

Community Working Group Agenda – May 2026

Working Group: Community Working Group

Date: Monday 11th May 2026

Time: 19:00- 20:30hrs*

Venue: Pilning Village Hall

Chair: Steph Rutterford (SR)

*Please note – Due to time constraints some discussions may have to be deferred to future meetings. Attendees are invited to email any additional input or thoughts to: sr@pilningsevernbeach-pc.gov.uk

AGENDA

1. Welcome

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Establishment of the Community Working Group

To note that the former Community & Green Spaces Working Group has been restructured and renamed as the Community Working Group following the amalgamation of the Community & Green Spaces, Facilities & Maintenance, and Sports & Recreation working groups.

4. Community Working Group Membership

Invitation to attendees to become permanent members of the Community Working Group.

Membership will involve:

- A commitment to attend meetings whenever possible
- Supporting and facilitating community actions where able
- Voluntary participation in agreed actions on a case-by-case basis

5. Allotments

To incorporate allotment matters as a standing item for each Community Working Group meeting, allowing for expanded discussion beyond Parish Council reporting.

Discussion to include:

- Current allotment matters and updates
- Whether to appoint an allotment point of contact (POC), nominee, or volunteer representative

6. Neighbourhood Plan H1 Discussion

To discuss the future status of Pilning Playing Field within the Neighbourhood Plan.

Research suggests that retaining Pilning Playing Field within the Neighbourhood Plan and designating it as “Local Green Space” may provide greater protection from future development than removing the site from the Plan.

Points for consideration:

- Neighbourhood Plan Policy (the National Planning Policy Framework) offers protections for recreation spaces. It requires developers to demonstrate “very special circumstances” for development.
- Current “open space” designation of the Playing Field provides developers with a lower threshold for development proposals.
- Local Green Space designation may provide protection comparable to Green Belt status and reduce the potential for “grey belt” arguments.

Attendees are invited to consider whether this additional layer of protection is preferable to removing the site from the Neighbourhood Plan altogether.

7. Sports & Recreation

7.1 Pilning Playing Field – Goalpost Replacement

To consider style/ location (pitch size)/ cost of replacement goalposts.

Initial information received:

- One supplier, live4sport.co.uk, can provide two entry-level steel goalposts compliant with British Safety Standards (24ft x 8ft) for approximately £675 plus VAT, with a first-order discount available.
- Professional-standard goals may cost significantly more.

Discussion requested regarding suitability of entry-level equipment, budget considerations, long-term durability and value for money.

7.2 Pilning Playing Field – Future Recreation Improvements

To discuss additional recreation facilities requested by residents, including:

- Ziplines
- Trampolines
- Larger climbing frames for wider age ranges
- Balancing equipment (e.g. ropes and wooden platforms)
- Outdoor gym equipment for adults
- Basketball court enclosure
- Tennis court repairs

8. Severn Beach Sensory Garden

Update on the Severn Beach Sensory Garden project by SR.

9. Maintenance & Facilities

9.1 Pilning Playing Field – Bins & Benches

To discuss:

- Number of bins and benches required.
- Preferred styles and locations.
- Any issues arising from recently installed facilities.

9.2 Parish Facilities Review

To discuss whether additional facilities are required elsewhere within the Parish.

10. Recommendations to Parish Council

To agree recommendations and actions to be referred to the Parish Council for approval.

11. Any Other Business

To consider any additional items raised by members.

12. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date, time, and venue of the next meeting.