

Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council

Meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2016 at 7.00pm

At Pilning Village Hall, Pilning

COUNCILLORS (9) Mrs FCA Barr MBE (Chairman), Mrs C Woodhouse, Mr T Fennell, Mrs N Chappell (left meeting at 8.50pm), Mr M Pruett, Mr N Davies, Alderman P Tyzack, Mrs S Binns & Mrs H Rickards.

Also Present: - Mrs Victoria Bywater (Clerk), Mr K Weeks of SB, Mr I Roberts of Northwick, Mr P Jackson of SB, Ms H Gathercole of Pilning and Mr M Green of Pilning.

The Chairman asked those present to observe a minute's silence for Sylvia Gilfellan of New Passage, Harry Padbury of SB and Sylvia Kilburn of SB, as a mark of respect, who had recently deceased.

Item Number	Details	Action By
2016-10-1 Apologies for absence		
2016-10-2 Declarations of Interest	None	
2016-10-3 Co-op Casual Vacancy	The meeting heard from three parishioners (Hayley Gathercole of Pilning, Ian Roberts of Northwick and Kevin Weeks of SB). A vote was taken and Kevin Weeks was successfully co-opted. KW signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and submitted a Register of Members' Interests form to the Proper Officer.	
2016-10-4 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 5 th September 2016 had been previously circulated. The minutes of the meeting of Monday 5 th September 2016 were agreed as a true record with two minor alterations. Proposed by TF and seconded by MP. All in favour.	
2016-10-5 Matters Arising	1) Quote for painting of ironworks at Pilning cemetery. VB to instruct work to commence. 2) Cost from Elm Tree for tree and landscape works had been received. VB to instruct work to commence at Pilning Playing field / Memorial Garden SB / Buffer Zone SB. 3) HR requested a chase on the removal of the rubble bags and concrete bench ends at Pilning Cemetery. VB to remind Tim Dark to commence this work as soon as possible. 4) FCAB yet to obtain quotes for gravel v turf on the graves at Pilning 5) MP yet to produce posters for litter from fishermen FCAB thanked Jayne Chappell for her involvement in the re-opening of Pilning Post Office following a successful media campaign.	VB VB VB FCAB MP
2016-10-6 Correspondence	Please see Appendix A	
2016-10-7 Accounts for Payment	Please see Appendix B Accounts for payment, proposed by KW, seconded by MP	
2016-10-8 Public	None	

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Participation		
2016-10-9 Reports	Meeting Notes from Network Rail/ GWR meeting – see appendix C PT proposed to ratify the decision made by FCAB regarding the appointment of Mr Richard Bywater as a consultant for the work involving Network Rail and GWR seconded by CW. All agreed. Discussion followed.	
2016-10-10 Ongoing Business	<p>1. Update on objection to the removal of footbridge at Pilning Station and closure of westward platform – FCAB reminded the meeting of the drop-in session being held on Tuesday 11th October 2016 at Pilning School, Bank Road, Pilning from 5pm until 7.30pm. It was agreed that those who are able to attend should do so at 5pm.</p> <p>2. To decide on the adoption of the phone box on Station Road, Pilning – HR updated the meeting on the research to date which included the need to insure, paint and replace a glass panel. HR proposed the parish council adopt the telephone box. VB advised that the consultation had not yet opened but once open then the parish council have 90 days to respond. A response from resident adjacent to the telephone box in support of this adoption had been received.</p> <p>3. To consider the response on the road surface of A403 – After discussion on the rolling crown and position of the vehicles on the road, it was agreed that VB should write to Michael Dixon of S.Glos Council to ask when some of the additional work will be carried out. MP reported the breaking up of kerbs on the cyclepath. VB to add this to the letter to Michael Dixon. SB reported a narrow stretch of footpath. VB to add this to the letter to Michael Dixon. SB & TF also reported the poor signage regarding the closure of the A403. VB to write to Bristol City Council regarding the signage.</p> <p>4. To consider the response to the location of the new motorway junction on M49 see Appendix D – PT explained the background to Appendix D and advised that a meeting had been provisionally booked at Rednend Farm, Pilning on Monday 10th October 2016 at 3.30pm to discuss.</p> <p>5. Local Major Developments CW reported that motorbikes using Gypsy Platt, crossing the A403 and going round the lake area. Mr P Jackson confirmed this and added that some had also been seen on Gorse Cover Road. 101 waiting time was over 20 minutes. VB to write to Sue Mountstevens regarding the long waiting time for 101.</p> <p>6. Village Halls/Playing Fields VB upated the meeting on the need to introduce formal inspections of both village halls and playing fields. A working document had been submitted to both Village Hall Chairmen for consideration.</p> <p>a) Update regarding Severn Beach Village Hall PT submitted the October 2016 inspection report form.</p> <p>b) Update regarding Pilning Village Hall</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>VB</p>

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	<p>NC reported youths jumping on and off the shelter in the playing field. VB to instruct painting of shelter in vandal proof paint along with a sign notifying users of the paint.</p> <p>b) Update regarding the extension at Pilning Village Hall CW reported that a meeting is due to take place with Helm Construction regarding the extension.</p> <p>7. Update on allotment sites FCAB reported that both sites had been inspected. VB advised that a number of notice to quit letters had been sent to allotment holders and some warning letters. SB asked if sheds are permitted at Pilning allotments. After discussion it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.</p> <p>8. Update on Cemeteries FCAB reported having visited Pilning cemetery. SB reported visiting Northwick cemetery. KW asked if the Tower at Northwick had been internally inspected recently. VB to arrange Northwick inspection of the Tower. VB to instruct the filling of holes at Northwick and the removal of ivy from the Tower.</p> <p>9. Update from councillors regarding local village matters PT updated the meeting that he had reported pot holes on the B4055 and vegetation growing over the chevrons. MP reported an orange van parked next to the bollards on the sea wall. MP also informed the meeting of a good website called Fix My Street. SB reported paint debris from works under the Severn Bridge. VB to write to Severn Bridge Works and the EA regarding this debris. ND confirmed debris from works under the bridge all over the top and bottom footpaths. TF reported a faulty light outside SB Village Hall. PT informed the meeting that it is due to a timer issue which is being dealt with. CW requested a chase letter sent to Michael Dixon of S.Glos Council regarding the light at the junction of Ableton Road and the A403. VB to include this in the letter to Michael Dixon. Mr P Jackson informed the meeting that he had contacted S.Glos Council regarding a number of issues relating to lighting in the area and he awaits a response. FCAB reported having attended the opening of the improvements to SB station and the number of people commuting to Severn Beach from outside the area. PT offered to contact SeverNet regarding a link with the shuttle bus at shift changeover times.</p>	<p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB FCAB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>VB</p> <p>PT</p>
<p>2016-10-11 Planning</p>	<p>PT16/1052/F Queens Lodge, New Passage – Demolition of existing garage to facilitate erection of 1no. dwelling - Approve with conditions PT16/4188/F Land at Northwick Road, Northwick – Change of use of land to gypsy traveller caravan site – Refusal PT16/4562/F 32 Beach Avenue, Severn Beach – Demolition of existing extensions & outbuildings then erection of a single storey side and rear</p>	

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	<p>extension – Approve with conditions PT16/4347/F 89 Marsh Common Road, Pilning – Demolition of existing extension and conservatory to enable erection of single storey rear extension – Approve with conditions PT16/4667/PNS Marsh Common (Cross Hands Road), Pilning – request for prior approval under Part 18 Class A to schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) alterations/ works to raise the parapets on bridge BSW 10m 08ch – Approve PT16/3826/F Chequers Farm, Marsh Common Road – erection of two single storey rear extensions to provide additional living accommodation – Approve with conditions</p> <p><u>Planning Enforcement</u> Update regarding lighting on railway sidings for SITA SUEZ plant – ongoing investigation by S.Glos Council</p>	
2016-09-12 Report from S. Glos. Council		
Date of Next Meeting	The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 7 th November 2016 starting at 7pm there being no further business the meeting closed @ 9.10pm.	

APPENDIX A – CORRESPONDENCE

Date Received	Received by	Details	ACTION
08.09.16	Email	Update from Michael Dixon regarding the Challenger Fund and A403	Circulated
08.09.16	Email	September e-bulletin from A Forgotten Landscape	Circulated
10.09.16	Email	September blog from District Councillor, Robert Griffin	Circulated
12.09.16	Email	Councillor briefing on Community Services, 11 October 2016, Yate	Circulated
13.09.16	Email	Agenda for Economy and Skills Strategic Partnership, Wednesday 21 st September 2016, 10am, venue tbc	Circulated
13.09.16	Email	Agenda for Children, Adults and Health Committee, Wednesday 21 st September 2016, 2pm, Kingswood	Circulated
13.09.16	Email	FoSBR talk at Stoke Bishop on 16 th September 2016	Circulated
14.09.16	Email	Agenda & Minutes for the Community Engagement Forum on Wednesday 28 th September 2016, 7pm, Easter Compton Village Hall	Circulated
14.09.16	Email	Agenda for Development Control (West) Sites Inspection Sub Committee, Friday 23 rd September 2016, 9.30am, Thornbury	Circulated
15.09.16	Email	Consultation on Public Health & Wellbeing Review 2016	Circulated
19.09.16	Email	Agenda for Audit and Accounts Committee, Tuesday 27 th September 2016, 10am, Council Chamber, Kingswood	Circulated
20.09.16	Email	Agenda for Audit & Accounts Committee, Tuesday 27 th September 2016, 10am Council Chamber, Kingswood	Circulated
20.09.16	Email	Agenda for Public Transport Forum, Monday 10 th October 2016, 7pm, Council Chamber, Kingswood	Circulated
22.09.16	Email	Update from ABC electrification regarding piling in Pilning 24/ 25	Circulated

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23.09.16	Email	Consultation on Local Council precepts from ALCA	Circulated
23.09.16	Email	ALCA AGM – 8 th October 2016, Midsomer Norton	Circulated
23.09.16	Email	2016 Severn Estuary Strategy	Circulated
26.09.16	Email	Notification of upcoming maintenance works on Severn Beach Tidal Defence Scheme commencing 3 rd October 2016	Circulated
27.09.16	Post	Letter response from S.Glos Council regarding preparation for illegal rave	Circulated
27.09.16	Email	Agenda for Policy and Resources Committee, Wednesday 5 th October 2016, 9.30am, Kingswood	Circulated
28.09.16	Email	Agenda for Development Control (West) Committee, Thursday 6 th October 2016, 11am, Thornbury	Circulated
28.09.16	Email	Joint Spatial Plan update	Circulated
28.09.16	Email	Councillor briefing on NHS financial and performance challenges	Circulated
29.09.16	Email	Severn Estuary Partnership News – Sept 2016	Circulated
29.09.16	Email	Pilning notification 30 th Sept to 7 th Oct 2016	Circulated
30.09.16	Email	Severnet 30/09/16	Circulated
30.09.16	Email	Notice of application for a street closure order – Cross Hands Road for Remembrance	Circulated
30.09.16	Email	Hinkley Point C update	Circulated
30.09.16	Email	A403 Challenge Fund resurfacing update	Circulated
01.10.16	Email	ALCA In Short 01/10/16	Circulated
03.10.16	Email	Health Watch S.Glos October E-Bulletin	Circulated
03.10.16	Email	Results from Speed & Volume test on B4055 7 day summary 21.09.16 to 30.09.16	Circulated

APPENDIX B – ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Date	Payee	Details	Net	Reclaimable VAT	Total
03.10.16	Mrs V Bywater	Wages + office payment & fuel allowance	923.53	0.00	923.53
03.10.16	HMRC	NI & PAYE	88.70	0.00	88.70
03.10.16	Mr T Dark	Odd jobs	60.00	0.00	60.00
03.10.16	Mr M J Fisher	Grass cutting & maintenance	870.00	0.00	870.00
03.10.16	Mr M J Fisher	Grass cutting at Pilning cemetery	600.00	0.00	600.00
03.10.16	Severnside Wednesday Club	Quarterly payment	250.00	0.00	250.00
03.10.16	Mr Collins	Toilet Key Holder	100.00	0.00	100.00
03.10.16	Mrs V Bywater	Cost of hosting website £4.95/ mnth Mar, Apr, May, Jun	19.80	0.00	19.80
17.09.16	BT	Telephone & Broadband	95.56	19.11	114.67
03.10.16	North Letherby Ltd	Response to S.Glos regarding PSP Plan	250.00	50.00	300.00
03.10.16	SLCC	Training fee - Peter Tyzack	10.00	0.00	10.00
03.10.16	Mrs V Bywater	Stamps	13.75	0.00	13.75
03.10.16	AED Locator (EU) Ltd	Defibrillator charge	295.00	59.00	354.00
03.10.16	South Glos Council	Localism service charge July, Aug & Sept 2016	770.67	154.14	924.81
		TOTAL	4,347.01	282.25	4,629.26

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Meeting Notes from meeting with representatives of Network Rail, GWR and Pilning & Severn Beach parish council – 22nd September 2016, Rednend Farm, Station Road, Pilning, BS35 4JW – 3.30pm

Present – Cllr F Barr MBE (Chairman), Mrs V Bywater, Cllr T Fennell, Cllr C Woodhouse, Cllr H Rickards, Mr T Elliot, Mr A Derrig, Mrs S Patterson, Mr R Turner, Mr J Burnell, District Cllr Robert Griffin, Cllr P Tyzack, Cllr N Davies & Mr R Bywater. Apologies from Cllr N Chappell.

Cllr F Barr MBE, opened the meeting and invited Samantha Patterson to speak.

Samantha Patterson gave an account of the reasoning behind and the process involved with her decision to recommend the removal of the footbridge at Pilning Station and to close the west-bound platform which were as follows -

- Usage of station/ footfall
- Footbridge not suitable due to electrification
- Cost of replacing footbridge

Julian Burnell confirmed that Pilning footbridge is the only footbridge being removed on this line.

Cllr Nick Davies challenged the decision to remove the footbridge and closure of the west bound platform based on the fact that Network Rail had not consulted with the local community and this was against Network Rail code of best practice.

Julian Burnell apologised unreservedly on behalf of Network Rail for failing to consult with the local community and not conforming to the Network Rail code of best practice.

Toby Elliot confirmed that a meeting had taken place with Metro West who had advised that Pilning Station would not solve issues with traffic in the area.

Samantha Patterson confirmed that the Transport Focus Group had objected to the removal of the footbridge and west bound platform but after discussions had agreed to the proposals.

Samantha Patterson confirmed that a Public Engagement Meeting would take place on 10th October 2016 (venue to be agreed) to inform local people of the removal of the footbridge and closure of the west bound platform.

Richard Bywater circulated a key point statement to the meeting:

- (i). Removal of the Pilning Station footbridge and non-use of the westward platform is a 'Network Change'.
- (ii). User passengers of the network are access beneficiaries.
- (iii). Removal of the Pilning Station footbridge and non-use of the westward platform is not aligned to Network Rail Access Rights Policy.
- (iv). Network Rail has failed, in respect of the proposed change to provide sufficient particulars to Pilning and Severn Beach Parish Council, representing the local user passengers of the Network Change.
- (v). Pilning and Severn Beach Parish Council, representing the local user passengers of the network do not agree to and accept the Network Change.
- (vi). Pilning and Severn Beach Parish Council, representing the local user passengers object to the Network Change in removal of the Pilning Station footbridge and non-use of the westward platform based on:

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(a) It does not take into account the reasonable expectations in relation to the future use of the part of the Network in question

(vii). Pilning and Severn Beach Parish Council seek the reversal of the Network Change which would result from the removal of the Pilning Station footbridge and non-use of the westward platform.

Julian Burnell and Richard Stone stated that they would not be able to respond immediately to the key point statement, however a full response would be given in due course.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm

APPENDIX D

The Avonmouth-Severnside enterprise area is internationally significant, being the largest commercial development site in Western Europe extending 5 miles along the Severn Estuary. A huge expanse of development land, already allocated or consented for office, general industrial and storage/distribution uses. Potentially, over 25 years, some 13,500 jobs will be created and £355M+ invested in new development, and that is not counting the investment planned by Bristol Port in creating its new deep-sea container port.

The economy around the whole Severn Estuary is focussed on the activity of the ports, and much of the industry in the coastal towns/cities is port related, whether manufacturing, import/export or ship provisioning, and that will only grow as the Port facilities are constructed.

The key to the growth of our regional economy is, therefore, the success of the Port. The success of the port depends on the provision of infrastructure, rail and road connections. M5 junctions 17 and 18 are already running at over capacity, so the new junction on M49 needs to ease that problem not add to it and we need traffic to use the nearest motorway junction rather than come through our Parish adding to our traffic troubles.

Discussions were had by Northavon/Avon, about the pressure of traffic from north Bristol. At that time a by-pass for Easter Compton was proposed. Also discussed was a prediction that junction 17 would need to be further expanded to cope with it. The suggestion was that it should become a 'gyratory' i.e. a much larger roundabout using the Hollywood lane underpass(which could be why it was built). From there westward could be a new road, across Church Farm north of Compton Greenfield, to join with the spine road at Western Approach and also to Marsh Common Rd. (at that time the Second Severn Bridge was not on the table). Due to fierce protest the by-pass idea went no further, though Avon had done a lot of surveying and developed two or three possible routes.

Our concerns may be primarily about increasing traffic on B4055, and how the new junction may add to that. Highways England have said that our local weight limit will become worthless if HGV drivers can claim a need for access, so how and where the roads and junction are will be crucial in this.. The further north the junction is, the more likely it is that traffic from north Bristol will perceive it as a quicker route onto the motorway, so will come streaming through Easter Compton/Pilning to get to it.

The concern of the government, in its choice of location for the junction, should be about what best suits the port, and will therefore best aid the economic development. The more southerly junction does that.

The debates had with Government over the Second Severn Crossing, which Frances and Norah attended in the House of Commons, discussed the proposal to put a junction near Hallen, i.e. at Severn Rd. Strangely that isn't one of the choices now, and we might ask why?

After Western Approach phase 1 was opened ICI and other land-owners pursued the idea of a split junction, with the northern half at Farm Lane, with north facing slip roads, and the southern half at Severn Rd, with south facing slip roads. That was not favoured by HA as it would be much more costly. Discussions with the Highways Agency in the early days of South Glos gained the reply that any junction would have to be at the mid-point of the length of M49.. which puts it just a little to the north of the gas tanks(fig 7.8, SG. Local Plan 2006)

This mid-point would be ideal for dock purposes, as a link road to the A403 could be formed through the land of Philblack/Sevalco (or along the continuation of the W.App spine road). The dock development proposals having an additional dock gate at the northern end of St Andrews Rd, somewhere around Rockingham Bridge-Chitting Estate area, would then meet very neatly with that.

The choice of location for the M49 junction should not be made to appease the particular needs of the warehouse operators at Western Approach, but should seek to serve the majority needs of the whole of Avonmouth-Severnside as it grows, ie the area as it will be in 10-15-25 years, as the lands between the A403 and M49 get filled up with development. If it seems more attractive to drivers to nip up the A403 to Aust, or along the B4055, then they will do. The position needs to be nearer to where the majority of traffic will be generated, and not in a position that will induce traffic from north Bristol to use it.