

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 5th APRIL 2011**

Those Present

Councillors: Mr G R Dawe (Chairman) Miss W Moody Mr D Somers Mr K Livall
Mr B R Miller (Clerk)

Mr Howard Gawler – South Gloucestershire Councillor
Four members of the public

Public Question Time

Prior to the start of the formal meeting of the Parish Council, as detailed in the Agenda, members of the public were invited to raise any matters concerning the Parish.

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| A.04.11 | Mrs Alyson Marsden noted that New Road had been resurfaced and wondered whether this had been planned by South Gloucestershire Council (SGC). The Chairman confirmed that the work had been planned, following numerous requests from the Parish Council over the past months. |
| B.04.11 | Mrs Marsden updated the meeting on the present position regarding the campaign to get the Section 52 Agreement, relating to Morrison's depot, reinstated. The Action Group has made an official complaint to SGC regarding the manner in which the decision to remove the Agreement was made. She understands that the complaint will now be considered by SGC's Legal Department. Noted. Cllr. Mr Gawler reported that SGC's Planning Department is looking into the possibility that once Morrisons vacate the depot, Planning Permission can then be withdrawn. The opportunity would then exist to create smaller industrial units on the site. Noted. |
| C.04.11 | Mr Mike Guest asked why Public Question Time had been moved to the start of the meeting. He would like it to be at the end of the meeting, as before. The Chairman explained that it had been moved to the start of the meeting in response to the public's wishes. If enough villagers would like it restored to the end of the meeting they should advise the Clerk. The Parish Council's aim is to comply with the wishes of the majority of the residents. |
| D.04.11 | Mr Barrie Purnell supported Mr Guest's proposal. Noted. |
| E.04.11 | There was then a general discussion on the best place for Public Question Time on the Agenda. |

The formal meeting of the Council then commenced as follows:-

1 | **Apologies for Absence**

01.04.11 | Mr M Ellery

2 | **Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items**

Action

02.04.11	None.	
3	<u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u>	
03.04.11	Repetitious Minute 33.03.11 was deleted from the Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 1 st March, and then the Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
4	<u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u>	
	Cllr. Mr Gawler raised the following three issues:-	
04.04.11	SGC surfaced more of New Road than had originally been planned. The ditch opposite the Council Houses has still to be cleared and the adjacent hedge needs cutting back. The latter will have to wait until later in the year, after the nesting season. Noted.	HG
05.04.11	Repair works to the main B4058 road surfacing have started in Bagstone. A new and quieter surface dressing is to be used as far as the Indian take-away. Noted.	
06.04.11	SGC is to be approached to see if anything can be done about re-routing lorry traffic away from New Road that is going to and from the industrial units in Lime Kiln Road. The Chairman noted that the use of weight limits has, in some instances, eased the lorry problem. Noted.	
07.04.11	The Chairman asked for a strength assessment to be carried out on the bridge across Horse Brook in New Road, to see if it can safely take 44t lorries. Cllr. Mr Gawler agreed to ask for this to be done.	HG
08.04.11	Cllr. Mr Somers reported the new 30mph signs marking the start of the speed limit appear to be unusually small. He has compared the size with those at other similar locations and found them to be significantly smaller. The reduced size of the signs and the legal lack of repeater signs make it easy to overlook the reduced speed limit. Cllr. Mr Gawler agreed to look into the matter.	HG
09.04.11	The Chairman asked whether Cllr. Mr Gawler had voted for or against the removal of the Section 52 Agreement. Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that the matter was discussed but that a vote was not taken. Noted.	
5	<u>To Receive the Clerk's Report</u>	
10.04.11	Matters contained in the Report relating to non specific Agenda items were noted. The following additional information was also noted and resolutions passed to take the appropriate actions. Report items relating to specific Agenda items were considered later under the relevant item, as appropriate.	
11.04.11	<u>Item 1.</u> It was resolved to purchase the mono laser printer.	Clerk
12.04.11	<u>Item 3.</u> It was resolved to seek advice from ALCA.	Clerk
13.04.11	<u>Items 5 and 9.</u> Cllr. Miss Moody reported on the Annual Spring Clean,	

	including the disposal of the litter from the Pavilion waste bins that had caused some problems. In her opinion there had been less litter in the village this year. Noted. She also reported that there is an accumulation of hedge cuttings, tipped garden waste and litter along the back of the car park. This is not only unsightly, but attracts more litter. It was resolved to get it cleared later in the year, after the nesting season. The Chairman thanked all those who had assisted in the litter clearance work.	Clerk
14.04.11	<u>Item 8.</u> It was resolved to renew the ALCA membership.	Clerk
6	<u>Other Matters Arising from the Last Minutes Not Elsewhere on the Agenda</u>	
	None.	
7	<u>Planning Matters</u>	
	<u>Decisions</u>	
15.04.11	PT11/0346/F – Extension at “Rose Cottage”, Bagstone Road. Permitted. Noted.	
	<u>New Applications</u>	
	None	
8	<u>Other Correspondence</u>	
	In addition to the documents mentioned in the Clerk’s Report or in other Agenda items, or have been circulated to Councillors for perusal, the following other items of correspondence were discussed:-	
16.04.11	Letter from Victim Support requesting a grant of £100. It was resolved to make a grant of £30.00.	Clerk
9	<u>Finances</u>	
	<u>Received</u>	
17.04.11	£158.33 – Rangeworthy Football Club.	
18.04.11	£238.00 – Mrs Mathias (Land rental at the Old Post Office)	
19.04.11	£250.00 – Mr Woodman (Grass keep)	
	<u>Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)</u>	
20.04.11	£318.09 - Clerk’s salary.	
21.04.11	£48.30 – Npower.	
22.04.11	£35.00 – Data Protection registration.	
23.04.11	£45.00 – Elite Cleaning SW Ltd.	

24.04.11	£22.00 – Virgin Media.	
25.04.11	£30.00 – Victim Support.	
26.04.11	£126.39 – ALCA Subscription.	
10	<u>The Children’s Playground</u> (See item 4 of The Clerk’s Report)	
27.04.11	It was noted that the new grass under the safety surfacing has become well established.	
11	<u>The Recreation Ground</u> (See item 6 of the Clerk’s Report)	
28.04.11	It was resolved to approve Yate Ranger’s use of the ground next season. The question of the rental will be decided at a future date.	
29.04.11	Cllr. Mr Somers noted that invariably Yate Rangers use the northern pitch on Sundays when in fact they should be using the southern pitch. At present the pitch does not appear to be suffering from over use, but the Parish Council does not want the quality of the pitch to deteriorate. It was resolved to write to Rangeworthy Football Club and draw their attention to the matter.	Clerk
30.04.11	Cllr. Miss Moody raised the issue of the damaged 5-a-side football goal. It was resolved to remove the goal.	GRD KL
12	<u>To Consider Matters Raised at the Recent Annual Village Assembly</u> It was resolved to take the following actions on the outstanding issues raised at the Assembly:-	
31.04.11	<u>Access to the new post box.</u> The request for a couple of paving slabs in front of the new post box at the junction of Chaingate Lane and Manor Road will be referred to Iron Acton Parish Council.	HG
32.04.11	<u>Aluminium footpath signs.</u> Quotations will be sought for cleaning down and repainting the signs insitu.	Clerk
33.04.11	<u>Bus shelters.</u> It was resolved to retain all of the shelters and to prepare a schedule of work for refurbishing each shelter. Quotations will then be sought for undertaking the work.	Clerk
34.04.11	<u>The Village Pound.</u> Cllr. Mr Livall will undertake the necessary works.	KL
35.04.11	<u>Rubbish by Lime Kiln Road railway bridge.</u> It was resolved to write to Network Rail and ask them to get the rubbish removed.	Clerk
36.04.11	<u>Footpath from the Grove to the Recreation Ground.</u> It was resolved to write to the landowner to seek approval to improve the access.	Clerk

37.04.11	<u>Scoured Bridge in Green Lane.</u> It was resolved to write again to SGC and draw their attention to the need for urgent action to repair the abutment on the Grade 5 road.	Clerk
38.04.11	<u>Access to footpath by "Kite's Nest".</u> It was resolved to write to SGC and ask for the wire hazard to be removed.	Clerk
39.04.1	<u>PROW survey.</u> It was resolved that the footpaths in the Parish should be divided roughly into four areas and that each Cllr. will survey one particular section.	Cllrs.
40.04.11	<u>Bollard in Old Wood Lane.</u> Cllr. Mr Gawler explained the reasons for installing the bollard. It was resolved not to take any action, subject to all legitimate land owners still being able to access their land.	
41.04.11	<u>Boundary Hedge adjacent to the verge by Pool Farm.</u> It was resolved not to take any action regarding the hedge.	
13	<u>Councillors' Open Forum</u> None.	
14	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>	
42.04.11	Tuesday 10 th May 2011 at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall.	

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MEETING ON THE 5th APRIL 2011

Since the last meeting, on the 1st March, all the actions ascribed to the Clerk have been addressed. Progress on those items, together with new issues that have arisen, is now reported as follows:

- 1 Nexcen has quoted the sum of £147.00 to provide and install a mono laser printer (12.03.11)
- 2 Mr Cox, last year's tenant of the field off Kidnappers Lane, has offered the sum of £140.00 for the grass keep this year. This is less than the offer of £250.00 which has been accepted from Mr Woodman (15.03.11). Mr Cox has been advised accordingly.
- 3 HMRC has declined to give a definitive answer as to whether the Parish Council can reclaim the VAT from the cost of resurfacing the Memorial Hall car park (38.03.11). They have supplied a booklet which sets down the various criteria for reclaiming the VAT and left it for the Parish Council to decide. A preliminary look suggests that it might be possible, but if the interpretation is wrong, the Parish Council would have to bear the cost of the VAT.
- 4 Phillip Symons has confirmed that reclaimed plastic board is not suitable to replace the rotting board on the climbing module in the Children's Playground. He is currently investigating other options.
- 5 Cllr. Miss Moody has reported that twelve bags of rubbish were collected during the "Spring Clean Weekend". Cllrs. Miss Moody and Mr Livall were assisted by two lady volunteers. Cllr. Mr Livall proposes to undertake further work.
- 6 Yate Ranger has confirmed that they would like to use the Recreation Ground during the 2011/12 season.
- 7 Confirmation has been received from the Gloucestershire Records Office that the latest batch of Parish Council documents have been archived.
- 8 The annual subscription notice has been received from ALCA, following its reorganisation. The Subscription for 2011/12 is £126.39, which is approximately 5% more than last year. It is recommended that the membership is renewed since ALCA continues to be a very useful source of information.
- 9 Cllr. Miss Moody has reported that there has been some fly tipping of garden waste in the Parish Council car park.
- 10 Details of the points raised by members of the public at the Annual Village Assembly, which need consideration by the Council, will be made available at the meeting.
- 11 The following items of correspondence of particular interest or requiring attention before or immediately after the next meeting have been passed to the appropriate Councillor for attention:-

None.

B R Miller (Clerk)

30th March 2011