

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2006, commencing at 6.30 pm
In PILNING Village Hall

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 3
 members of the public (Mrs Jane Davey, Mr Eddie Neave, both of
 Ableton Lane, Mrs Barbara Matthews of Salthouse Farm Park).

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At 6.30 Jim Davis, Project Manager, and Claire James, Core Development Worker, with The Children's Society, spoke with members regarding the work of the group. It was said that each parish offered a unique challenge and there were no hard and fast rules on how to deal with any particular situation. Action by the society would provide no panacea. It would, however, provide guidance regarding the next steps to take.

Having provided evidence of some of the steps already taken by council and of the lack of progress made – despite the considerable expenditure – it was agreed that Mr Davis should identify a free slot in his diary, perhaps at the start of August, and meet again with council. He could then demonstrate the way forward.

With the time almost at 7.00 pm the Chairman thanked JD and CJ for their attendance and declared the meeting open.

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1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Mr G Moore (work commitments).

**The Chairman asked those present to join him in remembrance of
Mrs Alice Learmonth of Cranmoor Green, recently deceased.**

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 5th June were approved as a true record.

1. MP 2. NC All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 – 1 Village Halls/Playing Fields

The gentleman planning to make use of the pavilion at Pilning has failed to make contact. Further developments awaited.

3 - 2 Cemeteries/Churches

The Northwick Cemetery Committee meeting has still to be arranged.

3 - 3 Seawall & Environs

MP did not contact S Glos regarding damage to trees, choosing instead to have a quiet word with those involved. AG recommended that S Glos be asked to provide guards to protect other trees on the site.

3 - 4 Roads/Road Signs

NC confirmed that overgrowth at Jackson Close had now been cut. Growth adjacent to the Ableton Lane/Severnwood Gardens junction has yet to be dealt with. MP stated that drainage problems in Osborne Road are still awaiting attention.

4. CORRESPONDENCEAirports

10691.01 Class D controlled airspace in the vicinity of Bristol and Cardiff airports.

Cemetery/Churches

10692.02 Future of Trinity Hall, letter from Rev Dr Berj Topalian.

Charities & Representation

10693.03 Governors of Edmonds & Coles Charity, re-appointments necessary. Clerk has informed E&CC that Ron Singer and Dave Humphries are to be re-appointed. DH confirmed the charity had recently provided £100 to both SB and Pilning Schools for their summer camps.

Clerk/Clerks' Society

10694.04 National Conference to take place in Plymouth, October 20th-22nd.

Elections/Applications for Parish Council

10695.05 Alterations to electoral register, Pilning ward.

10696.06 Alterations to electoral register, SB ward.

Employment/Opportunities

10697.07 Information for employers re age discrimination.

Environment/Conservation

10698.08 Cleansing operations in respect of SB public conveniences. Generally felt that a major refurbishment programme should take place. Leyhill are to provide a painting team, but not until next year.

10699.09 Heritage Forum coalfields trip on 15th July.

10700.10 Steve Webb MP confirms support of Early Day Motion 641.

10701.11 S Glos climate change strategy consultation – circulated.

10702.12 Copy of corres re proposed Local Nature Reserve close to Terra UK.

Parish Council to provide written support for this project.

Footpaths
10703.13 Programme of walks for the summer period.

Licensing Authority
10704.14 Consultation on the Council's draft Gambling Policy.

Parish Projects & Related Matters
10705.15 Funding for parish plans.

Playgrounds/Youth Activities
10706.16 Wicksteed report on playground inspections – copies distributed.
10707.17 Youth participation training, opportunities available.
10708.18 Youth Service Recruitment Fair.

Police
10709.19 Safer South Gloucestershire: Briefing meetings in July.
10710.20 SSG, training information.

Roads/Road Signs
10711.21 Street care issues to be dealt with.

Rural Areas/Local Plan
10712.22 Regional Spatial Strategy document, consultation.
10713.23 “Cleaner S Glos Strategy” –circulated, summary/questionnaire distributed.

Schools
10714.24 Guide escorts required.
10715.25 James Hathway nominated for R&N annual award.
10716.26 Lydia McCarthy nominated for Pilning annual award.

South Gloucestershire Council
10717.27 List of meetings for July.
10718.28 Cabinet meeting, 3rd July in Almondsbury.
10719.29 Audit and Accounts Committee, 28th June in Kingswood.
10720.30 Community Care, Housing & Health Select Committee, 14/6, Kingswood.
10721.31 Corporate Coordination Select Committee, 28th June in Kingswood.
10722.32 Development Control Committee, 22nd June in Thornbury.
10723.33 Health Scrutiny Sub Committee, 28th June in Thornbury.
10724.34 LSVT Cabinet Committee, 29th June 2006.
10725.35 Strategic Partnership Board for Children, 21st June in Thornbury.
10726.36 Executive Decisions, w/e 9th June 2006.
10727.37 Executive Decisions, w/e 16th June 2006.
10728.38 Executive Decisions, w/e 23rd June 2006.
10729.39 Forward Plan of Executive Decision-Making, Jul 2006 to Jun 2007.
10730.40 Cancellation of Health Scrutiny Sub Committee meeting, 28th June.
10731.41 Vacancy on S Glos Standards Committee, applications invited.
10732.42 Severn Vale Area Forum meetings reduced to 3 *per annum*.

Stationery/Circulars/Books
 10733.43 *The Clerk* magazine, Summer 2006 – circulated.
 10734.44 *Clerks & Councils Direct*, July edition – circulated.

Traffic Problems/Transport Policy
 10735.45 Safety proposals following local exhibition at Trinity Hall.

Utilities – Post
 10736.46 The way postage is charged is changing.

Voluntary/Community Groups
 10737.47 Request for information re funding request policy.

Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill
 10738.48 Meeting at Kingswood on 29th June.
 10739.49 Consultation on Waste Management Strategy.
 10740.50 Questionnaire re strategy above.

Accounts/Donations
 10741.51 Post Office, postage stamps. Item 5-3 refers.
 10742.52 Sym Software, Anti-virus, annual renewal. Item 5-4 refers.
 10743.53 Sym Software, Firewall, annual renewal. Item 5-5 refers.
 10744.54 AOL, internet fees to 16th June. Item 5-6 refers.
 10745.55 Post Office, Clerk's telephone charges. Item 5-8 refers.
 10746.56 Mr I Roberts, grass cutting (June). Item 5-11 refers.
 10747.57 HM Revenue & Customs, VAT r/f for 2004/5 (£3,102.23).
 10748.58 SB M&T group, letter of thanks. Item 5-8, minutes of June 06, refers.
 10749.59 SB Rainbow Guides, thank you. Item 5-9, minutes of June 06, refers.
 10750.60 Alzheimer's Society, thank you. Item 5-12, minutes of June 06, refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

Current bank balance, prior to payments listed below

£11,119.99	(bank interest since March not included)
+25,000.00	(first instalment of annual precept)
+ 3,102.23	(VAT r/f claimed – 2004/2005)
<u>£39,222.22</u>	

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

5 – 11/17	(Playing fields	-LG(MP) Act 1979, s19
	(Sea wall gardens	-Public Health Act 1875, s164

Items 5-1 to 5–10, inclusive, paid as one cheque.

Items 5-13 to 5-15, inclusive, paid as one cheque.

The accounts below were approved for payment. 1. MP 2. MH All agreed.

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5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT (cont)

5 - 1	£ 542.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (June)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol	111
5 - 3	£ 4.40	Post Office	Postage stamps	111
5 - 4	£ 25.41	Sym Software	Anti-virus (annual renewal)	111
5 - 5	£ 16.94	Sym Software	Firewall (annual renewal)	111
5 - 6	£ 15.99	AOL	Internet charges (June)	111
5 - 7	£ 100.00	J C Rawlinson	Parish plan payment	111
5 - 8	£ 41.71	Post Office	Clerk's telephone	111
5 - 9	£ 543.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk – Wages (July)	112
5 - 10	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol	111
5 - 11	£ 350.00	Mr I Roberts	Grass Cutting (June)	MP/PHA
5 - 12	£ 462.00	Inland Revenue	Income tax	111
5 - 13	£ 25.00	James Hathway	R&N School award	137
5 - 14	£ 25.00	Lydia McCarthy	Pilning School award	137
5 - 15	£ 25.00	Ryan Hathway	SB School award	137
5 - 16	£2937.50	Smith (Gloucester)	Pavilion demolition	LGMP
5 - 17	£ 350.00	Mr I Roberts	Grass Cutting (July)	MP/PHA
5 - 18	£ 352.10	Care for Elderly	Attendance allowance	LGRA
5 - 19	£ 367.00	Gibbs Garden Maint	Clearance at Severn Beach	PHA75
£6283.05				

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Tyzack spoke with members regarding proposals for a Local Nature Reserve on the foreshore between SB and Chittingen. Despite the difficulties resulting from a change in land ownership the project was continuing. PT provided copies of corres on the topic and asked council to contact Richard Aston pledging support for the proposals. This was agreed.

7. AGENDA

7 - 1 Severnside Development

Nothing to report.

7 - 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields

AG commented on complaints made to him following the carnival. A disabled person had complained of being unable to enter the village hall, and AG asked whether access could be improved. NC stated that ramps were available for both doors and an approach to a committee member would have provided the solution. Agreed that some indication of this should be advertised, perhaps with a sign.

IH suggested the provision of a youth shelter which could, perhaps, be placed near to the tennis court, thus serving a dual purpose. The shelter at SB, previously under threat of removal, has remained undamaged since those using it were warned that it would be removed should any further damage be incurred. Placement by the tennis court was not wholly approved but prices to be investigated. Any purchase would be delayed until after The Children's Society initiative had been advanced.

DH asked council to consider purchasing new chairs for Pilning VH, similar to those obtained for SB. This was agreed.

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7 – 3 Parish Plan

CW reported on a very useful meeting, recently held, at which a steering committee had been set up. Mrs Jean Davey has been appointed chairman. As advised, CW and SC are not to be directly involved but will oversee proceedings. Money has now been spent and CW has requested a payment from the PP Fund. Item 5-7 above refers.

7 – 4 Footpaths

AG has received information re ownership of the area adjacent to the Gorse Cover Road/Beach Avenue footpath. Gleeson company have kindly obtained a copy of the land registry entry showing ownership of the strip to be in the hands of JJH (Building Developments) Ltd, of Brandon House, 62 Painswick Road, Cheltenham GL50 2EU.

7 – 5 Dog & Litter Bins

AG queried the provision of litter bins, previously ordered. He also identified the need for a further dog bin for SB VH and an extra bin for the boating lake. The litter bins placed on the sea wall by the parish council are considered inadequate and could perhaps be replaced. A dog bin could usefully be installed at the Green Lane end of Little Green Lane.

7 – 6 Footpath Signs

AG stated he had sourced oak signs, engraved as required for £65.50 each, based on purchasing 10. Fitting costs are, however, prohibitive. PT recommended contact with Rights of Way who could well provide the signs required and most certainly provide the fitting service.

7 – 7 Travel Plans

IH was impressed by the information supplied by B&Q on their recent visit. He thought it would be beneficial to contact all local companies to ascertain their attitudes to the topic. SC confirmed that in accordance with ISO 14000, a travel plan was part of the quality assurance guarantee.

7 – 8 Village Matters

Trees/Tree Planting – AG and CW indicated the need to deal with sucker growth in Abbott Road and Ableton Lane.

Roads/Road Signs – MH drew attention to the overgrowth on the footway on the north east corner of Cross Hands junction. CW is concerned by vehicles parked on the verge at the Ableton Lane/Denny Isle Drive junction. This is a Police matter. The road sign in Little Green Lane has been dislodged and should be considered for removal to a safer site.

Footpaths – AG raised the subject of a Tree Warden. There is a need to appoint one and he nominated Eddie Neave. Clerk notified S Glos last year that EN should be appointed and with no come-back in this matter is to follow up.

Police – MH has spoken with PC Lodge and had hoped that he and Kirsty Flicker, the new Community Officer, would be present at the meeting.

River, Seawall & Environs – IH commented on the 2 sentry boxes located by the river edge on the rifle range. Who owns these? Could they be preserved?

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7 - 9 Reports

SEVERN WONDERS CONFERENCE – PT attended the recent conference at Avonmouth, in which there was some consideration of the wind turbine project. Officials from Galicea in Spain attended and Patrick Kearon, Director of Public Affairs spoke to those present of the archaeological finds in the vicinity. Mr Kearon has expressed a willingness to speak with councillors about the discoveries.

TIMBER YARD – Trailers are still present on-site – by Thursday 6th July some 5 or 7 had been removed.

8. PLANNING

8 – 1 Comments of PC sent to S Glos Council

PT06/1509/F	Extension at 21 Station Road, Pilning	Support
PT06/1524/F	Floodlights, units 3/5, Severn View Industrial	Objection
PT06/1547/F	Extension, 2 Wainbridge Crescent	Support
PT06/1751/F	Garage to living, 170 Gorse Cover Road	Comments
PT06/1862/RM	Plot 5000, 2 distribution centres, Western Approach	Comments

8 – 2 Decisions by S Glos Council

PT06/1076/F	2 dwellings adj 67 Redwick Road, pilning	Permit
PT06/1294/F	Conservatory & pitched roof, 25 Redwick Road	Permit
PT06/1385/F	Garage and access, 1 Blands Row, Pilning	Permit
PT06/1420/F	Extension, Rose Grove, Church Road	Permit
PT06/1509/F	Extension, 21 Station Road, Pilning	Permit
PT06/1524/F	Floodlights, Wring Transport, SVI	Refuse

8 – 3 Applications Withdrawn

PT06/1160/F Extension at Crossland Cottage Severn Road

Next Council Meeting to be held at Severn Beach School on Monday 4th September

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 9.02 PM

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

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