

PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2012, commencing at 6.30 pm,
in SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS Mr I L Roberts (Chairman), Mrs F C A Barr MBE
PRESENT (10) Mrs N A Chappell, Mrs J A Fennell, Mrs Y Gaulton,
Mr R W Hampson, Mr I W Humphries, Mr A J Lewis,
Mr M D Pruett, Mrs C E Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr R C Griffin (S Glos Councillor) and 6 members of the public (Mrs Gillian Cox of Ableton Lane, Mr Ratib Ahmed, Mr John Kiely, Mrs Jenny Macleod and Mr Lloyd Nethercott, all of Church Road, and Mr Peter Tyzack of Little Green Lane).

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At 6.30 pm Ben Higgins, currently Principal of the NAS Broomhayes School in North Devon, and Jenny Spears of the National Autistic Society, spoke with members regarding plans for the Hayes Farm unit off Pilning Street. The aim is that the Pilning-based service will be a blueprint for the future of specialist schools. This will be achieved by collaboration with local parents, schools and services, to provide expert autism-specific outreach support. The all-encompassing aim will be to prevent placement breakdown in services across the wider region.

The initiative follows approaches by both Bristol City and S Glos Councils. Funding will be provided on an individual basis by the authority from within whose area the occupants originate. Internal work is already underway in refurbishing and altering existing facilities and structures. It is hoped that the building will be available for use by the end of June.

Currently 40% of those in need suffer exclusion, usually due to the lack of available support. This project is aimed at the 10-16 year age group and the unit will cater for up to 12 residents and 8 'day' students. Movements on/off site will be via a mini bus shuttle between Hayes Farm and The Mall. Two senior specialist posts have already been advertised. Other positions will be filled by local recruitment. Members were informed that an open day will be held, thus providing a site-visit opportunity.

(Mrs Gaulton arrived at this time). With no further questions forthcoming, BH and JS were thanked for their attendance and they left the meeting. With the time now almost 6.50 pm it was agreed to start consideration of the regular business of the council.

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1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE
None, all members being present.

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 3rd January 2011 were approved as a true record. 1. CEW 2. YG 8 For, 2 Against: (FCAB - on the basis of an omission that has been rectified under item 7-6, Reports; & IWH – who felt that too little detail was recorded against the item of correspondence listed under “Medical”).

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 - 1 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

Funds collected by Mrs Nicole Bendall were passed to YG. Clerk has since obtained these funds. A total of £2650 has been banked.

3 - 2 Street Furniture & Lighting

The Odd Job Man has replaced the damaged slats on seats along the seawall as well as replacing a slat missing from the seat near the turning into The Glebe.

3 - 3 Elections/Applications for Parish Council

In response to the Community Governance Review, and following a recommendation by FCAB, council to inform S Glos that despite 'noises' from Bristol the southern boundary with the city must be maintained in its present form.

3 - 4 Railways

Council to contribute to the consultation on the Great Western franchise – replacement franchise, by stressing the need to restore the hourly service into SB; and support FoSBR in their quest to open up the Portishead line for passengers, and to improve cross-Bristol services.

3 - 5 Footpaths

JAF and RWH complained of a fence adjacent to the Gorse Cover Road/Beach Avenue footpath being extended over the ditch, thus preventing lawful access to the rear of properties for maintenance purposes.

3 - 6 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

FCAB reported the local Scout group intend to light a beacon on the beach adjacent to Riverside Park.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Allotments

15121.01 Proposals by S Glos re lease of property off Beach Road.

15122.02 Enquiry re vacancies at SB allotments.

15123.03 Rating claim for vacant possession re building at SB allotments.

Audit/Precept

15124.04 Precept acknowledgement and arrangements for payment.

Avon Local Councils' Association

15125.05 Meeting at Cromhall VH, 26th January.

15126.06 Booklet, "How to Shape where You Live" – circulated.

15127.07 Yate TC confirmed as guests at the annual Royal Garden Party.

Building-New Development-Housing

15128.08 Review of parking standards for new houses and flats.

15129.09 Clare Burchall ackn of 'local presumption' in seeking exception zones.

- 15130.10 Clerk/Clerks' Society
The Clerk, January edition – circulated.
- 15131.11 *Clerks & Councils Direct*, November edition – circulated.
- 15132.12 Campaign to Protect Rural England
Field Work, winter 2011 edition - circulated.
- 15133.13 Dog Nuisance
Details of the “Green Dog Walkers” scheme – circulated.
- 15134.14 Elections/Applications for Parish Council
Community Governance Review; comment sought.
- 15135.15 Environment/Conservation
David Villis revives the nature reserve project on foreshore.
- 15136.16 Footpaths
Response from W Bragg re footpath, Gorse Cover/Beach Avenue.
- 15137.17 Health Authority/Care Services
Ben Higgins comments on the future of Hayes Farm.
- 15138.18 Lloyds Bank
Agreement re stopping cheque payable to Mr N O'Neill (001201).
- 15139.19 Local Facilities & Amenities
PT comments on proposals for ‘town green’ at SB.
- 15140.20 Local Industry
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, monthly update.
- 15141.21 Environment Agency report to shareholder group, January edition.
- 15142.22 Magnox report on Oldbury activities, January edition.
- 15143.23 Parish Projects & Related Matters
General comment by D Nethercott re various matters.
- 15144.24 Various parishes comment on plans for Diamond Jubilee.
- 15145.25 Police
Agenda for Safer Stronger Community Group, 12th January.
- 15146.26 Railway
S Glos seek comment on Greater Western rail franchise.
- 15147.27 Friends of Suburban Bristol Railway social event on 29th January.
- 15148.28 Response to report of help point damage at SB Station.
- 15149.29 Roads/Road Signs
Worn road markings at Little Green Lane to be inspected.
- 15150.30 Report by MDP on dead horse on road at Chittening.

Roads/Road Signs (cont)

- 15151.31 Verge overgrowth adjacent to 23 Chessell Avenue to be dealt with.
15152.32 Appraisal of notified road sign problems, Redwick Road/Green Lane.

Schools

- 15153.33 Deed of Easement file now closed by Gregg Latchams.
15154.34 Response by St Peter's Acting Head, P Overton, re road safety issues.

Stationery/Circulars.Books

- 15155.35 "LCR", winter edition – circulated.
15156.36 *furniture@work*, January edition.
15157.37 *furniture@work*, February edition.
15158.38 Running Imp of Lincoln, Jubilee memorabilia brochure.

Street Furniture & Lighting

- 15159.39 Glasdon of Blackpool, product leaflet: dog waste.
15160.40 Glasdon product leaflet: general products.
15161.41 Glasdon news sheet: bins and bollards.
15162.42 Glasdon product brochure: all products.

Village Halls

- 15163.43 Audit of Accounts, Pilning Village Hall, 2010/2011.

Voluntary/Community Groups

- 15164.44 Senior Citizens Forum newsletter, winter 11/12 edition.

Planning

- 15165.45 Support sought for parish involvement in major planning applications.
15166.46 Planning event to be held in Kingswood, March 19th.
15167.47 Delegated decisions, w/e 10th December 2011.
15168.48 Delegated decisions, w/e 17th December 2011.
15169.49 Delegated decisions, w/e 31st December 2011.
15170.50 Delegated decisions, w/e 7th January 2012.
15171.51 Delegated decisions, w/e 14th January 2012.
15172.52 Planning workshop at Chipping Sodbury, 27th February.
15173.53 Jack Lopresti MP unable to support proposals under Sustainable Communities Act re added financial burden upon developers.

Accounts/Donations

- 15174.54 Wright Minimix, concrete supply. Item 5-1 refers.
15175.55 Post Office, phone/internet costs. Item 5-4 refers.
15176.56 Curry, PCW, keyboard connector. Item 5-5 refers.
15177.57 Mr N Pearce, odd jobs, Dec/Jan. Item 5-6 refers.
15178.58 Care for Elderly, attendance allowance. Item 5-7 refers.
15179.59 Mr M Pruet, mileage claim, Yate. Item 5-8 (part) refers.
15180.60 Mr M Pruet, mileage claim, Oldbury. Item 5-8 (part) refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 - 1	£ 450.00	Wright Minimix	Concrete	HA
5 - 2	£ 791.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk's wages (Jan)	112
5 - 3	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 - 4	£ 85.19	Post Office	Phone/Internet costs	111
5 - 5	£ 19.98	Curry/PC World	Keyboard connector	111
5 - 6	£ 88.36	Mr N Pearce	Odd job man	111
5 - 7	£ 99.00	Care for Elderly	Travel expenditure	LGRA
5 - 8	<u>£ 33.80</u>	Mr M Pruett	Travel expenses	174
	<u>£1617.33</u>			

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

- 5 - 1 Highways Act 1980, s36
 5 - 7 Local Government & Rating Act 1997

Items 5-2 to 5-6 inclusive, paid as one cheque.

Bank balance, prior to payments above = **£40,533.11** (interest to December inclusive).

Receipt of VAT refund, 2010/2011 + £3,726.89

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. CEW 2. YG All agreed.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Lloyd Nethercott addressed the meeting, outlining the measures taken to prevent entry onto traveller-owned land to the south of Church Road (to the rear of SB playing field). He stressed the community spirit that had been demonstrated by the concerted action, the willingness of individuals to be involved and their generosity in donating items required to block illegal entry. He thanked the parish council for its contribution of £450, in payment of the bill for premix concrete, used in bedding in the posts and filling in the hollow steel rods. The effort has proved to be worthwhile as there have since been visits by travellers, apparently searching for a means of entering the site. Lloyd was adamant in asserting this should not be seen as a racist stance aimed at travellers, but as a measure aimed at preventing unlawful entry onto a site for which there is no planning consent for habitation. In answer to a question, as a serving Police Officer, LN confirmed the need for members of the public to notify Police of their concerns in respect of travellers blocking the A403 when trap racing, or in regard to illegal encroachment or malicious or criminal acts. With Police numbers currently well down the force is adopting a report-led action policy. Incidents which are reported most are more likely to be dealt than those of which reports are sparse.

Because of fears that entry onto the site can be achieved through the playing field, there is a need for a gap at the south east corner of the ground to be blocked. Mr Blackburn has been tasked with making a gate, cost likely to be around £700. ILR proposed council meet this cost, 8 For, 1 Against (IWH), 1 Abstained (NAC).

Traveller problems in Pilning were also discussed, there having been an influx of travellers onto the Bank Road site. This has led to after-hours drinking at the Cross Hands and general anti-social activity, particularly in the Post Office vicinity. Police were persuaded to attend, following an attempt to enter the Post Office, but arrived after the 'horses had bolted'.

7. AGENDA

7 - 1 Local Major Developments

FCAB professed her distress at the attitude of S Glos regarding development of the Marsh Common site. It has been stated that because so few people are involved S Glos prefer to ignore the problems, hiding behind the 1957 agreement, despite a clear statement that any development within the 200 yard boundary band must be subject to full planning consideration.

7 - 2 Village Halls

YG reported on the AGM, recently held at SB VH. Eighteen persons were in attendance and a new chairman was elected. Council confirmed their willingness to guarantee expenditure on notified safety issues in the play area.

NAC indicated the need for an overhaul of the driveway at Pilning VH. Patching previously carried out is now in disrepair. A quote for relaying the entire surface suggests an outlay of £7,000. IWH to seek other quotes. IWH questioned the status of the storage unit on site. With the Carnival Committee apparently disbanded it would now stand unused. Agreed ultimate responsibility would rest with the parish council. Clerk to obtain keys from committee members.

7 - 3 Travellers

This topic was discussed under Public Participation. However, it appears that an eviction notice has been served on the Bank Road site, aimed at clearing all but the Hearne family from the site. Travellers have been examining the field between the site and St Peter's school and though it was reported that some caravans had been moved onto the Wainbridge Bungalow site, a resident of Vicarage Road has stated there are currently no caravans in the field to the rear of this building.

7 - 4 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

Clerk is to prepare a summary of the finances in respect of sports projects and will distribute this in conjunction with the minutes later in the week. Questioned re the footpath from Bank Road onto the playing field, Clerk confirmed the matter is still under consideration but will check on progress. (RWH left at this time, 8.10 pm)

7 - 5 The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

FCAB voiced her opinion that council should be involved in celebrating the event. YG and MDP protested that council had already decided not to be involved in this celebration for economic reasons. They felt council had agreed only to promote tree planting, where it was possible. IWH supported FCAB in her proposal, 7 For, 2 Against (YG, MDP), 1 Abstained (AJL), that FCAB examine the new catalogue, recently received, and to cost and plan the strategy so that council could consider the likely outlay.

Clerk drew attention to a project to be mounted at St Peter's Church, "A Celebration of Teddy Bears", organised by Pat and Royston Edwardes. Cream teas will be available on Saturday and Sunday and the event will culminate with a Childrens' Teddy Bear Picnic on Tuesday 5th June. It is hoped a Civic Ceremony can be organised for the Sunday. Proposed FCAB, seconded CEW, all agreed, that £200 be donated to this event

7 - 6 Standing Orders

The motions having been duly approved, alterations have been incorporated into the Standing Orders, a copy of which was issued to all members prior to the meeting. Agreed the alterations are in order and now form part of the revised Orders.

7 - 7 Village Matters

Roads/Road Signs – CEW expressed concerns re parking on double yellow lines in Gorse Cover Road. MDP remarked on parking closely adjacent to the calming spurs. Both of these actions create problems for vehicles using the road. YG recorded a Royal Mail proceeding from Northwick Road into Redwick Road on the wrong side of the Memorial. A complaint was registered with Royal Mail and the vehicle photographed – unfortunately the registration could not be identified.

Cemetery/Churches – FCAB reported the gate post of the single gate into Northwick churchyard is broken. Les Liddiatt has kindly removed the gate and broken gate post section to guard against theft. FCAB has contacted Tom Blackburn with a view to making a sleeve to overcome the problem. Spray painting has occurred at the new church on the former school premises.

Environment/Conservation – IWH reported on a diesel spillage into the Pill. RCG is also involved in investigating this matter. NAC voiced an opinion regarding comment included in RCG's report, feeling that some of the criticism is unjustified, both she and Julie Tyzack have previously taken part in 'spring cleaning' events. The parish council is aware of the problem, regularly charging the OJM with clearance initiatives in an effort to keep litter under control.

Dog Nuisance – MDP drew attention to a leaflet advertising 'Green Dog Walking'. This has been circulated to members.

Building-New Development-Housing – YG questioned the status of an extension under construction at 23 Marsh Common. As a replacement garage built on the site of a former garage this is quite in order.

7 - 8 Reports

MARSH COMMON – RCG reported on a useful chat with officers of Tesco. The new development at Marsh Common has no link with Tesco. Light pollution is to be cut down by re-directing the yard lights, hopefully improving conditions for local residents. Broken acoustic fencing is also to be repaired. Officers have carried out a road safety visit to Pilning School, bringing 'hands on' experiences. RCG has recommended that a similar visit is made to SB School.

TRAVELLERS – RCG followed up on earlier reference to the traveller-owned fields alongside Gipsies Plat. Local Development Policy L8 refers to the area as a site of special interest.

OLDBURY POWER STATION – MDP reported on his attendance at the recent Site Stakeholder meeting. He produced a thick sheaf of information on matters atomic but members were generally not in favour of this being circulated.

PARISH CHARTER – MDP attended the Working Group meeting in January. He drew attention to a number of suggestions arising from his attendance. Some parishes are planning to commemorate the Jubilee by renaming a local hall or field. The establishment of a local surgery would allow for members of the public to meet and question councillors. A lapel logo would help to bring names to attention.

