

Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council

Meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2013 at 7pm at Severn Beach School, Severn Beach

Prior to the meeting Mr David Jones MRTPI MRICS, Head of Planning Division, Evan Jones LLP and Mr Bobby Richard (Land Agent) regarding planning application reference PT13/3807/O – Bank Road, Pilning – Change of use of Gypsy Caravan site to residential development for erection of 13no. dwellings. David gave a thorough explanation of the site along with history of the planning there. He confirmed the site is listed under CS21 of the S.Glos Council Core Strategy as a ‘protected site’. Mr Richards explained his involvement in the site and his thoughts on the future there. Questions followed about social housing and who will profit from the scheme. Concerns were raised about where the current members of the traveling community would move. Mr Richards confirmed the family would be offered the new housing.

The Chairman thanked Mr Jones and Mr Richard for attending.

COUNCILLORS (10) Mr I.L. Roberts(Chairman), Mrs J.A. Fennell, Mrs N Chappell, Mr Ian Humphries (left the meeting at 8.15pm due to work commitments), Mrs C.E. Woodhouse, Mr T Lewis, Mr Ivor Humphries, Mrs F.C.A. Barr MBE, Mr M Pruet & Mr K Weeks.

Also Present: - Mrs Victoria Bywater (Clerk) and Mr Colin Brickell of School Way, Severn Beach.

Item Number	Details	Action By
2013-12-1 Apologies for absence	Apologies were received from Robert Griffin.	
2013 –12-2 Declarations of Interest	None	
2013-12-3 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 th November 2013 had been previously circulated in the most part by email. The minutes of the meeting of 4 th November 2013 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by CW and seconded by IanH. All in favour.	
2013-12-4 Matters Arising	VB reported that Mr Byrne had not agreed to allow the Parish Council to replace the chain and lock on the gate at the playing field at Pilning Village Hall. IR & TL to meet with Mr Byrne again to agree a solution. VB advised that a response had been received from S.Glos Standards Committee seeking further information on the individuals concerned in the matter regarding unprofessionalism and exact information on what was said. VB asked that all those who had attended the meeting should prepare a short statement to support the complaint before re-submission to the council. KW made note to a comment by Robert Griffin regarding the Ingst Wind Farm. Robert Griffin had said that the development would not use Bilsham Lane which is not correct. VB to contact Robert Griffin about this.	IR & TL CW, NC, FCAB, IvH IR VB
2013-12-5 Correspondence	Further to Appendix A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donation suggestion by TL for HorseWorld was agreed for £250. • Volunteers required as suggested by Robert Griffin to spray bio-degradable paint onto dog pooh to highlight the problem across the parish. IvH proposed the parish council buy the paint and spray the pooh, seconded by FCAB. MP, IvH, FCAB, IR volunteered to spray the pooh and IR offered to buy the paint. 	VB IR, MP, IvH, FCAB

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2013-12-6 Accounts for Payment	Please see Appendix B Proposed by FCAB and seconded by CW , all agreed.	
2013-12-7 Public Participation	No requests had been received. The Chair invited members of the public to speak if they wished. Mr Colin Brickell confirmed he was regularly emailing S.Glos Council regarding the height of the woodpile on the A403. MP confirmed he had also been contacting the council on the same matter and asked if the Parish Council could write to our MP and the standards committee about the lack of enforcement by the enforcement team. VB to write to MP. VB asked for more details about the emails sent, timescales and responses from S.Glos Council to date.	VB MP/ VB
2013-12-8 Precept 2014/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agree next Finance Committee Meeting It was agreed that the members of the finance committee would agree a meeting before the end of January. b) Appoint Internal Auditor – Sandra Evans of Randall & Co was appointed, all agreed. 	VB VB
2013-12-9 New Business	<p><u>1.Local Major Developments</u> Windfarm at Ingst – VB confirmed the full planning documentation had been received and passed to KW to read first followed by FCAB, MP & NC. VB asked if the information could then be shared with other neighbouring parishes. Westgate Development – FCAB reported on the meeting that had been held at Easter Compton Village Hall with the developers of the Westgate Development. IvH confirmed that the main objective is to try and prevent HGV traffic from accessing the site using the B4033 through Pilning. VB read an estimate from Bateman-North planning consultancy based in Olveston which detailed an initial plan to try and prevent HGV vehicles from using the road. After discussion, proposed by IvH, seconded by FCAB it was agreed to instruct Bateman-North to act on our behalf.</p> <p><u>2.Village Halls/Playing Fields</u> a) Severn Beach Village Hall – JF provided financial details of the SB Village Hall which showed a balance at the end of October 2013 of £4603. b) Pilning Village Hall – TL asked that the sign to the Village Hall is repaired following vandalism. VB to contact Avon Displays to repair the sign as it has still not been done despite regular chasing. TL also requested information on who is responsible for the key to the tennis court. MP confirmed Mrs Rowe-French holds the key. NC asked for confirmation on the working group for the new village hall as there had been some confusion at the Village Hall committee meeting. VB confirmed it was IR, CW, MP along with a representative of Pilning Pips and the Village Hall committee. The other groups could also send a representative to meetings if they had any input or issues they wished to raise.</p>	VB VB

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	<p>3. <u>Allotments</u> – FCAB reported the new sign was in place and was suitable. KW asked if there was any further news on those who had been given notice at SB. VB confirmed no correspondence had been received from those people given notice to quit so the available plots would be allocated to people on the waiting list.</p> <p>4. <u>Cemeteries</u> – FCAB reported a refund would need to be given to a family who had changed their minds regarding the siting of the ashes of a loved one. FCAB to give the refund as soon as possible.</p> <p>NC asked that the Northwick Tower should be regularly checked to make sure pigeons had not returned and reminded the Chair regarding the vanishing of the door. IR to check the Tower and varnish the door.</p> <p>NC also asked that the leaves on the church path at Pilning are cleared. VB to ask Mr Mike Fisher to clear the leaves.</p> <p>5. <u>Village Matters</u></p> <p>FCAB requested the dog warden is asked to visit to see the situation regarding the dog fouling in Severn Beach. VB to contact the dog warden. FCAB proposed the quotation from Mr Robin Kirby for the insertion of a handrail at the Burger Bar steps be accepted, all agreed.</p> <p>IvH reported a meeting he had with Steven Watkins the new general manager of Wessex Red regarding the problems faced by parishioners on the buses through Pilning. The driver in question was disciplined and apologised to the student involved. The manager admitted to a lack of drivers and new policy which means the drivers had to provide their own float which in turn means they do not always have the correct change.</p> <p>IvH reported on the meeting he had attended with Almondsbury Charity. £10k had been given to St. Peter’s Church to renew lights. St. Peter’s Church will also benefit from the sale of Trinity Hall and with this money they intend to update the church to make it more accessible for meetings.</p> <p>IvH further reported he had recently visited the Thornbury Leisure Centre ‘green composting’ section in the car park. He suggested with the new Green-Bin levy being imposed on residents that we set up our own ‘green section’ at the Allotments in Severn Beach. Discussion followed.</p> <p>IvH finally reported that at the end of this year he would no longer be driving the mini-bus for the doctors’ surgery. The Chairman thanked IvH for his long service.</p> <p>JF confirmed the huge amount of dog fouling in the area and litter in general. VB to write to S.Glos regarding the litter particularly on the lane between Gorse Cover Road and Beach Road.</p> <p>NC reported no improvement in the parking in Pilning. VB confirmed a response had been received from S.Glos and a parking officer would attend the area.</p> <p>KW confirmed the litter in the area in particular on the verges. VB to write to S.Glos regarding litter.</p> <p>KW further reported the gullies all blocked on the A403 from dirt from the vehicles. VB to write to S.Glos regarding the road dirt.</p> <p>KW asked VB to contact S.Glos about the need for a footpath from</p>	<p>VB</p> <p>FCAB</p> <p>IR</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p>
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	<p>Ableton Lane to the Western Approaches as so many parishioners now work in the Western Approaches and walk up the main road. VB to contact S.Glos.</p> <p>MP confirmed the litter and fly tipping in Gorse Cover Road.</p> <p><u>6.Reports</u></p> <p>Please see Appendix C</p>	
2013-12-10 Planning	<p><u>Comments sent to S.Glos Council</u></p> <p>PT13/3751/PND – Scottish Power, Hallen – demolition of 7no. buildings and proposed restoration of the site – OJECT</p> <p><u>Decisions by S Glos. Council</u></p> <p>PT13/3000/O – Land at Shaymoor Lane, Pilning – Erection of 1no. dwelling – Refused</p> <p>PT13/3434/F – 158 Gorse Cover Road, Severn Beach – Erection of a rear conservatory (retrospective) - Approve</p> <p><u>Revised Proposals to Planning Application</u></p> <p>PT13/3807/O – Bank Road, Pilning – Change of use of Gypsy Caravan site to residential development for erection of 14no. dwellings – Changed to 13no. dwellings.</p>	
Date of Next Meeting	<p>The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Monday 6th January 2014 at Pilning Village Hall, Pilning</p> <p>THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED @ 8.24 PM and the Chair wished all those present a very happy Christmas.</p>	VB

APPENDIX A – CORRESPONDENCE

Date Received	Received by	Details	ACTION
05.11.13	Post	Advice from AON regarding snow clearance	Circulated
05.11.13	Email	S.Glos Parish Matters – Community right to challenge, new documents	Circulated
06.11.13	Post	Countryside Voice Winter 2013	Circulated
06.11.13	Email	S.Glos Press Release – Councillors approve street scene localism plans	Circulated
06.11.13	Email	Request from John Mason to financially support the planning consultant instructed by Almondsbury Parish Council	VB responded
07.11.13	Post	Clerk Magazine	Circulated
08.11.13	Email	Request from Tony Lewis to make a donation to HorseWorld	Agreed to £250.00
08.11.13	Email	From Architects working for applicants of Bank Road dwellings, Pilning with an update on the number of dwellings reduced to 13 from 14.	Circulated
11.11.13	Email	S.Glos Press Release – Budget Consultation Launch	Circulated
12.11.13	Email	Agenda for Planning, Transportation & Strategic Environment Committee Wednesday 20 th November 2013 at Kingswood	Circulated
12.11.13	Email	S.Glos Council – Council Budget Consultation	Circulated
12.11.13	Email	Minutes of the Parish Charter Forum Annual Review held on 8 Oct 2013	Circulated
12.11.13	Email	Message from Malcolm Watson Chair of the Town & Parish Council Forum	Circulated
12.11.13	Email	Update from ALCA regarding progress on Councils using electronic banking	Circulated
12.11.13	Email	Response from S.Glos regarding Buy-Back questions from Nov meeting	Circulated
13.11.13	Email	S.Glos Council Press Release – Get involved in your local Area Forum	Circulated
13.11.13	Email	Launch of S.Glos Compact Consultation	Circulated
13.11.13	Email	Agenda for development control (West) committee, Thurs 21 st Nov 2013, 2.30pm Thornbury	Circulated
13.11.13	Email	Policies Sites & Places Plan Statutory Consultation Letter	Circulated
14.11.13	Post	From Evans Jones requesting a meeting with Parish Councillors	Attended Dec meeting
15.11.13	Email	Agenda for Policy & Resources Committee, Mon 25 th Nov 2013, 2pm, Kingswood	Circulated
18.11.13	Email	Core Strategy – 18 November update	Circulated

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18.11.13	Letter	Response from Co-operative Food regarding traffic on the A403	Circulated
19.11.13	Email	Agenda for Severn Vale Area Forum, Wed 4 th Dec 2013, 7pm at Thornbury	Circulated
19.11.13	Email	Council Budget Consultation 2014-2015	Circulated
19.11.13	Email	Agenda for Planning, Transport & Strategic Environment Major Schemes sub-committee, Wed 27 th Nov 2013, 10am at Thornbury	Circulated
21.11.13	Email	Response from Merlin Housing Association with regard to our letter sent to them about trees, vandalism and security.	Circulated
21.11.13	Email	S.Glos Press Release – Roadside checks help educate parents about in car safety	Circulated
21.11.13	Email	S.Glos Parish Matters – WARNING about burglaries targeting older people – lock your windows and doors and keep curtains drawn.	Circulated
21.11.13	Letter	Response from S.Glos Council regarding the letter of complaint about the Area Forum meeting and in particular certain members of the area forum.	Circulated
21.11.13	Email	From John Mason containing the response from S.Glos Council to him regarding the Westgate Development.	Circulated
21.11.13	Email	Response from Wessex Red regarding the complaint made against drivers	Circulated
21.11.13	Email	From Robert Griffin looking for volunteers to spray dog foul to highlight the problem in the area.	Circulated
22.11.13	Email	NALC – Council Tax Benefit Support Grant	Circulated
22.11.13	Post	SGN – Winter 2013/ 2014	Circulated
25.11.13	Email	S.Glos Council Core Strategy Inspector’s Report Briefing dates	Circulated
25.11.13	Email	Promotion of Avon fire rescue service in the local – recruiting local volunteers	Circulated
25.11.13	Email	Agenda for the Economic & Skills Strategic Partnership meeting on Tues 3 rd Dec 2013 at 10am at Stoke Gifford	Circulated
25.11.13	Email	Agenda for the Children & Young People Committee on Wed 4 th Dec 2013 at 2pm, Kingswood	Circulated
26.11.13	Email	Response from S.Glos Parking services	Circulated
26.11.13	Email	S.Glos NHS Newsletter Autumn 2013	Circulated
27.11.13	Email	Agenda for Development Control (West) Sites inspection Sub Committee on Friday 6 th December 2013 at 9.30am, Thornbury	Circulated
27.11.13	Email	Town Centres & retailing – for the Policies Sites & Places Plan	Circulated
28.11.13	Email	Agenda for Safer & Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership Fri 6 Dec, K’wood	Circulated
29.11.13	Email	Information from S.Glos re successful prosecution of fly tippers	Circulated
29.11.13	Email	S.Glos Council Press Release – S.Glos over 50’s Forum celebrate 20 years	Circulated
29.11.13	Post	Horizon Nuclear Power Community Update November 2013	Circulated
02.12.13	Email	Agenda for Development Control (West) Committee Tues 10 th December 2013 at 10am, Filton	Circulated
02.12.13	Email	Healthwatch Dec 2013	Circulated

APPENDIX B – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Date	Payee	Details	Net	Reclaimable VAT	Total
02.12.13	Mrs V Bywater	Wages + office payment & fuel allowance	655.20	0.00	655.20
02.12.13	HMRC	NI & PAYE	237.23	0.00	237.23
02.12.13	Mr N Pearce	Odd jobs	56.25	0.00	56.25
02.12.13	Mr M J Fisher	Grass cutting	750.00	0.00	750.00
02.12.13	SLCC	Society of Local Council Clerks	129.00	0.00	129.00
02.12.13	Avonmouth Signs	Installation of new signs	80.00	16.00	96.00
02.12.13	Mr M J Fisher	Grass cutting	450.00	0.00	450.00
02.12.13	BT	Telephone - direct debit	49.28	9.85	59.13
02.12.13	L T Liddiatt	Northwick grass cutting	800.00	160.00	960.00
02.12.13	L T Liddiatt	Tree cutting & clearing away at Northwick Cemetery	160.00	32.00	192.00
02.12.13	HorseWorld	Donation	250.00	0.00	250.00
02.12.13	S.Glos Council	Meeting room hire at SB School	35.00	0.00	35.00
		TOTAL	3,651.96	217.85	3,869.81

APPENDIX C – Report from Robert Griffin

Dear Ward Members,

Cribbs Village – I visited this consultation on the 7th November of the village at Clifton Rugby Club near the proposed site prior to Planning permission. The proposal consists of 1,100 houses beside the dual carriageway where the Sports Grounds are. My first views were where is the extra traffic going to go from

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the two new entrances/exits on the dual carriageway and yet another bit of green belt is going to disappear. I have formally submitted my views on the consultation to the developers.

Police Speed Checks – On the 9th November the Easter Compton Site was operational between 07:45 and 08:45. - 8 vehicles were detected speeding. The Pilning Site was operational between 09:19 and 10:19. - 4 vehicles were detected speeding. This information is by courtesy of John Adams.

Speed visor – The Easter Compton visor in the Pilning direction now displays a smiling face if you are below the speed limit.

Severn Beach Online Fare Petition – This has 68 signatories (at the time of writing) and we need some more before we can submit it: <http://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/first-great-western-trains-provide-more-ticket-collectors-on-trains-on-the-severn-beach-line-2> On the 22nd I handed out 'Pay for it or Lose it' flyers about this issue on the two morning trains. I understand there is a reduction in the grant for running our line but currently I have no hard facts.

Green Bin Petition – There is a local Beach on-line petition objecting to the removal of the free green bin collection service in March. I have given this petition publicity as many Ward members have complained to me on this issue. <https://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/all-council-tax-payers-of-south-gloucestershire-continue-with-the-existing-free-green-bin-service-2> with 56 signatories (at the time of writing). A paper copy of this petition is also in Severn Beach Post Office as requested.

Dogs Mess - Do we have any community spirited volunteers to spray Biodegradable paint on dogs' poo in our parish? It is a major local problem and this seems the only way to highlight it with striking paint. We also need finance for the paints.

Redwick Road - There is a street sign opposite Vicarage Road, Pilning where a rusty box containing mains wires has fallen onto the pavement. Passed to Streetcare Ref: 9610.

Marsh Common Pavement – I have reported that the water does not flow into the drains, as they are set too high in the road. Notified to Streetcare Ref: 9273.

Ableton Court – from Merlin - There are 3 residents left in Ableton now. One of those is due to move over to School Way in a couple of weeks, which leaves two for accommodation to be found. We are in discussions with Social Services over one of these and we are desperately looking for accommodation for the last resident who wants to stay in Severn Beach – no joy so far. I am happy to say that generally speaking the residents who have moved seem to be happy with their new homes and the level of support we have provided. In the meantime, we have started to move in temporary licensees via a lettings agency called Ad Hoc Guardians. This is to offer security for the remaining residents and to prevent vandalism/crime etc. All the temporary residents have been CRB checked and are employed.

Currently there is no plan for this building, although after Parish Council consultation I have informed Merlin there is a local shortage of one and two bedroom accommodation.

Bilsham Lane, Northwick – After the very satisfactory rhine clearing by Mr. John Taylor and South Glos. Streetcare. I have had a request for two bollards on the left hand sharp bend in Bilsham Lane going towards Ingst. At this point, the road has an adverse camber and the drainage Ditch is roadside. Ref: 11460

Abandoned Horses – Two animals are on Tesco's land beside their distribution centre. After I was told, I met with the Shift Manager and we agreed his company would have them removed. 23 more horses are now near the gas tanks again on Western Approaches. This has been reported to the relevant authorities. I hope the horses do not have to winter there.

Wind Turbines at Ingst – The Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council had a presentation on the proposed Wind Farm at Ingst (planning application reference PT12/4071/F) by the Energy Co-operative (BEC). The main point of local interest was that permission for a temporary junction of the M48 has been granted to enable the construction of these turbines. No construction traffic will go along Bilsham Lane.

Mobile Phone use in cars – Even with the current penalty of a £500 fine and 3 points on your licence for using a non-hands free phone in your car many motorists are joining the ½ million drivers who have already been caught.

Nursery Tooth Brushing in Scotland – Since 2001 this principality has spent 1.8 million per year on this group of children's' teeth by encouraging them to clean their teeth regularly. In 2010, the result is a lot less pain for these children and saves 6 million per year in NHS Dental Bills. Let us hope we adopt this practice south of the border. I would encourage and help organisations looking after these children to apply to South Glos. Area Forums for Positive Activities Grant etc. to start their own Tooth Cleaning schemes.

Solar Trade Association - (STA) argues that the ½ million homes fitted with the panels will be less exposed to the energy bill increases that are affecting households across the country. N.B. The Solar Feed in Tariff Income is set to fall from 14.9p per unit to 14.3 on 1st January 2014 for new installations.

Farm Lane, Western Approaches/ Easter Compton – Resurfacing of the final 100 metres on the cycle track, would be appreciated. Passed to Streetcare Ref: 10607.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas, Robert