is a delay on getting stainless steel so the expected delivery date has slipped to around April.

Parish Council land behind the Tea Cottage

<u>Memorial tree</u> – The Clerk has been able to contact the family who were unaware the tree was in a poor state. The family are content that the memorial sign is moved to one of the new trees on the promenade gardens.

<u>Quotes for tarmac / concrete</u> – The Clerk is in the process of getting quotes in for this work For a printed cast concrete for approx. 30sqm £6500.

Commercial block paving quote being obtained

<u>Quotes for bollards</u> – The Clerk has investigated prices for bollards

- Static bollards range from around £70 to £230.00 each
- Collapsible from £150 to £500

<u>Drain cover</u> – The Clerk has been unable to find out whether the drain is live or not from the various water companies involved. Suggest that the drain is treated as live and repaired accordingly.

Climate change emergency – MP has offered to take the lead on this

<u>Review of standing orders</u> – this should have been tabled at this meeting but given the number of agenda items this will now be tabled at the March meeting.

<u>Severnside siren</u> - The Clerk has written to Dave Perry at South Gloucestershire Council. The reply came that "the council is working with and assisting the Trust to ensure that the new site is able to go ahead as quickly as possible".

<u>Green belt extension</u> further efforts have and are being made to find an independent consultant to assist with this project.

Action JE and PT

Roy Edwardes Way – the second sign has not been erected yet but it is with the Parish maintenance person for fitting.

<u>New bench for Pilning Playing Field</u> - The Clerk has quotes to present at the next meeting. Has there been any response to the request in In View to a donation? Costs are between £400 and £500.

Resolved for the Clerk to add this to the March meeting

Action JE

<u>Request for a plaque on a bench at Severn Beach</u> – The Clerk has written to the person requesting the plaque who is now going to contact South Gloucestershire Council directly re the possibility of a new bench.

<u>Precept</u> – the request for the precept was sent to South Gloucestershire Council 8th January 2022. <u>Christmas tree concrete bases</u> – The Clerk has been in contact with Rob Wiltshire at South Gloucestershire Council and given the proposed locations they are not near enough to the highway to concern the Highways Engineer. However, the request will be passed on for further assessment.

Resolved to ask South Gloucestershire Council again in May

Action JE

<u>Signs on Gypsy Platt</u> – The Clerk was contacted by South Gloucestershire Council wanting a reminder as to where and what signs had been requested.

<u>Culvert under the M49</u> – letter noted in the January minutes not now needed as the culvert has been assessed.

<u>Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group planning applications</u> Two group representatives have been included on the circulation list for planning applications until further notice.

Severn Beach Village Hall Windows - these have been fitted.

Severn Beach issue with brambles – The Clerk is awaiting an update from the hall committee.

Wooden fort repair – parts ordered from Wicksteeds

M49 Junction joint letter – this has been sent to Grant Shapps MP and Jack Lopresti MP.

ISR arrives at the meeting at 7.19pm

Resolved to move **Agenda Item 11.4.1 and 11.4.2** for discussion to allow the representative to leave early

Bradley from GWR gave an oral report highlighting GWRs willingness to work with the community and Parish Council to improve the kerb appeal of the stations, possibly by sourcing planters and find out if the adoption process can take place. Bradley was instrumental in getting 26 tonnes of refuse removed from the railway and hopes to maintain a good relationship with the community. SevernNet are also in full support of improvements, Bradley has agreed to return to future Full council meetings to update with any progress.

A suggestion was made to install alternative types of CCTV.

5 Correspondence

Resolved to note correspondence

6 Accounts for Payment

Please see Appendix B

Additional items to be approved

Avonmouth Windows – Severn Beach Village Hall windows £2,800.00 Revised total £7,122.68

Accounts for payment were approved unanimously.

7 Public Participation

7a Report from District Councillor

Cllr Griffin gave an oral update on local issues, including an increase in energy costs, Asylum seekers locally, Bank Road and Cross Hands Garden have both gone to enforcement. Other issues include Prescription/ Pharmacy issues with no medicines and litter issues.

7b Report from Cemetery Clerk

Cemetery Clerk gave an oral update on the urgency of having a Memorial Audit and Memorial Testing Procedure, Cllrs had the opportunity to ask any questions directly. **Resolved to** note report

8 AGENDA ITEMS

- .1 To decide on professional legal advice ref Orchard Pools Resolved to defer this until the next meeting
- .2 To decide on next steps for the Parish adopting Pilning Station
 Resolved to defer this, no decision can be taken until the council has confirmation that an adoption procedure / process exists, and what those costs would be.
- .3 To decide on publicising volunteering opportunities in the Parish Resolved to publicise
- .4 To decide on final designs for fishing litter posters and notices

Resolved to agree to the new signs, and to write back to the angler that wrote in to thank him and let him know we are looking into this. Final design to be forwarded to the Clerk for printing.

.5 To decide on Pilning Village Hall alarm systems and CCTV

Resolved to pay the £400 to have the alarm monitored and to contract Relyon to become nominated key holders being the first to respond to the Hall in the event of any alarm. The cost to the council would be £135 per year, with an hourly call out rate of £35. Clerk to look at CCTV Camera quotes for future consideration by the council

.6 To decide on ways to reduce drug abuse in the Parish

Resolved to invite the local Police, or PCSO's to attend meetings, try to promote to members of the public the importance to report any activity calling 101, promote this advice on Pilning and Severn Beach Parish Council Facebook page, encourage everyone to call 101

.7 To decide on a course of action regarding conditions at Ableton Court Resolved to defer until South Gloucestershire representative is present to attend

.8 To decide on a grant to Severn Beach Village Hall for railings

Resolved to agree to get this work carried out for £1245.00

9. The Neighbourhood Plan

Two representatives of the group gave an oral report explaining the attendance issues which resulted in group members standing down, more members are needed to support the group, its Open evening is 22nd March from 7.30pm where the Survey Results should be accessible to parishioners. The representatives highlighted some communication issues about accessing and processing data obtained, this is not a Parish Council issue.

Cemetery Clerk reminded the council that this was not the arena to discuss individuals and legalities.

10 Severn Beach Centenary

Cllr Binns gave an oral report highlighting the Parish Councils role in the community as Coordinators of the Centenary Events, which will be run by others.

Cllr Binns gave an oral update highlighting all the dates and local events from various groups and Starting off with the Jubilee on the 2^{nd} of June

Scouts will be Lighting the Beacon –providing soft drinks and burgers – PC role can we find some music to support this event

Cllr Rickards will be helping children make flags to wave about

Street Parties

Sat 11th June 100-year exhibition

18th June Village Hall Players- afternoon event

25th Severn Beach School Day of Events- 50 events on their list

2nd July Picnic on the Promenade / Sea Wall area with Live Music

9th Festival to wrap up all the events.

Other Events

Afternoon Tea Party

Displays – Pebbles with children

Local person has volunteered to go to schools to help children produce bunting

Visitors – advertised in the Evening Post, Bristol Radio

Local Area Tidy Up.

Look into how events will be supported by £2500 in allocated in Grants July 2021.

Tidy up the sea wall – Debris, weeds, ditch, and rubbish, benches (renovate old ones or get new) Appeal for volunteers to clear up

Write to South Gloucestershire Council to ask them to clean up in May ready for festival to South Gloucestershire Council

Consider Community Pay Back days – to help tidy up the local area

Planters

Selling sticks of Rock

Identifying a way of Engaging Community Work with Skill sets and finding a way of promoting this

10.1 To decide on funding Local History Group proposals

Resolved to agree to sponsor the Local History Group £1800 loan towards the cost of tea towels, with any profit going towards the history group, the council also agreed to pay £80.66 to cover the costs of a plaque for the roof of the tunnel.

11 Updates

11.1 Village Halls

11.1.1 Severn Beach Village Hall

No update – ongoing agenda item

11.1.2 Pilning Village Hall

Resolved to defer to next meeting, a section of this update to be held in Exempt Session at the end of March's meeting.

11.1.3 Pilning Playing Field

Cllrs discussed the rusty nails on the wood to be fixed on the Fort piece of play equipment and the lack of hoops on basketball posts

11.2.1 Severn Beach Allotments

Report from Kevin

Plot 4 has not been worked for some time.

Plot 6 has fence blocking paths, Tree needs pruning, rat problem.

Plot 10 rat problem still.

Plot 13 Vacant. – New tenant agreed to take this on

Plot 25 has not been worked for some time.

Plot 29 Vacant.

Plot 38 has fence blocking paths.

There is non-degradable rubbish being dumped on wood pile.

But on the whole, not a bad winter.

Now is the time to start preparing the ground for this year's crops.

Resolved to note report

11.2.2 Pilning Allotments

Looking good

11.3.1 Pilning Cemetery

Grave sizes seem to look irregular – Cemetery Clerk will monitor future burials and grave decorations

11.3.2 Northwick Cemetery

Waste and bad odours are noticeable from the ditch, it appears to be blocked with a lot of rubble and this area needs to be monitored regularly to find out why

Resolved to monitor the ditch monthly and letter to case officer concerning to the application referring to this site... (Drainage, Planning and Environmental Agency)

11.3.3 Northwick Tower update

Stone Masons locally have been in touch and are working out figures to help with the Tower and working out a way to help keeps costs reduced by purchasing scaffolding needs to go to council. A report will come back to Council.

11.4.1 Pilning Station

See item 8.2

A decision cannot be made until confirmation that an adoption process exists and associated costs budgeted and agreed.

11.4.2 Severn Beach Station

Ongoing – closed 19th – 27th February

12 Communication

12.1 In View - Olga

Filled vacancy GWR update Cemetery Update

Drug abuse advise

To agree to fund cost for this term of office for InView to support additional publications...

12.2 Website amendments

Not discussed

13 Reports from external meetings

Town & Parish Council Forum (17/01/2022)

In the January meeting the Chairman and other posts are elected. Current Chair was re-elected, Vice Chair is Nick Quilivan from Almondsbury. I volunteered to represent the Forum on the Local Strategic Partnership (as no-one else was wanting to), I think it may have a value to us as quite a few of our issues have a 'strategic' element to them.

Patrick Conroy gave us an update on Planning matters: -

The West of England Development Strategy will be out to consultation shortly, but we shall have only a few weeks to respond.

The SouthGlos Local Plan will also be out to consultation, with only 6 weeks to respond, so on both we need to look at them quickly and get thoughts/comments back to Jonathan swiftly. There is a particular section about 'smaller places', and proposed policies on green infrastructure, so both should be pertinent for us.

There will be a series of targeted meetings, which we need to sign up to as individuals, but we complained that they are not giving us much notice of such things.

The annual monitoring shows that SGC now has a 6-year land supply for housing (thanks to Brabazon) so developers will not get proposals passed at appeal under that route.

There are now 10 Supplementary Planning Documents on the website, which we are encouraged to look at and comment on.

Question about 'land committed in a planning permission' for green space or open space. Previously proposed by Yate that this should be made a condition of consent to require the land to be handed to a council or set in Trust, not simply retained by private management (Orchard Pools?). To be an agenda item next time with proposal to be then referred to Cabinet.

Matthew Lipton gave an update on Local Nature Action Plans. About 12 parishes are starting to develop plans. (We could start ours but I think we will get hollow laughs from residents if we embark on a Plan before resolving Orchard Pools)

Paul Hughes (from Knight, Kavanagh & Page) consultants producing evidence to support the new Local Plan on sports provision. A survey of local facilities for sports will be coming out this week, requested a quick return. He spoke of all the things we want to hear with regard to improvements to existing facilities, so well worth us getting a stake in the ground. Peter.

Resolved to note report

14 Update from Councillors on "Report it" reference numbers.

15 Planning

<u>P21/05614/F</u> 25 Riverside Park Severn Beach South Gloucestershire BS35 4PN Erection of a single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. <u>Approve with Conditions</u>. <u>P21/06126/CLE</u> The Caravan Site Bank Road Pilning South Gloucestershire BS35 4JG <u>Application Returned Invalid</u>

<u>P21/07479/OHLE</u> Beach Avenue Severn Beach South Gloucestershire Application for consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install 1 no. new pole to increase clearance over highway. The application is made under section 5(2) of The Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 - Planning Act 2008. <u>No Objection</u>.

<u>P21/07943/F</u> 6030 Western Approach Distribution Park Severn Beach South Gloucestershire BS35 4GG Installation of ground floor windows to North West and North <u>Approve with Conditions</u>. <u>P21/06774/F</u> 2 Prospect Road Severn Beach South Gloucestershire BS35 4QB Erection of two storey side, single storey rear extension and front porch to form additional living accommodation. Approve with Conditions.

P21/05923/FDI Plot 4, Land at Western Approach Severn Beach No Objection

Resolved to note

16 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 7th March 2022 at Pilning Village Hall. There being no other business the meeting was closed 21.32pm



APPENDIX A – CORRESPONDENCE

Date	Туре	Detail	Action
27/12/2021	Email	Problem parking	JE Replied
29/12/2021	Email	Pilning village - a question is it a village or a dump now	JE Replied
30/12/2021	Email	Escape door Severn Beach Village Hall	Meeting
30/12/2021	Email	Additional CCTV camera at Pilning Village Hall	Forwarded to Village
			Hall Committee
• •		Concerns over Cross Hands and Bank Road	JE Replied
03/01/2022		FoSBR Statement to WECA Committee, Friday 17 December 2021	Circulated
04/01/2022		Village Hall bins	Noted
04/01/2022		Four years to save thousands of Britain's historic paths	Noted
05/01/2022		GWR Temporary timetable	Circulated
05/01/2022		Community Governance Review - SG	Noted
06/01/2022	Email	SevernNet Transport Forum, Charter and Workshop - Th. Jan 13th	Circulated
06/01/2022		Four Town Offer - Free membership for new members	Posted Publicly
06/01/2022		Draft PAP for Orchard Pools	Agenda
06/01/2022	Email	PT.7054 - (Various Footpaths in the Parishes of Aust and Pilning and Severn Beach)	
		(Temporary Prohibition of Use by Foot Passengers)	Noted
06/01/2022		Face to Face or Virtual; CEF Review (T and PC)	Circulated
07/01/2022		Planning Enforcement Process, Practices and Training	Circulated
08/01/2022		Relyon Services - Pilning Village Hall - Security RFI	Noted
10/01/2022		National Forum draft minutes and 2022 National Forum meeting dates	Noted
10/01/2022	Email	Next Town & Parish Council Forum Meeting Details	Circulated
10/01/2022	Email	Planning Complaint	JE Replied
10/01/2022		Severn Beach Allotments - Fences and rodent issues	JE Replied
10/01/2022		Temporary timetable - update	Noted
11/01/2022		Memorial bench plaque request	JE Replied
11/01/2022	Email	FoSBR AGM 2022, advance notice	Circulated
11/01/2022	Email	Religious Graffiti	Noted
12/01/2022	Email	TRAPP'D virtual town meeting - Wednesday 19th January @ 7.00pm	Circulated
12/01/2022	Email	Information for local residents from South Gloucestershire Council Environmental	Circulated
12/01/2022	Email	Petition for Local Councils to be able to meet remotely	Circulated
12/01/2022	Email	Concerns for our Parish	Agenda

Date T	Туре	Detail	Action
12/01/2022 E	Email	Memorial tree in Severn Beach by Tea Cottage	Meeting
13/01/2022 E	Email	AGM Poster	Posted Publicly
14/01/2022 E	Email	Wicksteed Order Acknowledgement - 1258308 / 417276	Noted
15/01/2022 E	Email	COM/21/0912/OD Land to the north and south of Severn Road/Ableton Lane, Hallen	Meeting
15/01/2022 E	Email	Talking info point at Bradwell on Sea	Circulated
16/01/2022 E	Email	Case Ref: EH21/000117/NOIOTH - Trains idling at Severn Beach	Circulated
16/01/2022 V	Website	Fly tipping Church Road Severn Beach	JE Replied
17/01/2022 E	Email	Town & Parish Council Forum Report	Circulated
17/01/2022 E	Email	South Gloucestershire PPS - Parish/Town Council Survey	JE Replied
18/01/2022 E	Email	Joint letter M49	Noted
18/01/2022 E	Email	No grass cut signs and no mow May	Meeting
18/01/2022 E	Email	Incident: 3/1/21 - The Promenade, Severn Beach - Our ref: 20PLH085	JE Replied
19/01/2022 E	Email	Grant application from Severn Beach Village Hall	Agenda
19/01/2022 E	Email	FoSBR AGM 2022 notice	Circulated
19/01/2022 E	Email	Volunteer drivers wanted	Posted Publicly
19/01/2022 E	Email	Talk to Portishead Seniors	Noted
20/01/2022 E	Email	Local Nature Action Plan Field Guide	Circulated
20/01/2022 E	Email	New Local Plan, Phase 2 Consultation - Pre Launch Briefings 1st February 2022	Circulated
21/01/2022 E	Email	Catalytic converter theft on the rise in your areas	Noted
21/01/2022 E	Email	Rent review minutes	Circulated
21/01/2022 E	Email	Wildflowers on the triangle at Ableton Lane	JE Replied
21/01/2022 E	Email	Bird flu	JE Replied
21/01/2022 E	Email	Complaint	PT replied
22/01/2022 E	Email	JANUARY 2022 SUPPLEMENTARY NEWSLETTER	Circulated
23/01/2022 E		Vermin (Severn Beach Allotments)	JE Replied
24/01/2022 E		Signs on Gypsy Platt Severn Beach	JE Replied
24/01/2022 E	Email	Bank Road Development	JE Replied
24/01/2022 E	Email	Further external funding for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Circulated
24/01/2022 E		Pilning Village Hall Management Committee Meeting	
		to be held on Monday 31st January 2022 at 7.15 p.m. at the hall	Circulated
25/01/2022 E		Severn Beach, Sea Wall Replacement Bin	JE Replied
25/01/2022 E		Invite to Local Plan: Phase 2 Pop- Up Meetings Thursday 17 February or Tuesday 1 March 2	
25/01/2022 E		LNAP Consultation Yate	Circulated
25/01/2022 E	Email	Face to Face or Virtual; CEF Review Severnside	Circulated

Date	Type	Detail	Action
25/01/2022	Email	Start or works Seabank substation and the nearby overhead lines at Crooks Marsh /	
		work completed on Severn Road	Circulated
26/01/2022	Email	E-Bike Grant Scheme	Circulated
26/01/2022	Email	Have your say - Avon Fire & Rescue Service Plan Consultation	Circulated
26/01/2022	Email	Agenda for Development Management Committee, Thursday, 3rd February 2022, 11.00 am	Circulated
27/01/2022	Email	Bench at Severn Beach	JE Replied
28/01/2022	Email	Temporary timetable - update	Noted
28/01/2022	Email	Severnside Masterplan - Cllr and T&PC workshop Thurs 10th Feb 1.30pm	Circulated
28/01/2022	Email	Highway Improvements newsletter January 2022	Circulated
28/01/2022	Email	248977 WX: Severn Beach	Noted
30/01/2022	Email	Draft agenda for Pilning Village Hall MC	Circulated
31/01/2022	Email	Allotment padlock issue	JE Replied
31/01/2022	Email	Severn Beach, Sea Wall Replacement Bin	JE Replied
01/02/2022	Email	Review new Workspace search history control for users	Noted
01/02/2022	Email	The Care Forums South Gloucestershire Citizens Survey	Noted

APPENDIX B – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET VAT	VAT	TOTAL
04/01/2022	N HILLS	Severn Beach Toilets	£33.33	£-	£33.33
04/01/2022	ELM TREE GARDEN	Grounds Maintenance	£491.38	£98.28	£589.66
04/01/2022	NOW PENSIONS	Pension Contribution	£106.08	£-	£106.08
07/01/2022	EMMAUS CHURCH	Neighbourhood Plan \$	£30.00	£-	£30.00
10/01/2022	GOOGLE IRELAND LTD	Email and Data storage	£99.36	£-	£99.36
17/01/2022	BRITISH TELECOM	Telephone & Broadband	£110.50	£22.10	£132.60
18/01/2022	DUNKLEYS	Payroll preparation and Tax rebate	£132.50	£26.50	£159.00
19/01/2022	P TYZACK	Councillor Expenses	£19.40	£-	£19.40
20/01/2022	CD GARDENING SERVICES	Tree removal Pilning Village Hall	£300.00	£-	£300.00
31/01/2022	J EDWARDES	Wages & Office	£1,243.08	£-	£1,243.08
31/01/2022	J EDWARDES	Expenses - Printer ink	£9.73	£1.95	£11.67
31/01/2022	O MCINTOSH	Wages	£168.00	£-	£168.00
31/01/2022	O MCINTOSH	Expenses	£39.40	£-	£39.40
31/01/2022	HMRC	Tax & NI	£190.60	£-	£190.60
08/02/2022	HEARTSAFE AED LOCATOR	Monitoring defibs 2022-2023	£945.00	£189.00	£1,134.00
08/02/2022	TIM DARK	General Maintenance	£66.50	£-	£66.50
			£3,984.86	£337.83	£4,322.68

^{\$} From the Neighbourhood Plan Grant

APPENDIX C – REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Robert C. Griffin 21, Riverside Park, Severn Beach South Gloucestershire, BS35 4PN 01454-632624 robert.griffin@southglos.gov.uk

News for Pilning, Severn Beach, Easter Compton & Hallen. February 2022

Dear Ward Members,

<u>Bank Road/Northwick Road</u> – Two extra caravans have been reported to Planning Enforcement. REFERENCE NO: COM/22/0045/OD

<u>Cross Hands Garden</u> – still being considered a major local eyesore.

<u>Pharmacy service</u> – I have received more than 6 complaints from dissatisfied customers of the **Pilning pharmacy/hub** service with their prescriptions. I have passed these on.

<u>Litter</u> – I have had complaints about the amount of litter in our area. Without the magnificent effort of local teams and some from South Glos. the situation would be dire. I visited McDonalds requesting that they use bio-degradable cartons for their food. I was told that this would be sent as a suggestion to head office. These cartons seem to stretch from Cribbs Causeway to the Severn. A new team is being formed for Compton Greenfield.

<u>Highway Code</u> – an updated version has been produced but a printed form is not yet available. It is said to clarify the position of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

<u>Covid 19</u> – children in the 5 to 12 year old age bracket with serous medical conditions can now have a reduced dose of the vaccine.

<u>NHS</u> - The government are capping the legal charges of minor incidents in the NHS to not exceed the damages being paid to the patients.

<u>Stagecoach</u> – I have had more complaints from residents about the lack of our local service The excuse is covid is causing a lack of drivers. I encourage users to complain and claim taxi fares if they incurred expense.

<u>MMR vaccinations</u> – children joining primary school are less likely to have received their jab and the national target of 95% is being missed. The medical teams are concerned as we may have another Measles epidemic.

<u>The Wild Place</u> – I am attending regular update meetings on this venue as a guest with South Glos. Officers and zoo management. It will take another 3 years or so for the move to take place.

Almondsbury Parish Council are also having progress meetings.

HRT – it is proposed to allow these drugs to be supplied by Pharmacists.

<u>Cervical cancer</u> – since 1995 when vaccinations were introduced there has been a very large reduction in younger ladies with this condition.

<u>In View</u> – Personal deep felt thank you to Nick, Vicky and all the team who had produced and delivered our excellent 'In View'. They have always been very helpful and I wish them a 'happy 'retirement'. I welcome our new editor and team. I remember from my time as editor how long it can take up, but also the pleasure of getting to know other people.

Yours sincerely.

Robert C. Griffin – District Councillor for Pilning, Severn Beach, Easter Compton & Hallen.