

## PILNING & SEVERN BEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012, commencing at 6.30 pm,  
in SEVERN BEACH School

COUNCILLORS Mr I L Roberts (Chairman), Mrs F C A Barr MBE  
PRESENT (6) Mrs N A Chappell, 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 6 members of the public (Mr Colin Brickell of School Way, Miss Abby Elliott-Taylor of Beach Road, Mr Gregory & Mrs Kathleen Heath of Gorse Cover Road, Mr Ian Humphries of Marsh Common Road and Alderman P L Tyzack of Little Green Lane).

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At 6.30 pm Mr Gareth Phillips, Planning Manager (South) of SITA UK, presented details of proposals for the Energy Recovery Centre at Severnside. The unit will deal with non-recyclable waste. The process is designed to generate heat and electricity. The grant of an Environmental Permit allows for operation on a daily, strictly controlled basis. It is intended that the proposed Spine Road will eventually link with the warehouse area on Gazeley land. This would become the designated A03, thus easing traffic adjacent to SB, although this might well be wishful thinking, those who know the area still, perhaps, using the original route.

Rail tracks are still in place, though last used in 1993. Subject to testing and (probably) wholesale sleeper replacement there is no reason why the rail facility should not be suitable for use. Trains would operate at night, when the passenger service is not running. The train would comprise 26 wagons, each carrying 3 waste containers. Two overhead gantries will carry out the unloading operation, each train coming in full and leaving with empty containers. All containers will be emptied inside the building. Whilst signal upgrading will be required (and 2 extra tracks would be installed within the complex), refurbishing the rail system would cost around £5 million. Whilst a considerable sum, in the context of around £200 million for the entire scheme it is a manageable amount.

Cleansing operations will be carried out within the building, a 118 metre high stack will deal with nitrous oxide and sulphur dioxide emissions. The height of the stack has been precisely arrived at by reference to local conditions, including current proposals for other local development. The protected habitat - and the nature of the Severn estuary - has a strong influence in this process. The only output into the estuary will be surface water, disposal through newly installed pipe work. A series of ponds to the front of the complex will form part of the natural drainage system.

With the time now 7.05 pm the Chairman thanked Mr Phillips for his input.

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*A letter of resignation was received from Mr Roger W Hampson. He is temporarily moving out of the area so that he and his wife may care for her 90 year old mother, now unable to care for herself. RWH has been a member of council since being elected in May 2011.*

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE  
Mrs J A Fennell, Mrs Y Gaulton and Mr A J Lewis (business commitment).

**The Chairman asked those present to observe a minute's silence  
as a mark of respect for  
(Richard) John Duffety of Salthouse Farm Park and  
Ray K Vowles of Redwick Road, both recently deceased**

- 2a MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING  
The minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were agreed as a true record.  
1. CEW    2. FCAB    All agreed.
- 2b MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
Clerk read through the minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012. They were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. ACTION/RELATED MATTERS

- 3 - 1 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Jubilee mugs were issued on 26<sup>th</sup> May. More than 200 mugs are still held, NAC, MDP and ILR to be issued with a box to distribute to those still making enquiries. ILR expressed the opinion that had council been willing to issue mugs to those few children who attended local schools but did not live in the parish, much effort could have been saved by issuing mugs directly to the schools. Perhaps this would be the most effective way to go in future. Agreed to contact the relevant parties to congratulate them on their efforts in successfully organising events.

- 3 - 2 Trees/Tree Planting

ILR and CEW met Andy Clarke, Chief Enforcement Officer to discuss the problems at the wood yard in Church Road. S Glos Council are to install a hydrant at the site, following the problems that arose following the recent fire. Mr Clarke suggested that the planning authority had, perhaps, been mistaken in allowing this development to progress in the way it had. Ash resulting from the fire has now been cleared, apparently into the ditch.

- 3 - 3 Travellers

Despite contact with S Glos Council and Mr Babbage, there is as yet no response to the request for a meeting on-site.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Allotments  
15361.01 Allotment Association newsletter (including info re greenhouses).

Audit/Precept  
15362.02 Grant Thornton appointed to replace Mazar for future audits.

- Bus Services, Shelters & Signs  
15363.03 4T & VLC Transport, agenda for meeting on 21 June.
- Clerk/Clerks' Society  
15364.04 Advertisement for Clerk to cost £1141 + VAT – rejected.  
15365.05 Display box ad for vacancy to cost £463 + VAT – accepted.
- Campaign to Protect Rural England  
15366.06 Annual Report, 2011 – circulated.  
15367.07 Open Day at Long Ashton VH, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 11 am to 3 pm.  
15368.08 Avonside branch AGM, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July at Poole Court, Yate.
- Elections/Applications for Parish Council  
15369.09 Letter of resignation from Mr R W Hampson.  
15370.10 Mr Lloyd Nethercott expresses his interest in joining the council.  
15371.11 Mr Ian Humphries expresses his interest in joining the council.  
15372.12 S Glos confirm 11<sup>th</sup> as cut off day before co-option process can begin.
- Environment/Conservation  
15373.13 Agenda for Enviro Link meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> June in Rockhampton VH.
- Footpaths  
15374.14 Comment on bridleway near Farm Lane; detail accepted by council.
- Grass Cutting  
15375.15 Streetcare apologise for delays to grass cutting service.  
15376.16 PLT comments on further grass cutting problems.
- Local Facilities & Amenities  
15377.17 Active Family Club being set up by S Glos Council.  
15378.18 Armed Forces Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, in Kingswood Park.
- Local Industry  
15379.19 Govt economies - plutonium stocks to be used as mixed oxide fuel.
- Marsh Common  
15380.20 Comment from PLT re development proposals at Marsh Common.  
15381.21 PLT expresses regret at the lenient attitude of S Glos Council re above.
- Police  
15382.22 Minutes of SSC group meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 – circulated.  
15383.23 Safer Stronger Communities meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> June in SB School.
- Stationery/Circulars/Books  
15384.24 LCR, summer 2012 edition – circulated.
- Street Furniture & Lighting  
15385.25 Press release: proposals to reduce street light energy costs – circulated.

Trees/Tree Planting

15386.26 Fire in wood storage yard at Xander Park.

Utilities – Electricity

15387.27 Latest round of meetings re Hinkley connection programme.  
 15388.28 Further schedule of meetings re Hinkley, in July.  
 15389.29 *Project News*, summer edition with supplement - circulated.

Village Halls

15390.30 DZ Architecture prepare for survey of Pilning VH.

Voluntary/Community Groups

15391.31 June newsletter, S Glos Deaf Association.

Waste Dumping/Disposal/Landfill

15392.32 Gareth Phillips of Sita wishes to meet with parish council.

Planning

15393.33 Delegated decisions, w/e 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012.  
 15394.34 Delegated decisions, w/e 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012.  
 15395.35 Delegated decisions, w/e 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012.  
 15396.36 Delegated decisions, w/e 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012.  
 15397.37 Delegated decisions, w/e 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

Accounts/Donations

15398.38 John Shaw, internal audit. Item 5-3 refers.  
 15399.39 Bristol Locksmiths, padlocks for SB allotments. Item 5-4 refers.  
 15400.40 Open Spaces Society, affiliation fee. Item 5-5 refers.  
 15401.41 Avonmouth Signs, 'close the gate' signs. Item 5-6 refers.  
 15402.42 Mastelvision, copy of Diamond Jubilee film. Item 5-7 refers.  
 15403.43 Mr N Pearce, odd jobs (Apr/May). Item 5-8 refers.  
 15404.44 B W B S L, water rates at SB allotments. Item 5-9 refers.  
 15405.45 SB Mother & Toddler group. Item 5-10 refers.  
 15406.46 Friends of Severn Beach School. Item 5-11 refers.  
 15407.47 A&T Bristol, tarmac at Pilning VH. Item 5-12 refers.  
 15408.48 Mr & Mrs Collins, toilet keyholder. Item 5-13 refers.  
 15409.49 M J Fisher, grass cutting. Item 5-14 refers.  
 15410.50 R G Kirby, repairs at Pilning Cemetery. Item 5-15 refers.

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT

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

5 - 3 Audit Commission Act 1998, s3  
 5 - 4, 9 Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, s26  
 5 - 6 Highways Act 1980  
 5 -12 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19  
 5 -13 Public Health Act 1936, s87  
 5 -14 (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979, s19  
 (Public Health Act 1875, s164

5. ACCOUNTS for PAYMENT (cont)

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|------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------|
| 5-1  | £ 791.00        | J C Rawlinson     | Clerk's wages (May)       | 112  |
| 5-2  | £ 50.00         | J C Rawlinson     | Petrol allowance          | 111  |
| 5-3  | £ 85.00         | John Shaw         | Internal audit            | ACA  |
| 5-4  | £ 37.00         | Br Locksmiths     | Padlocks                  | SHAA |
| 5-5  | £ 40.00         | Open Spaces       | Subscription              | 142  |
| 5-6  | £ 18.00         | Avonmouth Signs   | Gate signs                | HA   |
| 5-7  | £ 30.00         | Mastelevision     | Jubilee DVD               | 111  |
| 5-8  | £ 112.50        | Mr N Pearce       | Odd jobs                  | 111  |
| 5-9  | £ 39.84         | B W B S L         | Water – allotments        | SHAA |
| 5-10 | £ 200.00        | SB M&T            | Donation                  | 137  |
| 5-11 | £ 100.00        | Friends SB School | Donation                  | 137  |
| 5-12 | £9870.00        | A&T Bristol       | Tarmac                    | LGMP |
| 5-13 | £ 50.00         | Mr & Mrs Collins  | Toilet keyholder          | PHA  |
| 5-14 | £ 750.00        | M J Fisher        | Grass cutting             | *    |
| 5-15 | £ 450.00        | R Kirby           | Fence at Pilning cemetery | 214  |
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Items 5-1 to 5-9 inclusive, paid as one cheque.

Receipts (unlisted to date)

£28,000.00 First precept instalment

£ 1,294.35 VAT r/f, 2011/2012

Bank balance, prior to council payments above = **£72,699.88** (interest to March incl).

The accounts above were approved for payment.

1. CEW 2. FCAB All agreed.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Kathleen Heath of Gorse Cover Road spoke of a neighbour's planning application for an extension. Mrs Heath believes that if granted the application will have detrimental effects upon their property and their lives in general. Council expressed sympathy with Mrs Heath. Comment on the proposals are due for submission and views strongly support Mrs Heath's concerns, though as was pointed out, the planning authority do not always share the views of the parish council.

7. AGENDA7-1 Local Major Developments

See page 1 of these minutes for info re Sita development.

7-2 Village Halls

IWH reported on problems that have arisen through the use of the playing field by 'The Way Gym', under the tag of "Pilning Boot Camp". Those involved are using junior play equipment in part of their fitness regime. Whilst the field is available for use by all, the play equipment is specifically provided for youngsters and will not survive aggressive use by youths/adults, nor is such use covered for insurance purposes. 'TWG' to be contacted re the leader's unpleasant attitude toward IWH.

7 - 3 Playgrounds/Youth Activities

Nothing to report.

7 - 4 Allotments

Following comment at the May meeting, information governing use of greenhouses at SB allotments was agreed with the allotment association. This info has been incorporated in an association newsletter which has been distributed to all of the leaseholders at SB. It was confirmed the decision reached in Item 7-6, minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> March, and that reached in Item 7-4, minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> May need to be seen in isolation from each other. The March decision to identify the costs involved in allowing use of the clubhouse is still valid. The May decision that the clubhouse remains locked and unused for now, is also valid – until such time as a good case can be advanced for opening it up for use.

7 - 5 Village Matters

**Medical** – RCG confirmed the success of the riverside events on Monday evening. The Scout group raised around £1,200 towards the purchase of a defibrillator. ILR confirmed his wish to donate £100 from his honorarium. Proposed NAC, seconded CEW, 5 For, 1 Abstained (IWH) that council donate a further £200 towards this project. This would allow for the immediate purchase of the machine.

**Building - New Developments – Housing** – CEW queried a decision by Merlin to demolish ‘Cornish’ style bungalows in SB, and asked what is the fate of other similar homes?

**Website/IT** – NAC questioned the status of the ‘facebook’ entry that has appeared under the name of the parish council. Clerk no longer deals with the council website, copies of minutes being transmitted to MDP for publication. MDP suggested the facebook entry set up by him was a natural progression and published only information relating to council matters. Any personal comment is advertised as being so. By its nature the entry is open to comment by members of the public. ILR agreed to log-on and assess the content.

**River, Seawall & Environs** – MDP asked for an update re parking on the seawall at the end of Station Road. Clerk to follow up.

7 - 6 Reports

**RIVER, SEAWALL & ENVIRONS** - RCG stated that despite the recent actions there are again more than 40 horses grazing the fields. A number are also back on the foreshore. He also confirmed that officially water quality in the Severn is higher than for many years. Despite this assurance none present expressed any enthusiasm for swimming therein!

**MARSH COMMON** – RCG confirmed that he also is dissatisfied with the attitude of S Glos Council re proposals for warehouse development.

**FOOTPATHS** – RCG advised members that a recent programme had led to the re-surfacing of the cycling track in the Northwick area. Whilst repairs were needed he hoped that other local projects were not now deprived of their funding.

