

89
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. 6th AUGUST 1973. SEVERN BEACH SCHOOL.

Present: Chairman S. Parsons.
Councillors A. Ball, R. Edwards, H. Lewis, T. Salmon and J. Snell.

Absent: Rev. J. Free and A. Denner - Sick.
R. Singer - holidays; and J. Sellick.

Alderman W. Fowler attended.

308.

RESIDENTIAL CARAVANS.

Permission was given by the Planning Officer for the erection of the Chalet on the land of Mr. Hathway - Redwick Road.

The Officer is taking up the matter with the R.D.C. concerning caravans at Myrtle Cottage and Dear House Farm.

357.

LIFE BELT, SEVERN BEACH.

The Councillors were informed it was not practical or economic for the R.D.C. to daily inspect for damage. It was resolved to ask if it is possible to have a routine inspection early in each week following following weekend visitors, and to inquire if a notice could be placed on or near the equipment stating that prosecution will follow if anyone is found damaging the apparatus. It is being presumed there is a bye-law to cover such an eventuality. Anyone seeing persons interfering with the life belt should immediately advise the Police.
it may save a life.

374.

SHUFFLEBOTTOM'S IRON BUILDING, BEACH ROAD.

The Planning Officer is not entirely confident he can order this area to be cleared inasmuch it cannot be termed "A vacant Site", but he is writing Mr. Shufflebottom. Apparently this was done, as Mr. Ball states some work has been done at the spot.

416.

SEWAGE PLANT SITE, REDWICK.

Mr. Frost advises that this area is not designated as a play space, and the R.D.C. may carry out further development of the site. He regrets that the time taken to improve the area has led to children using the grass plot in front of Nos. 19 - 23 Chessel Avenue. Mr. Davison is to be asked to hurry up the placing of notices forbidding the playing of ball-games in front of these houses, and also notices warning children against getting on garage roofs.

418.

SOIL DUMP, REDWICK.

Mr. Almond advises work on this site and on the B4055 Pilning Church to the A403, also the dangerous corner near the Cross Hands, will commence some time in August.

474.

GORMLEY'S CAFE, SEVERN BEACH.

The Planning Officer advises there appears to be no way by which he can require the completion of the building to be expedited. He also stated the appearance of the site had been considerably improved since a visit made a year ago. Mr. Frost advises that as far as he is aware there is no action the R.D.C. can take to obtain completion of the site.

Councillors felt therefore, they could do no more in this matter.

493.

AUST ROAD.

The R.D.C. have advised that survey work has been carried out, and the intention is to proceed with the making up of this road, and this should commence during the next two months or so.

500.

PILNING CEMETERY.

Due to Councillor Mr. Parsons being on holiday the suggestion made by Councillor R. Singer on the 3rd July that the former should see the Caretaker and get the grass cut etc. could not be done. The Clerk, therefore, on the 3rd July sent a letter to Mr. Dobson (Caretaker) containing a list of duties he agreed to perform when he accepted the job.

meeting 6th August/70

90

NORTHWICK CHURCH.

541. To clear grass, weeds etc. to ascertain the state of the Churchyard etc. it was decided on the proposal of Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Lewis that the tender of Mr. Baker of £60 be accepted, and this was unanimously agreed upon. Mr. Ball will contact Mr. Baker. Mr. Snell will be looking into the question of the disposal of a quantity of stone left by the demolition firm.

The Public through the Local Newspapers are to be informed that memorials can be put in the Church Tower.

The Covenant for the take-over of the area has not yet been signed; various items have not yet been carried out by the demolition firm.

(1) THE TRIANGLE AND (2) GARDEN HEDGE, SWANMOOR.

549. (1) A letter is to be sent to the Almondsbury Parish Council to suggest they take in hand the improvement of the Traffic Island, which apparently is now found to be within their Parish boundary.
(2) A letter is to be sent to Mr. Almond asking if he will make a personal approach to the owner of the garden hedge, local pressure being ineffective.

PILNING TIP.

558. Mr. Frost states he was aware of the state of this filled in tipping site, which has now been out. Any remaining undergrowth and weeds will be flailed, and left to improve the topsoil. It will likely revert to agricultural use when sufficient topsoil has accumulated.

Land adjacent to

RIVERSIDE CLUB. APPLICATION TO DEVELOP 12 DWELLING HOUSES.

The Planning Officer decided to grant this application.

VILLA CARAVAN PARK. APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT.

The Planning Officer has refused the proposal.

DOGS FOULING FOOTPATHS. NOTICES.

It was agreed to order 25 Notices in plastic material suitable for attaching to telephone poles.

RENOVATION OF 10 PROMENADE SEATS AND REPAIRS TO SEVERN BEACH BUS SHELTER.

An account for £23.00 was received from Mr. Tomes for the repairs which have been carried out. The Account was passed for payment.

DEAD TREES, SEVERN BEACH SPORTS FIELD.

The Severn & Wyevale Co. will replace the dead trees, and any others which have not survived.

REPRESENTATION ON MARLWOOD SCHOOL.

The Glos. Chief Education Officer writes stating the Dept. of Education for any alteration to be made in the Governing Body of the School, and considering that the School will be in the Avon County Area in 1974 would be Avon. The Chief Education Officer of Bristol should be asked his opinion as to whether such representation on the Governing Body could be made after the taking over has been carried out.

ABLETON LANE, SEVERN BEACH.

There appears to be such divergence in the way verges are cared for by the Highways Authority along Ableton Lane, that it was felt desirable that Mr. Almond be asked to meet some Councillors to clarify the position regarding the cutting of grass and upkeep of verges.

BROKEN CULVERT, ABBOTT ROAD, SEVERN BEACH.

Councillor Ball suggested application be made to Osmond Tricks & Son to repair the damaged culvert.

SMALL TRIANGLE OF LAND NEAR SURGERY.

To make inquiries of British Rail if this area can be obtained as a hard standing for patients' transport vehicles.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCIES, SEVERN BEACH.

Thornbury R.D.C. states in their opinion these toilets to be closed 10 p.m. in Summer and 8 p.m. in Winter would be realistic. It was also stated all conveniences in the district are being redecorated and repaired. It was decided to file correspondence.

723. ABLEYTON COURT, DEAD ELM TREES.
The complaint received from Mr. Goulding of No. 1 School Way is being dealt with by Thornbury R.D.C., who will inspect trees and inform Mr. Goulding result.
728. Flood Alleviation Scheme.
Mr. Fowler said the R.D.C. had agreed to the scheme being carried out, but the financial side of the matter was not yet settled and had been put back to the R.D.C. Finance Committee. This would delay matters for two or three months, and an agreement has yet to be obtained from two owners of land which would be affected by the scheme.
729. CHRONIC SICK.
A letter and enclosures from the Glos. County Council Social Services Dept., and a copy of the Chronic Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 were passed to Councillors T. Salmon and J. Snell for their information and attention.
745. WARNING NOTICES, SEVERN BEACH.
Mr Frost advised. Replacements or repairs are in hand.
747. DEAD FISH IN CHESSEL PILL.
The Parish Councillors expressed satisfaction with the letter received from the I.C.I. who are endeavouring to find the exact cause of the death of the fish. They have taken extra precautions to prevent any leakage of water used to fight a fire on their premises into local rhines.
749. FIRE STATION SIREN.
A letter from the Chief Fire Officer at Cheltenham explaining why for efficiency reasons Firemen were supplied with pocket wireless alerter equipment, and the siren was not now used. The local Fire Officer has instructed his men that the fire engine sirens are to be switched on immediately the machines leave the station, and also Firemen when called out after normal working hours have to sound their car horns on way to the station. Councillors felt this was satisfactory. Matter to be filed.
752. YOUTH CLUB, NEW PASSAGE ROAD.
Mr. Almond states the verge will be made into a hard standing, and the reflector posts removed and re-erected nearby.
753. SEVERNWOOD GARDENS, DITCH near No. 33.
This complaint to be investigated by Drainage Officer and passed on to the Public Health Dept. if he felt it necessary.
758. ABLEYTON COURT, TREES TO BE PLANTED.
Mr. Ball has met a representative from the R.D.C. and arranged site for the trees.
761. OPEN SPACE, PARKLANDS ESTATE.
Messrs. Wimpeys have recently put in additional drainage and levelled the large play area. When the work is satisfactorily completed the R.D.C. will take over and maintain the area.
763. CHESSIL PILL RHINE.
From a complaint received the Drainage Officer is to be asked to clean out the Rhine near the Pilning Playing Field.
764. FOOTPATH, NEW PASSAGE HALL BRIDGE.
Footpath overgrown. British Rail is to be requested to clear.
765. DELAYS IN ANSWERING LETTERS, AND ATTENTION TO COMPLAINTS.
Mr. Frost in detail answered in a letter the reasons why delays had or were occurring. Some had been dealt with since his letter dated 21st July was sent out, the remainder are being dealt with under other correspondence such as Pilning Tip and Flood Alleviation, Warning Notices at Sewage Plant Site etc.
771. CARS PARKING IN BEACH ROAD.
Councillor T. Salmon put in a complaint regarding the parking of cars which takes place on both sides of the road. He considered there would be grave delays in a case of fire, or if an ambulance was urgently required. It was considered some of the trouble was caused by car owners not getting their cars off the road although they had garages. Several suggestions were put forward for improving the position, but all failed for one or more reasons. It was decided to ask the Police to look into the problem.

Continued meeting 6th August/73

772. OVERHANGING WITTHY TREE BANK. Rd.
The Clerk was asked to inspect, and if possible to get it cut back to give better visibility for vehicle drivers.

No Ref. DISEASED ELM TREES.
Councillor Edwards asked if anything could be done to stop the spread of this disease.

He was informed the extent of dead trees was so vast the Government had decided nothing could be done to check it.

The meeting closed at 10.5 p.m.

Accounts Authorised

		£	p		
23/51	Tomes	23	00		
52	Raven				
	Press	3	10		
53	Dobson	4	50	—register of Burials 265.	mess.
54	Free	1	05		
55	"	2	10		
56	Dobson	9	00	—register of Burials 266-267	Hamilton Howard
57	Express	16	77		
58	Pullin	4	00		

Signed. S. Carson

Date. 1/10/73