

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 7th DECEMBER 2010

Those Present

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

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

Action

1	<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
	None.	
2	<u>Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items</u>	
	None.	
3	<u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u>	
01.12.10	The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 2 nd November, were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
4	<u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u>	
	Cllr. Mr Gawler raised the following five issues:-	
02.12.10	The second stage of the new footpath link between Manor Road and North Road is progressing. He confirmed that he will be clarifying several details of the planned scheme and that the re-siting of the bus stop is part of the works. Noted.	
03.12.10	Planning Application PT10/2185/F for Old Close Farm will be considered by the Planning Committee at South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) on the 9 th December. Noted.	
04.12.10	The Government has still not told SGC what their financial settlement will be for 2011/12. Notification may be received next Monday. Noted.	
05.12.10	The SGC Core Strategy Viability Assessment has now been made available. This forms part of the draft Core Strategy Affordable Housing Policy. Noted.	
06.12.10	SGC propose to re-surface Winpenny Bridge next year to overcome the poor skid resistance. In the meantime plans are progressing to reduce the speed limit to 50mph, not the 40mph limit suggested by the Parish Council. Noted.	
5	<u>To Receive the Clerk's Report</u>	
07.12.10	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.	
08.12.10	<u>Item 6.</u> At the ALCA Special General Meeting it was decided to reduce the scope of the work done by ALCA to lower the running costs and keep the subscriptions at a hopefully acceptable level. Noted.	
09.12.10	<u>Item 7.</u> It was resolved to approve the proposed meeting dates.	Clerk
10.12.10	Cllr. Miss Moody confirmed that the tenant of the field off Kidnappers Lane had vacated the field at the end of October in accordance with the Letting Agreement. Noted.	
6	<u>Other Matters Arising from the Last Minutes Not Elsewhere on the Agenda</u>	
11.12.10	<u>Minute 10.11.11.</u> The Chairman confirmed that he will be seeing Mr Brittan regarding the voluntary grass cutting in the Woodland. Noted.	GRD
7	<u>Planning Matters</u>	
	<u>Decisions</u>	
12.12.10	PT10/2543/F – Extensions at “Rose Cottage”, Bagstone Road. – Refused. Noted.	
	<u>Withdrawn Applications</u>	
13.12.10	PT10/2482/F – Extensions at “Dalarna”, Tanhouse Lane. Noted.	
	<u>New Applications</u>	
14.12.10	PT10/3197/O – Erection of three dwellings at “The Conifers”, Wotton Road. It was resolved to make the following objections:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Three dwellings would be an over development of the site. 2. The inadequate access onto the main Wotton Road from the development would present a traffic hazard, aggravated by its close proximity to the New Road junction. 3. SGC have accepted that no further development should take place in the village until the inadequate foul sewer problem has been resolved. 4. The development would have a visual and noise impact on the neighbours. <p>Cllr. Mr Gawler agreed to Cllrs’ request to call in the application at the appropriate time and notify them of any proposed site visit.</p>	Clerk
15.12.10	PT10/3186/F- Retrospective application for extensions at “Chapel House”, Wotton Road. No objections.	HG

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Other Correspondence

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:-

- 16.12.10 Seven days notice from Connaught Environmental Ltd that they propose to undertake a survey on foot of the overhead power lines across the Woodland. Noted.
- 17.12.10 Advance notice of an application by Rangeworthy Court Hotel for a license for the solemnisation of marriages and the formation of civil partnerships for a period of three years. Noted.
- 18.12.10 SGC notification of the availability of small Revenue grants and the application process. Noted.

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Finances

Received

- 19.12.10 £158.33 – Rangeworthy Football Club.
- 20.12.10 £12.29 – National Grid wayleave.

Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)

- 21.12.10 £305.94 - Clerk's salary.
- 22.12.10 £45.00 – Elite Cleaning UK Ltd.
- 23.12.10 £140.40 – SGC servicing dog bins.
- 24.12.10 £39.13 – The Clerk (printer cartridges)
- 25.12.10 £22.00 – Virgin Media.
- 26.12.10 £1518.37 – Public Works Loan Board (Pavilion Loan)

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The Children's Playground

(See item 3 of the Clerk's Report)

- 27.12.10 It was resolved to accept the tender from Mike Hardy to provide the picket fencing for the sum of £560.00. It was resolved to liaise with the fencer and the hedge layer to ensure that the playground boundary is kept safe at all times.
- 28.12.10 It was noted that the safety bark replacement work has not yet been done and is unlikely to be done in the immediate future following the onset of the severe winter weather.

Clerk
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The Recreation Ground

(See item 5 of the Clerk's Report)

29.12.10 The Chairman confirmed that he would contact Dave Buckley concerning the outstanding money owed by Rangeworthy Football Club. GRD

30.12.10 Cllr. Mr Somers confirmed that he had tightened up the oil supply pipe to the Pavilion and had checked that the boiler is working (28 and 29.11.10)

31.12.10 Following a significant increase in mole activity along the northern boundary, near the edge of the northern football pitch, the pest controller has been asked to take the necessary action. Due to a change in legislation, the moles can no longer be gassed but have to be trapped. This cannot be done until the ground thaws out and holes can be dug. Noted. Clerk

32.12.10 The Clerk confirmed that the annual electrical check of the Pavilion is being done. During the last visit the fan heater in the loft space seemed to be working and the system had not frozen up as yet. A further 500 litres of heating oil has been ordered. Clerk

12 Public Question Time

33.12.10 Mrs Alyson Marsden and Mr Dennis Lucioli confirmed that they agreed with the Parish Council's objections to the Planning Application at "The Conifers" (14.12.10). The SGC Planning Officer has now approved the access layout details from the main road, albeit that they fail to address his original objections. The issue of a shared drive is still an issue which has not been resolved. Noted.

13 Councillors' Open Forum

Cllr. Mr Ellery raised the following three issues:-

34.12.10 The present Broadband speed in the village is unacceptably low. Residents in the village should be encouraged to petition BT for a faster Broadband speed. It was resolved to include the matter in the next article in "Parish News". Clerk

35.12.10 There are still instances of parents crossing the road with their children on the blind bend by the Rose and Crown PH. He understands that the School has written to parents about this dangerous practice. Noted.

36.12.10 The quality of the reports being prepared by the SGC Planning Officers is very poor. The contents are poorly reasoned, inaccurate and badly presented. Cllr. Mr Dawe, Cllr. Mr Gawler and both members of the public agreed with these comments.

14 Date of Next Meeting

37.12.10 Tuesday 4th January 2011 at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MEETING ON THE 7th DECEMBER 2010

Since the last meeting, on the 2nd November, 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 South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) has confirmed that the scrim survey at Winpenny Bridge has shown that the skid resistance of the surfacing may be less than satisfactory (04.10.10). Streetcare will make the site a priority for a possible future resurfacing scheme.
- 2 Members of the SGC Planning Committee visited Old Close Farm, Bagstone Road, on the 26th November to look at the current Planning Application PT10/2185/F (05.11.10)
- 3 Cllr. Mr Gawler has confirmed that Housing Revenue Fund will indeed fund the provision of a new picket fence in the Children's Playground (06.11.10). The following three quotations for providing the fencing have now been received (excluding VAT where applicable):-

Paul Collins - £624.52 Country Style Supplies Ltd - £593.90 Mike Hardy - £560.00

The question of keeping the playground secure between the time that the hedge is laid and the new fencing is erected has been discussed with Cllr. Miss Moody. Some form of temporary fencing might be necessary, that will not only keep toddlers in, but stop older children climbing through and creating a gap.

- 4 SGC has started work on the second stage of the new footpath link between Manor Road and North Road.
- 5 Rangeworthy Football Club has still not paid last season's contribution of £74.00 towards the cost of the utilities used in the Pavilion. The Club Chairman has been reminded on several occasions about their debt. The matter has also been drawn to Yvonne Carter's attention who is a Club Committee member. The £20 fee for Yate United's Junior team using the ground has also not been received. (26.11.10).
- 6 The financial viability of ALCA has been in doubt for the past few months. An initial report into the future of ALCA has put forward various options which will be discussed at a Special General Meeting on the 1st December.
- 7 The following meeting dates for 2011 are put forward for Cllrs' approval:-

4th January 1st February 1st March 5th April 10th May 7th June 5th July

23rd August 4th October 1st November 6th December

The timing of Easter and the Royal Wedding suggests that the Annual Village Assembly could be on Friday 15th April.

- 8 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:-
 1. PT10/3197/0 – Erection of three dwellings at “The Conifers”, Wotton Road. (GRD)
 2. PT10/3186/F – Extensions at “Chapel House”, Wotton Road (retrospective) (GRD)

B R Miller (Clerk)

1st December 2010