

## PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012, commencing at 6.30 pm,  
in PILNING VILLAGE HALL

COUNCILLORS Mr I L Roberts (Chairman), Mrs F C A Barr MBE,  
PRESENT (8) Mrs N A Chappell, Mrs J A Fennell, Mrs Y Gaulton,  
Mr I W Humphries, Mr M D Pruett, Mrs C E Woodhouse.

Also Present:- J C Rawlinson (Clerk), Mr R C Griffin (S Glos Councillor), and  
1 member of the public (Mr P L Tyzack of Little Green Lane).

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At 6.30 pm Matt Hooper and Pete Thomas, representing the local Scout Group, spoke to members regarding their plans for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. They hope to light a beacon, joining hundreds of others on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. It is hoped 2012 beacons can be lit to celebrate the event and the figure is likely to be easily achieved. The group has previously been involved with lighting a beacon at Dunkery but hopes for a local event this time. They have received permission to set up on the foreshore, marginally south of Station Road. However, with the event not due to commence until 10.00 pm and due to the uneven nature of the ground, they feel the site could prove to be hazardous. Accordingly, they asked whether the beacon could be lit on the open ground to the rear of houses in Beach Road – the former swimming pool site, now owned by the parish council. Their plans would include a number of refreshment stalls, perhaps with other features; all designed to hold the attention of the public until the bonfire is lit. It is not intended that the evening operates as a money-making scheme but any profit made on the night would go toward the purchase of a defibrillator, the current Scout project.

A number of questions were raised, particularly in respect of problems for neighbours who would need to be informed of the event. The fire will be set close to the sea wall at a point furthest from the houses. Turf could be cut away to be replaced later or the site simply watered and reseeded after the event. The Fire Service would have to be informed, though not necessarily be in attendance. An approach has been made to professionals to provide a firework display. The requirement for the base-level display would be £1,000. Scouts are to put £500 forward for this and hope the parish council will match or improve upon this sum.

In general the parish council appears to support this event, subject to all the necessary criteria being met. Agreed to consider financial support later in the evening. Due to an oversight this was not done.

With the time now 6.45 pm, MH and PT left the meeting. PLT arrived at this point.

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**The Chairman asked those present to observe a minute's silence  
as a mark of respect for Marjorie E Leaver, a former resident,  
and Hazel Smyth of Wainbridge Crescent, both recently deceased**

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE  
Mr R W Hampson (hospital), Mr A J Lewis (business commitment).

2. MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were approved as a true record. 1. FCAB 2. NAC All agreed.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

3 – 1 Street Furniture & Lighting

Alison Richards of Streetcare has made contact regarding nuisance caused by youths using the public seat in Redwick Road, by the junction with The Glebe. Residents have registered complaints leading to involvement by the Anti-Social Behaviour Team. Public nuisance is an ongoing problem, tending to occur in various areas according to the current whim of those involved. The seat was recently (partially) repaired and is known to be used occasionally during daylight hours. Felt that council is reluctant to be dictated to by disruptive elements within the community. AR to be notified accordingly.

3 - 2 Footpaths

Agreed a response be made to Mr Bragg of Beach Avenue regarding the points he raised in his recent email letter.

3 - 3 Carnival

Despite rumours to the contrary it again seems unlikely that the Carnival will take place this year. On this basis Clerk is requested to collect the container key.

3 - 4 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

As requested the Clerk prepared a summary of the finances relating to play equipment. A copy of the summary was distributed to all members. A balance of £3,041 is held against future purchases.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

15181.01 Campaign to Protect Rural England  
AGM, 17<sup>th</sup> March at Poole Court.

15182.02 Charities/Representation  
Almondsbury Charity AGM, 28<sup>th</sup> March in Patchway IWH to attend.

15183.03 Clerk/Clerks' Society  
One day courses schedule, March to July.

15184.04 Employment/Opportunities  
Tax code notification for clerk.

15185.05 Environment/Conservation  
"Anglo Saxon Gloucestershire" conference in Cirencester, 21<sup>st</sup> April.  
15186.06 Quote from S Glos consultation paper on biodiversity.  
15187.07 David Villis welcomes support of parish council re wildlife area.  
15188.08 Report on the future of the Heritage Forum.

- 15189.09 Footpaths  
Lindsay Saunders confirms ownership of Beach Avenue footpath.
- 15190.10 Local Facilities & Amenities  
Enquiry re land ownership, area at entrance to Seawall Farm Park.
- 15191.11 Medical  
Concerns re entrance to surgery under consideration by David Swift.
- 15192.12 Police  
Minutes of Safer Stronger Community Group meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> January.  
15193.13 Safer Stronger Community Group meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> March in Patchway.
- 15194.14 Railways  
FoSBR group meeting in Redland, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012.  
15195.15 Our comment to be included in response to franchise consultation.
- 15196.16 Roads/Road Signs  
Response re parking on double yellow lines at Gorse Cover Road, SB.
- 15197.17 Sevenside Development  
Proposed stopping up of Farm Lane, Sevenside.
- 15198.18 South Gloucestershire Council  
Minutes of Parish Charter Group meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> Jan in Doddington.
- 15199.19 South Glos Internal Drainage Board  
Comment by RCG re Gorse Cover Road drainage ditch.  
15200.20 Board do not require access for ditch above.
- 15201.21 Stationery/Circulars/Books  
S Glos Council 'Business Directory'.  
15202.22 *Furniture@Work* booklet.
- 15203.23 Street Furniture & Lighting  
Enquiry by Alison Richards re bench at The Glebe.
- 15204.24 Travellers  
Agreement re funding of illegal entry prevention measures.  
15205.25 Comment by RCG re traveller activity.
- 15206.26 Utilities - Electricity  
Somerset Alliance Against Pylons comment re 'undergrounding'.  
15207.27 National Grid "Project News", circulated door-to-door.  
15208.28 NG schedule of meetings of local forums during March.
- 15209.29 Voluntary/Community Groups  
S Glos Deaf Association newsletter, March 2012.

Voluntary/Community Groups (cont)

- 15210.30 Rural Network initiative on fuel purchases.  
 15211.31 Celebrating Carers Event, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

Planning

- 15212.32 Neighbourhood Planning event, 19<sup>th</sup> March in Kingswood.  
 15213.33 Confirmed caravan at Pilning School is non-residential.

Accounts/Donations

- 15214.34 Post Office, postage stamps. Item 5-3 refers.  
 15215.35 FoSBR, annual subscription. Item 5-4 refers.  
 15216.36 Mr N Pearce, odd job man. Item 5-5 refers.  
 15217.37 BWBSL, water rates for Bank Road. Item 5-6 refers.  
 15218.38 S Glos Council, booking fee, SB School. Item 5-7 refers.  
 15219.39 Pilning Forge, gate for SB playing fields. Item 5-8 refers.  
 15220.40 Crime stoppers request. Proposed MDP, seconded YG, 7 For, 1  
 Against (FCAB), that £50 be donated.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

5 - 1	£ 791.00	J C Rawlinson	Clerk's wages (Feb)	112
5 - 2	£ 50.00	J C Rawlinson	Petrol allowance	111
5 - 3	£ 7.20	Post Office	Postage stamps	111
5 - 4	£ 20.00	FoSBR	Subscription	143
5 - 5	£ 67.98	Mr N Pearce	Odd job man	111
5 - 6	£ 38.53	BWBSL	Water supply	SHAA
5 - 7	£ 35.00	S Glos	Booking fee (SB School)	111
5 - 8	£ 750.00	Pilning Forge	Gate at SB fields	LGMP
5 - 9	£ 50.00	Mr & Mrs Collins	Toilet keyholder	PHA
5 - 10	£ 50.00	Crime Stoppers	Donation	137
	<u>£1859.71</u>			

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

- 5 - 6 Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, s26  
 5 - 8 )Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19  
 5 - 9 Public Health Act 1936, s87

Items 5-1 to 5-6 inclusive, paid as one cheque.

Bank balance, prior to payments above = **£42,642.67** (interest to December inclusive).

Accounts above were approved for payment. 1. NAC 2. CEW All agreed.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None requested.

## 7. AGENDA

### 7 – 1 Local Major Developments

MDP informed members that Farm Way is replaced by the new path. Placed alongside GKN the path will cost £80,000. Feared there could be problems for horse riders due to its proximity to the motorway. Reference to the placement of the path was correctly made in the *Evening Post* and the *Gazette*. CEW felt compelled to complain to Radio Bristol who reported the development as being in Easter Compton.

### 7 - 2 Village Halls/Playing Fields

IWH has contacted firms regarding repairs to the village hall drive. Larger companies will only consider full replacement rather than patching. Agreed 2 further quotes should be obtained before a decision is made.

### 7 - 3 Youth Activities/Playgrounds

Mrs Jenny Macleod has reported that the youth bus will not be allowed into the village hall car park. Scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, its arrival coincides with Bingo night, attended by many elderly residents who need the spaces in the car park. They are the 'paying guests' who provide the income the hall relies on. The bus provides a service for youngsters but no financial support for the hall.

### 7 – 4 The Future of Village Halls

Following on from ideas put forward by Mr Doug Nethercott, the future of local village halls was considered. Council has no say in the future development (or demise) of the hall at SB and it was indicated that the hall at Pilning was subject to conditions laid out in the property deeds. However, as IWH pointed out that would not prevent the council, as trustees of the land, building a new hall and considering the fate of the current building at a later time. ILR, who has spoken with DN earlier today, produced a presentation document "Village and Community Halls", obtained through Sport England. This is to be circulated.

### 7 - 5 Queen's Diamond Jubilee

FCAB spoke firstly of the 'Celebration of Teddy Bears', scheduled for St Peter's Church. FCAB has been asked to help. She asked that all members provide a teddy for the display. Members are invited to the Civic Service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, commencing at 10.00 am. This will be followed by an outside ceremony at Severn Beach School at 11.30 am. A picnic will follow – in the hall if the weather is bad.

Following on from some negative comment, FCAB has investigated the provision of mugs for local children, rather than the medallions originally considered. These will cost around £2 each. Estimates suggest 557 may be required. Agreed 650 will be purchased. Proposed IH, seconded FCAB, 7 For, 1 Against (MDP), that FCAB goes ahead and orders.

### 7 - 6 Allotments

Discussed earlier in the meeting, it was agreed to contact Chris Cox, the Valuation Team Leader. Proposals by CC include: the lease to be increased from 10 to 20 years; rent to be reduced to £500 per annum; break clauses at 5 year intervals.

7 - 6 Allotments (cont)

Charges re the above alterations are expected to be in the region of £6-£800. All of the above is acceptable, subject to the level of charges being queried. Main consideration was of the final point, an arrangement for the pavilion. Agreed that if the rent is reduced the parish council could reasonably pay the rates should the pavilion be brought into use. Quoted at around £450, application by a charitable organisation (ie village hall) could result in up to 90% reduction. Charges for electricity use could be covered by metering. Water charges are already met by the parish council. If the pavilion were to be used it would be conditional firstly, upon the lounge being locked and only opened for use as a venue for association meetings. Secondly, if any damage were to occur the parish council would close the property, being unwilling to be involved in any expenditure in this respect.

1. FCAB, 2. YG, 6 For, 2 Against (NAC, IWH), to proceed on this basis.

7 - 7 Village Matters

**Trees/Tree Planting** – NAC asked whether the offer of free trees with a plaque had been followed up – a tree to be provided for both local schools. Clerk apologised for a lack of action, having no memory of such a matter being raised. He is to search through the magazines to see if this can be followed up.

**Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill** – There was some concern over safety aspects of the litter collection along A403. Mr Pearce was seen carrying out the task recently and he appeared to be rather vulnerable to passing traffic. Agreed the OJM would in future not be asked to carry out this operation along this major road. There is currently a litter problem on Gorse Cover Road. ILR drew attention to the type of rubbish currently stored in the A403 ‘wood yard’ S Glos have been informed.

**Roads/Road Signs** – IWH complained that ‘Keep Clear’ markings need to be re-painted at Pilning traffic lights. The ‘No Parking’ sign on the seawall at the end of Station Road has been painted over and needs reinstating.

**Dog Nuisance** – Attention was drawn to continuing problems in Station Road and Redwick Road. Clerk confirmed that anyone knowing the identity of an irresponsible owner could report to the dog warden and still remain anonymous. The warden would issue a warning as to future behaviour.

**Severn Vale Area Forum** – FCAB reported the forum will meet on Wednesday this week. She will be unable to attend unless transport can be provided. Eye treatment that day will render her unfit to drive.

**River, Seawall & Environs** – MDP queried the continued use by Laing of the area beneath the new bridge. PLT provided a explanation of the ‘disputed’ occupation of the site; Laing claiming rights under the Second Severn Crossing Bill, S Glos claiming no rights under planning law. Both parties are working toward an agreement which could possibly lead to the compound being placed in the grounds of the former Visitor Centre, the site to be landscaped. JAF questioned the graffiti on the bridge caissons. Whilst S Glos have a duty to clean-off in public places they usually only act in cases of ‘obscenity’.

**Planning** – despite S Glos claims to the contrary the ‘games room’ at Mayburn Villa is now a residence with showers. Neighbours despair of the situation and are to plant along the border - also introducing a cockerel to their poultry flock. Council confirmed their support for any application by Mr Kiely of Church Road (he is aware of this) but cannot offer anything tangible until an application is submitted.

