

Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council

Meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2013 at 7pm at Pilning Village Hall, Pilning

COUNCILLORS (9) Mr I L Roberts(Chairman), Mrs J A Fennell, Mrs N Chappell, Mr Ivor Humphries, Mrs C E Woodhouse, Mr Ian Humphries, Mr Ivor Humphries & Mr K Weeks

Also Present: - Mrs Victoria Bywater (Clerk), Mr Richard Jones, Mr John Adams, Ms Jill Fysh, Mr Norman Pearce and Mr R Griffin

The Chairman asked those present to observe a minute's silence for Miss Muriel Olive late of Northwick, Mr Frederick Hobbs of Redwick, Mr Ray Sheerman of Salt House Farm, Mr Ken Griffin of Redwick Road, Pilning and Mr Andrew Teakel of Pilning as a mark of respect for all recently deceased.

Item Number	Details	Action By
2013-09-1 Apologies for absence	Apologies were received from FCAB & AL.	
2013 -09-2 Declarations of Interest	KW- Allotment Association Treasurer	
2013-09-3 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 st of July 2013 had been previously circulated in the most part by email. The minutes of the meeting of 1 st of July 2013 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by JF and seconded by NC. All agreed	
2013-09-4 Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After considerable effort, the vanity unit at Pilning Village Hall is complete • Letter sent to Redrow regarding owl and bat boxes – no response received so far • VB contacted S.Glos regarding the wording to go on the play equipment. As yet, no response • Emergency contact list was distributed but as yet not returned • Letter sent to Merlin Housing Association – receipt was received by no formal response as yet. VB to write to Merlin again chasing up a response and asking when the felled tree is to be replaced • Response received from Highways Agency regarding fencing on the A403 saying they will investigate the problem • Letter sent to S.Glos regarding the siting of the pollution monitors. Response received stating the sites are appropriate as they must be attached to a structure and not a lamp post 	VB
2013-09-5 Correspondence	Please see Appendix A - Attached Donation request from Severn Beach Playgroup – VB to ask them to provide more information on what they would like the donation for and to clarify what the donation last year was spent on Donation request from Over 50's Forum - £50.00 Proposed by CW, seconded by NC Public meeting arranged by Almondsbury Parish Council agreed to be a joint meeting on the 19 th of September at Easter Compton Village Hall. As many Parish Councillors to attend as possible. Robert Griffin advised the meeting that there is a meeting on the 30 th of	VB ALL

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	October where the legal department of South Gloucestershire Council will advise residents on the legal position of the 1957 Agreement.	
2013-09-6 Accounts for Payment	Please see Appendix B – Attached. Proposed by NC, seconded by KW. All agreed. NC questioned the position regarding the tennis court. NC proposed Rowe French to hold a key for the lock to the tennis court as she had done in the past and had indicated she was happy to do again, seconded by JF, all agreed. MP to give Rowe French the key. Mr Norman Pearce clarified that the weed killer he was able to obtain had not been strong enough to kill the weeds on the tennis court so had asked Mr Mike Fisher to contact VB for permission to weed kill the tennis courts and the tarmac in the car park.	MP
2013-09-7 Public Participation	Mr Norman Pearce – he thanked NC & IvorH for their swift attendance at the Pilning Playing field following the arrival of members of the travelling community. He asked if there was anything further that could be done regarding security and if the legal position regarding members of the travelling community could be clarified. NC responded advising that no more could be done regarding the security. Ms Jill Fysh – 1) request for the siting of a lockable store for tools at the SB allotment site and the removal of the unused rain shelter 2) request for a more suitable plan for the grass cutting at the SB allotment site 3) she questioned whether an inspection of the allotment site had been carried out and if so what action is being taken against those not working their site 4) request for the removal of the bonfire on the site. IR responded suggesting the questions were answered under Allotments later in the agenda. VB to contact FCAB regarding the bonfire on site.	VB
2013-09-8 New Business	<u>1. Local Major Developments</u> – Westgate Development had been discussed earlier in the agenda <u>2. Village Halls/Playing Fields</u> a) Severn Beach Village Hall – In View Magazine have moved premises to Salthouse Farm b) Pilning Village Hall – NC requested a new coat of paint on the rain shelter on the Pilning Playing Field. VB to ask Mr Norman Pearce to paint the rain shelter <u>3. Allotments</u> – After discussion, JF proposed to add the allotment site grass cutting to the grass cutting contract for a period of one year, seconded by NC, carried NC reported the theft of produce and the use of green houses as clubs. KW advised the produce theft had been dealt with. IvorH suggested a new sign to be erected on the site saying ‘Private Property’. VB to organise the siting of the new sign. IR asked if the Parish Council was now happy to go ahead with the demolition of the former rugby pavilion. VB to obtain three quotes for the demolition of the rugby pavilion <u>4. Cemeteries</u> – NC requested VB contact Mr Mike Fisher again regarding the church path and the overgrown nettles. VB to contact Mr Mike Fisher	VB VB VB VB

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	<p>with some urgency as the school children will be using the path. NC further requested the church to be contacted regarding the overgrown ivy. VB to contact the church. NC questioned when the ground levels are being raised at the Pilning cemetery site. VB asked to contact the families of the people buried at the site asking them to respond giving their permission to move the headstones and raise the ground level. FCAB to give contact details to VB. NC further questioned the hedge cutting at Northwick Tower. VB to contact Mr Les Liddiatt to ask if this has been done. IR offered to re-varnish the doors on the Tower.</p> <p><u>5.Village Matters</u> JF asked if it is legal for residents to sell cars on the grassed area of the A403. IvorH responded saying it is possibly a police matter but difficult to enforce. JF also reported the continued use of the Sea Wall by cyclists. JF questioned where she could get a copy of the footpaths for the Parish. VB to give JF the contact details of S.Glos footpaths department. IanH asked if it is legal for many cyclists to cycle three or four abreast on the road. VB to find out legal position. IvorH asked if VB could write to British Rail asking for the rhine to be cleared of debris before the winter to help to prevent flooding. VB to write to British Rail. Ivor H also asked if the speed watch person could be asked to take a position along the A403. Robert Griffin responded advising this is not thought a suitable place for the speed watch patrol. IvorH also asked for an update on the woodpile site. IR responded informing the meeting that three-days-notice is required for an inspector to inspect the site. KW asked for clarification on the electrification of the railway. IvorH responded advising that this is likely to be along the rail lines themselves and not overhead. CW questioned whether the new bus route to SB replaced the existing one. NC responded advising it is in addition to the existing route. CW also questioned the huge increase in number of cars outside the doctor's surgery in Pilning. IvorH advised of local building works. IR reported he and VB had delivered 1700 leaflets including the Western Approaches development in relation to the village hall development. Some replies have been received. IanH suggested the parish council write to GKN asking for a donation. IR suggested the addition on bollards on the sea wall to prevent illegal parking. IR reported on a meeting held on Gypsy Platt regarding a fence and the bridlepath that he, CW, FCAB and VB had attended. IR read various letters and emails regarding Gypsy Platt. IR reported that he, CW, IvorH and NC along with Jeff Rawlinson will be attending the footpath enquiry on 3rd September 2013. IR further reported the Indian Church opening weekend from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September 2013.</p> <p><u>6.Super-fast broadband</u> – KW asked to investigate if Pilning & Severn Beach could be included on the superfast broadband upgrades.</p>	<p>VB VB FCAB/ VB VB IR VB VB VB</p>
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	<p><u>7.Reports</u> <u>Report from Robert Griffin – Please see Appendix C</u></p> <p>VB asked if the Parish Council would like to take advantage of space in the InView magazine to raise the profile of the work of the Parish Council. VB given permission to write a bullet-point article on the subjects covered by the meeting.</p> <p>NC reported the winners of the Flower Show competitions sponsored by the Parish Council were as follows – Best front garden SB – Joe Nemeth Best front garden Pilning – Mr Nunn Best allotment SB – Albert George Best allotment Pilning – Jill Fysh</p>	VB
<p>2013-09-9 Planning</p>	<p><u>Comments of PC sent to S Glos. Council via website</u> PT13/2545/F Former Focus Distribution Centre, Western Approach Distribution Park – OBJECT PT13/2461/F Land at Rookery Lane, Pilning – OBJECT PT13/2474/F Severn Beach Scouts, 18 Redwick Road, Pilning – SUPPORT but noted not near Northwick Tower PT13/2908/F 2 School Way, SB – OBJECT PT13/2897/F Former St Peters Primary School (Erection of 2m fence and new vehicular access) – OBJECT to fence Section 116 – Stopping up of highway outside former Redwick & Northwick School – No comment</p> <p><u>Decisions by S Glos. Council</u> PT13/1627/F 10 Keens Grove, Pilning - Erection of first floor side extension to form additional living accommodation – Permit PT13/1505/F Queens Lodge, New Passage – Erection of single storey side extension to existing outbuilding – Approve with conditions PT13/2316/F 3 Northwick Road, Pilning – New vehicular access onto Northwick Road & erection of entrance gates – Approved with conditions PT13/2291/F 98 Gorse Cover Road, SB – Conversion of part of existing garage & erection of rear conservatory – Permit PT13/132316/F 3 Northwick Road, Pilning – Creation of new vehicular access onto Northwick Road and erection of gates - Permit</p> <p><u>Sites Inspection Sub-Committee Visit</u> PT13/1195F St Peters Primary School 1B Bank Road – 19th July 2013 at 9.50am on site</p> <p><u>Certificate of Lawful Use or Development</u> PT13/2234/CLP ADC (Bristol) Ltd – Erection of single story side extension</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Monday 7th October 2013 at Severn Beach School, Severn Beach THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED</p>	VB

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APPENDIX A – CORRESPONDENCE

Date Received	Received by	Details	ACTION
02.07.13	Email	S.Glos Parish Matters – agenda 9 th July 2013 Parish Charter Working Group	Circulated
02.07.13	Email	S.Glos Parish Matters – Changes to council tax reduction scheme	Circulated
02.07.13	Email	S.Glos Press Release – Councillors confirm buyer for Conygre House, Filton	Circulated
03.07.13	Email	Healthwatch, S.Glos	Circulated
03.07.13	Post	Clerks & Councils Direct	Circulated
03.07.13	Email	Planning enforcement news – June 2013	Circulated
03.07.13	Email	S.Glos Press Release – Local building projects praised in regional excellence awards	Circulated
03.07.13	Email	Notice of closure of SORT IT!* centres on Tuesday 23 rd July 2013 at Thornbury	Circulated
04.07.13	Email	Response from Martin King of Avon & Somerset Police Constabulary following letter of thanks to him for all the efforts of the police in respect of the Playing Field incident.	Circulated
04.07.13	Post	Information on Jack Lopresti MP for Filton & Bradley Stoke	VB displayed on notice boards
04.07.13	Post	Information on consultation of the local council tax reduction scheme	Poster displayed on the notice boards & main document circulated to Cllrs
04.07.13	Post	S.Glos Over Fifties Forum Newsletter 2013	Circulated
04.07.13	Email	Agenda for Policy & Resources Committee on Fri 12 th July 2013 at 1pm, Kingswood	Circulated
04.07.13	Email	Agenda for Children & Young People committee on Monday 8 th July 2013 – amended	Circulated
04.07.13	Email	Agenda for S.Glos Local Strategic Partnership, Thurs 11 th July 2013 at 2pm, Kingswood	Circulated
04.07.13	Email	Open Spaces Open Day at Dales Farm, 28 th July 2013 10-4	Circulated
08.07.13	Email	E-bulletin NALC	Circulated
08.07.13	Email	NALC – A New Future : developing the strategy	Circulated
09.07.13	Email	Cancellation of meeting of Children & Young People Committee on 24 th July 2013	Circulated
09.07.13	Email	Agenda for S.Glos Council Wed 17 th July 2013 at 7pm, Kingswood	Circulated
09.07.13	Email	Online seminar – The data protection act 1998: An Introduction	Circulated
09.07.13	Email	Environmental Grant deadline – 14 th August 2013	Circulated
09.07.13	Email	Parish Matters – Good Councillors Guide 4 th edition link	Circulated
09.07.13	Email	Further information on the NALC consultation	Circulated
09.07.13	Email	Petition for Amendment of the National Policy Planning Policy Framework	Circulated
10.07.13	Post	Flyers on Safer Stronger Group meeting on Wednesday 31 st July 2013 – 7-9pm at Easter Compton Village Hall	VB displayed on notice boards
10.07.13	Email	Agenda for Development Control (West) Sites Inspection Sub Committee 19 July 2013 at 9.30am, Thornbury	Circulated
11.07.13	Email	Landscape Services	Circulated
11.07.13	Email	S.Glos Press Release – final area set for part-night lighting switch	Circulated
12.07.13	Email	Bristol City Council Site Allocations & Development Management Policies March 2013 submission inspection statement	Circulated
15.07.13	Email	Update paper – City Deal Growth Incentive Proposals agenda for Council Wednesday 17 th July 2013 at 7pm	Circulated
15.07.13	Email	S.Glos Press Release – Police & council offer child car seat safety checks	Circulated
15.07.13	Email	Invitation to attend the launch of the Wild Place project on Tuesday 30 th July at 6pm	Circulated
16.07.13	Letter	Request for funding assistance for InView magazine	Circulated
16.07.13	Email	Regarding the naming of a path or road after Arthur Ball following a letter from the PC to his family	VB responded
16.07.13	Email	Seabank 3 Stage 1 – draft for consultation with PTSE leads	Circulated
16.07.13	Email	New bus service from SB	VB responded
16.07.13	Email	From In View magazine offering a 400 word insert in each In View magazine	Circulated
16.07.13	Email	From Peter Tyzack in relation to his views on The Wave development	Circulated
16.07.13	Email	S.Glos Parish Matters – Trading standards alerts	Circulated
16.07.13	Email	From David Jones working on behalf of the owners of the site on Bank Road, seeking support for the new development	Circulated

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17.07.13	Email	Update from the Office for Nuclear Development	Circulated
18.07.13	Email	S.Glos Press release – S.Glos leads in £500m investment boost	Circulated
18.07.13	Email	S.Glos Parish Matters – Capital grants available for acquiring a new asset	Circulated
18.07.13	Email	Community Information Day in Severn Beach & Pilning on Sat 7 September 2013	Circulated
19.07.13	Email	S.Glos Press release – New neighbourhood on track for development	Circulated
19.07.13	Email	NALC E-bulletin + Clerk pay settlement 2013/ 2014	Circulated
20.07.13	Post	S.Glos Over 50's Forum requesting a donation	Agreed £50
22.07.13	Email	NALC Employment briefing – salary scales 2013/ 2014	Circulated
22.07.13	Email	NALC's new book Local councils explained	Circulated
24.07.13	Email	Agenda for development control west committee – Thursday 1 st August 2013 at 2.30pm	Circulated
25.07.13	Email	Agenda for planning, transportation & strategic environment committee – Tues 30 th July 2013 at 10am	Circulated
25.07.13	Email	Notice of closure of B4064 Green Lane, SB	Circulated
26.07.13	Email	Response from Planning Enforcement Team regarding the land next to Pilning School which is currently occupied by members of the travelling community	Circulated
30.07.13	Email	Notice of closure of consultation for core strategy	Circulated
30.07.13	Email	From Kevin Weeks regarding allotments at SB	Circulated & to discuss at meeting
30.07.13	Letter	From Wave with information on the proposal	Circulated
31.07.13	Letter	From S.Glos Council in response to our letter regarding fencing on the A403	Circulated
31.07.13	Post	Clerk Magazine July 2013	Circulated
31.07.13	Letter	From Merlin Housing in response to our letter regarding the tree survey	Circulated
31.07.13	Post	Campaign to protect Rural England – Countryside Voice Summer 2013	Circulated
31.07.13	Letter	From Severn Beach Play Group requesting a donation	Circulated
31.07.13	Email	Have your say on proposals for the future Health & Social Care service at Frenchay	Circulated
31.07.13	Email	SGC affordable housing & extracare SPD – informal consultation issues and options	Circulated
01.08.13	Email	From John Mason questioning the Parish Councils stance on the 1957 agreement	VB responded and circulated
01.08.13	Email	S.Glos Council press release – Funding boost for electric car network	Circulated
02.08.13	Letter	Letter from Merlin Housing Society re Non-traditional housing project	Circulated
02.08.13	Email	From Steve Rafferty asking about the tennis court and hiring the football pitch	VB responded re. tennis court and passed to JT for football
03.08.13	Email	From Robert Griffin informing parishioners that members of the travelling community have returned to Bank Road	Circulated
03.08.13	Email	E Bulletin for County & Associations, National Council & member councils	Circulated
04.08.13	Email	Bristol Energy Cooperative information on Wind turbines at Valley Farm, Ingst	Circulated
04.08.13	Email	E Bulletin for County Associations	Circulated
05.08.13	Email	Response from Air Quality monitoring in relation to our letter sent	Circulated
06.08.13	Email	Agenda for Development Control (West) sites inspection – Fri 16 th August 9.30am	Circulated
08.08.13	Email	Update on the core strategy	Circulated
08.08.13	Email	From Robert Griffin regarding the Safer Stronger group meeting and residents' worries over the 1957 agreement	Circulated
08.08.13	Email	Report from S.Gloucestershire – Robert Griffin	Circulated
09.08.13	Email	NATC legal topics	Circulated
09.08.13	Email	Healthwatch S.Glos	Circulated
10.08.13	Email	Winterbourne Medieval Barn open days – 14 th & 15 th Sept 2013	Circulated
12.08.13	Email	Proposed footway scheme at Marsh Common due to commence on 26 th August	Circulated
12.08.13	Email	Invitation to launch of consultation on future development in our area	VB to respond Circulated
13.08.13	Email	Change of time of Policy & Resources to 2pm on 30 th September	Circulated
13.08.13	Email	Minutes of Town & Parish Council Forum meeting	Circulated
13.08.13	Email	S.Glos Parish Matters – Annual meeting to be held on Tues 8 Oct at 7pm at Baileys Court, Bradley Stoke	Circulated
14.08.13	Email	Community Energy Briefing	Circulated
15.08.13	Post	SGN Summer 2013	Circulated
15.08.13	Email	Invitation to join Almondsbury PC public meeting 19.09.13 at 7.30pm at Easter Compton VH to discuss the Westgate Development	Circulated

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16.08.13	Email	Review of local decision making & engagement	Circulated
16.08.13	Email	Choosing Direction draft strategic plan for 2013-2018	Circulated
19.08.13	Email	From FCAB regarding update and clarification on the M49 proposed new junction	Circulated
20.08.13	Email	S.Glos Council Tension Monitoring Report Aug 2013	Circulated
20.08.13	Email	Agenda for Development Control (West) Committee Thurs Aug 29 th 2.30pm	Circulated
20.08.13	Email	From Great Western Railway regarding the electrification of the railway	Circulated
21.08.13	Email	Winterbourne Medieval Barn dry stone walling coursed on 21 st & 22 nd Sept 2013	Circulated
21.08.13	Email	From Thornbury Volunteer Centre event on 7 th September 2013	Circulated
22.08.13	Email	From Alan Benson legal advisor of S.Glos Council regarding Gypsy Platt SB	Circulated
23.08.13	Email	Localising highway and streetscene services – final call for any further information	Circulated
23.08.13	Email	Community spaces consultation & information spreadsheet Sept 2013	Circulated
27.08.13	Email	Update on Core Strategy	Circulated
27.08.13	Email	Agenda for Planning, Transportation & Strategic Environment committee Wed 4 th Sept 2013 at 3pm at Thornbury	Circulated
27.08.13	Email	Annual quality of life report from S.Glos Council	Circulated
27.08.13	Email	From John Mason asking for any further comments regarding the 1957 agreement	Circulated & VB responded
27.08.13	Email & Post	Hinkley Point community forum meeting Tues 24th September at 7pm at Best Western Webbington Hotel & Spa Loxton Somerset BS26 2HU	Circulated
27.08.13	Email	Agenda for Waste Management Forum Thurs 5th Sept at 7pm	Circulated
27.08.13	Post	Non-traditional housing redevelopment newsletter from Merlin Housing Society	Circulated
27.08.13	Post	S.Glos Deaf Association Newsletter Sept 2013	Circulated
27.08.13	Email	First World War Centenary Design Competition	Circulated
29.08.13	Email	Responses regarding WW1 competition	Circulated
29.08.13	Email	Agenda for Severn Vale Area Forum Wed 11 Sept 2013 at 7pm, Thornbury	Circulated
29.08.13	Email	Agenda for Safer Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership Fri 6 Sept 9.30am, Kingswood	Circulated
30.08.13	Post	Notice of public consultation of Hinkley Point C Connection project	Circulated
31.08.13	Email	Agenda for Planning, Transportation & Strategic Environment Committee on Wednesday 4th September 2013 at 3pm, Thornbury	Circulated
31.08.13	Email	Agenda for Economy & Skills Strategic Partnership Tues 10 Sept '13, 10am, Kingswood	Circulated
02.09.13	Email	S.Glos Press release – last chance to comment on council tax reduction proposals	Circulated

APPENDIX B – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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Date	Payee	Details	Net	Reclaimable VAT	Total
02.09.13	Mrs V Bywater	School Awards (£100) + picture frames	121.67	4.33	126.00
02.09.13	Mrs V Bywater	Wages + office payment & fuel allowance - August	701.84	0.00	701.84
02.09.13	HMRC	NI & PAYE- Aug	337.69	0.00	337.69
02.09.13	Mr N Pearce	Odd jobs Jul & Aug + exps	434.18	0.00	434.18
02.09.13	Mr M J Fisher	Grass cutting - Aug	750.00	0.00	750.00
02.09.13	S.Glos Council	Dog waste removal	128.52	25.70	154.22
02.09.13	Mrs V Bywater	BT telephone bill	6.82	9.77	16.59
02.09.13	Grant Thornton	Audit 2012/ 2013	300.00	60.00	360.00
02.09.13	Mr M J Fisher	Grass cutting - Beach Rd + tennis courts	245.00	0.00	245.00
02.09.13	Mr M J Fisher	Grass cutting - Pilning Cemetery (8 cuts) + weedkiller	935.00	0.00	935.00
02.09.13	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Wreath	50.00	0.00	50.00
02.09.13	Sutcliffe Play SW	Severn Beach Play Equipment	2536.57	507.31	3043.88
02.09.13	REBGAS Ltd	Service to gas boiler at Pilning Village Hall	50.00	0.00	50.00
02.09.13	Dunkley's	Preparation of PAYE Apr-Aug 2013	50.00	10.00	60.00
02.09.13	Mr M J Fisher	Repair to fence around Pilning Play Equipment	389.50	0.00	389.50
02.09.13	O.Neill & Co (SW) Ltd	Work at Pilning Village Hall	570.00	0.00	570.00
02.09.13	Mrs V Bywater	Combination padlock for tennis court	11.99	0.00	11.99
02.09.13	Mr I Humphries	Expences	4.50	0.00	4.50
02.09.13	Good Directions Ltd	Bench seat spares	233.35	46.67	280.02
02.09.13	KP Badges & Trophies	Prizes for Flower Show	35.80	7.16	42.96
02.09.13	Over 50's Forum	Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00
		TOTAL	7,942.43	670.94	8,613.37

APPENDIX C

8th September 2013

Dear Ward Members,

Redwick Road, Pilning – This now has a top coat of tarmac and the pavements are being re-laid.

Speeding on Marsh Common Road – A Porsche was booked on this road doing excessive speed thanks to the Police actioning what was said about testing fast cars there at Safer & Stronger. This should encourage Hayley Gathercole's volunteer local Speedwatch sessions. In addition, the pavement Phase 3 is starting on the 2nd September.

Meadow Park, Bank Road. –The Parish Council and myself have requested South Glos. Enforcement served notice on the extra caravans on this site as soon as possible. This follows the Appeal failure for extra pitches.

Dealing with illegal and unauthorised encampments – The Government states these regulations had been amended and sent to all Councils for enforcement. I hope South Glos. Review its procedures soon.

Foreshore Monthly Clean – This takes place on the first dry Friday of each month. More volunteers are always welcome. We are happily disposing of Bar-B-Que packs when they are cold and notice most of the people leave their area clear. We have had an offer to pick up dead weeds on the Promenade that we readily accepted.

However, we are having our disappointments; the beach area opposite Riverside Park is being used as a garden waste tip. This is illegal fly tipping and we hope the Dept of the Environment or a member of the public catches someone in the act so that they can be prosecuted. Why not use your Green Bin? Dogs' mess etc. is being left in the Severn Beach beach area where our children play. We also need some keen Gardeners to collect the seaweed to use as compost as they do in Cornwall.

Banana Bridge – I have escalated to Streetcare the collapsed footpath and overgrown brambles on this route to our surgery as it is used by mothers pushing prams and the elderly on their scooters. CCP 329757- I am told by a very elderly lady that a footpath exists between Whitehouse Lane and the Pilning traffic lights and is concealed by brambles Ref: 155081. Streetcare are investigating. South Glos. and Highways Authority are discussing, who is responsible for mending our bridge.

National Grid Pylons – Our pylons are being restrung with thicker cable from the Avonmouth sub-station to Aust. No other changes will take place. An exhibition and Public Meeting is held on Wednesday 9th October at Aust Village Hall from 5pm until 8pm. The meeting is from 7pm.

Wild Place – The first traffic jam has occurred on Blackhorse Hill it was caused by traffic from the Pilning direction turning right across the traffic flow into the Wild Place. It was exacerbated by 40 tonne brick lorries from Cattybrook having to hill start on the way to Junction 17.

Fly Tipping at Pilning Station –There has been considerable dumping at the station and Network Rail has installed a CCTV camera to combat this. Also at Bank Road, Pilning going from the school towards the Plough. It is in the gateway nearest the Plough before the corner. Another at the Easter Compton side of the Washingpool Farm entrance.

Two abreast – I know it's legal but can cyclists and horse riders think about riding in single file on A & B roads for their own safety. Frustrated car drivers can cause accidents.

Playfields Equipment – For the Pilning Field, please contact our Parish Clerk, Victoria Bywater on email:- pilningandsevernbeachparishcouncil@btconnect.com or for Severn Beach Field please contact Jenny Macleod on 632857.

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Overhanging Branches - I have been requested to report the obstruction of branches that overhang the road and obscure the vision from drivers exiting both Gum Hearn Lane & Fox Hole Lane, Pilning - 341894.

Juries Personal Age Limit – This is being increased to 75 in 2014.

Driving Offences – On the spot fines with points added can now be issued for using Mobile Phones, tailgating and hogging the middle lane.

Age UK – state that older people not using Direct Debit or payment on-line are paying £265 extra for not using these methods. If you have close relatives in this position, please help them.

Energy use – It is reported that energy consumption (Gas & Electricity) has reduced by 25% in the last 5 years.

BT Dial-up Internet – This service is being withdrawn from the 1st September due to most customers using Broadband.

South Glos. Planning Database – I have attached a procedure to enable residents to setup their own Planning selection. This will help consultations, as only residents within a small-regulated distance (line of sight) for the proposed building require to be notified automatically by the government agent - South Gloucestershire. This is because these are the people who are expected to be the most interested and the ones most likely to be considered

Wrong email address:- will Ian Ashton please send your current email address to receive a copy of this email. Also other readers with email who do not get an electronic copy.

Best regards, Robert

South Gloucestershire Council
Planning Applications Online

Setting up an account and automatic notifications

Setting up an account

1. Open your internet browser (Such as internet explorer)
2. Navigate to the Public Access website
 - a. Visit www.southglos.gov.uk
 - b. Under the 'Most popular' box choose Planning applications
 - c. Click the 'Do it now' button at the bottom of the page
3. Register an account
 - a. Click the register button
 - b. Fill in the form with your details, fields with a * are required. Please note the email used is the one the system will send all notifications to
 - c. Choose a suitable password, it must be at least 8 characters long and contain at least one number and one letter
 - d. An email will be sent to the email address you registered with, click the link in this email to finish registering
 - e. If you have trouble registering an account please contact Linda James

Setting up automatic notifications

4. Login to your account
 - a. If you clicked the link in the email you should be at the login screen already, if not click the 'login' tab near the top of the page
 - b. Enter the email address and password you registered with and click login
5. Go to the search option
 - a. Single left click the Search tab, then hover the mouse over the menu that appears for Planning then across to Advanced search
6. Add the search details you wish to track
 - a. Example for covering an entire ward:
 - i. Choose the ward from the ward drop down list
 - ii. In the first box next to Date received type or choose a recent date (For example 1st Jan 2011 to cover all of 2011 onwards).
 - iii. Don't add an end date as any new results won't be added after this date
7. Save the search
 - a. When the results come up, near the top right side of the screen there will be a 'Save Search' button, click this
 - b. Give the search a suitable title (For example "Downend Ward since 1st Jan 2011")
 - c. Tick the 'Notify me via email about new search results' box
 - d. Click save
8. Now wait
 - a. The notifications will come through overnight
 - b. When you first add the search will get an email with all applications picked up by the search, this can be quite a long list depending on the search.
 - c. After this all new or changed applications picked up by the search will be notified to you by email although you can log on to Public Access and view your list of notified applications via the 'Notified applications' tab at any time