

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 6th JANUARY 2009

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
One member of the public

Action

1	<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
01.01.09	None	
2	<u>Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda Items</u>	
02.01.09	None	
3	<u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u>	
03.01.09	The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 2 nd December, were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
4	<u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u>	
	Cllr. Mr Gawler responded to the following two outstanding issues raised by the Clerk:-	
04.01.09	The Planning Officer at South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) has allowed the new fence at 1 Gifford Close to remain (40.03.08). This is despite the fact that the height of the fence restricts the visibility of those leaving Gifford Close. Noted.	
05.01.09	The current position regarding the alleged Planning violation at Brooklands Farm will be checked (02.09.07).	HG
06.01.09	The Planning Application to establish a Gypsy and Travellers site at “Homefields” has not been withdrawn, despite the recent death of Mr Morgan. It is anticipated that the SGC Site Inspection Committee will visit the site in early February, as part of the Planning process. In the meantime, the action group opposed to the application has received reports from their Planning consultant and their Highways consultant. Both reports are believed to support the action group’s belief that the site is totally unsuitable. Noted.	
07.01.09	Cllr. Mr Gawler has still to check the legal position of SGC using NPRCs at the Civic Amenity sites (08.01.09).	HG
5	<u>To Receive the Clerk’s Report</u>	

08.01.09 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.

09.01.09 Item 2. The Clerk reported that the Wicksteed Playscapes order includes the types of “Springies” chosen by the children at the School. The precise location of all the new equipment will need to be agreed beforehand. Noted.

Clerk

10.01.09 Item 3. It was accepted that the hedge in question is the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was resolved to have the hedge laid next autumn, hopefully with grant aid assistance.

6 **Other Matters Arising from the Last Minutes Not Elsewhere on the Agenda**

11.01.09 Cllr. Miss Moody reported that Mr Ricketts has made a good job of laying the hedge in the field off Kidnapper Lane (34.12.08) Mr Ricketts has pointed out that, if the field is let for grazing, an electric fence will be needed by the newly laid hedge. Cllr. Miss Moody noted that a temporary fence is already required elsewhere in the field. It was resolved to ensure that the provision of all temporary fencing is included in any letting agreement.

Clerk

12.01.09 Mr Ricketts has also suggested that the planting of some whips would improve the hedge. It was resolved to wait and see the level of new growth that develops this year and then consider the planting of whips, possibly with grant aid.

7 **Planning Matters**

Decisions

13.01.09 PT08/2842/F – Raising the roof line and a loft conversion at “Two Oaks”, Manor Road. Permit. Noted.

Appeals

14.01.09 PK07/1305/O – Erection of a dwelling at Wixoldbury Farm, Wickwar. The appeal is against “Failure to Notify Decision”. Noted.

New Applications

15.01.09 PT/08/3208/F – Erection of an attached garage at “Meadow Cottage”, New Road. Cllr. Mr Ellery noted that the proposals are the same as those turned down by SGC several years ago. It was resolved to object to the proposal on the same grounds.

Clerk

8 **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:-

16.01.09 Letter from SGC concerning access to “Playbuilder” funding. (C)

17.01.09	Documents from Stuart Fish relating to the “Save Our Green Spaces” campaign. It was resolved to support the campaign and return the questionnaire.	ME
18.01.09	SGC details of a “Rural and Parish Matters” event on the 9 th February. (C)	
19.01.09	SGC PROW data including a draft “Path Diversion Policy”. It was resolved to study the draft.	WM
9	<u>Finance:-</u>	
	a) <u>To Consider the Draft 2009/10 Precept Estimates</u>	
20.01.09	The various budget heads were considered and it was resolved to take the final decision at the next meeting.	
	b) <u>Other Financial Matters</u>	
	<u>Received</u>	
21.01.09	£150.00 – Rangeworthy Football Club.	
	<u>Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)</u>	
22.01.09	£287.37 Clerk’s salary.	
23.01.09	£45.00 – Elite Cleaning UK Ltd	
24.01.09	£303.68 – Thomas Silvey (Pavilion heating Oil)	
25.01.09	£175.95 – Paul Tily & Son (Pavilion electrical inspection)	
26.01.09	£65.70 – SGC (Servicing dog bins)	
27.01.09	£22.00 – Telewest.	
28.01.09	£84.20 – D Somers (Servicing Pavilion boiler)	
29.01.09	£705.00 – ME & VJ Ricketts (Hedge laying)	
10	<u>The Recreation Ground</u>	
	a) <u>Letting Arrangements</u>	
30.01.09	The Clerk confirmed that both the Clubs using the facilities at present have expressed a wish to continue to do so next season. In addition, Rangeworthy Football Club is looking into the possibility of establishing a Junior team to play on Saturday mornings. This would generate additional income for the Council. Noted.	
	b) <u>The Pavilion</u>	
	(See item 1 of the Clerk’s Report)	

31.01.09	It was resolved to cut off the water supply to the shower. c) <u>General</u>	Clerk
32.01.09	The Clerk reported that there is increasing mole activity, particularly along the northern boundary. It resolved to seek the services of the pest control firm again.	Clerk
11	<u>Public Question Time</u> Mr Tony Clements raised the following six issues:-	
33.01.09	A sign has still not been erected by the newly re-opened LWT 43. It was resolved that Cllr. Mr Gawler would take the matter up with SGC.	HG
34.01.09	The stile on LIA14 at Patch Elm Farm, immediately adjacent to the main road needs modifying due to its extremely close proximity to passing traffic. It was noted that this is in the Parish of Iron Acton and Cllr. Mr Gawler will investigate.	HG
35.01.09	Lorry mirrors are still being ripped off by a protruding branch in Bagstone. (36.12.08) It was resolved that Cllr. Mr Livall would deal with the matter.	KL
36.01.09	Oldwood Lane has been blocked off to vehicular traffic by the installation of a low level bollard. Whilst he supports the blocking off, he wonders whether it has been done legally since no legal notices have been published. It was resolved that Cllr. Miss Moody would look into the matter.	WM
37.01.09	It would be a good idea if Cllrs. walked the footpaths in the Parish with Mr Clements so he can show them the numerous problems. It was resolved to accept the idea.	Cllrs.
38.01.09	The new development at Kings Field has no provision of for children to play and this is placing extra demands on the central grassed area in The Grove. Cllrs. noted that the dense layout of Kings Field is totally unsatisfactory, as predicted by the Parish Council at the Planning stage. Other options for providing play space have been explored by the Parish Council, but without success.	
12	<u>Councillors' Open Forum</u>	
39.01.09	Cllr. Mr Livall confirmed that he would consider cutting the grass in the Children's Playground on a regular basis, to save the Parish Council money. He would expect to be reimbursed out of pocket expenses. The proposal was gratefully received and it was resolved to consider the matter at the next meeting, when the Precept is set.	
40.01.09	In answer to a question from Cllr. Mr Ellery, the Clerk confirmed that Mark Parry, from SGC is due to attend the February meeting of the Parish Council. It was resolved to advise all parties known to be interested in the lorry traffic issue of the proposed visit.	Clerk Cllrs.
41.01.09	Cllr. Mr Ellery reported that he had studied the latest SGC lorry count data, provided by Cllr. Mr Gawler, and found it less than clear. Cllr. Mr Gawler	

agreed to look at the data and report back to the next meeting, probably with the next printout from SGC. Noted.

HG

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Date of Next Meeting

42.01.09 Tuesday 3rd February 2009 at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK’S REPORT FOR THE MEETING ON THE 6th JANUARY 2009

Since the last meeting, on the 2nd December 2008, 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 With the exception of one issue, the electrical installation in the Pavilion passed the inspection by Paul L Tily & Son (11.12.08). The one cause for concern is the electric shower in the kitchen. The shower was electrically disconnected some time ago, due to its close proximity to the electric meter box. However, the water supply remains connected to the shower. It is therefore possible that, in the summer, somebody might take a cold shower and possibly wet the meter box. It is therefore recommended that the water supply to the shower is also disconnected.
- 2 Wicksteed Playscapes have confirmed that the installation of the new equipment in the Children’s Playground and the Woodland will take place around the 23rd February (30.12.08).
- 3 The hedge adjacent to the highway, to the north of the gate leading into the Woodland, has been inspected (37.12.08). The first 50 metres, approximately, forms the boundary between the Woodland and the highway. North of this point it becomes the boundary between the “The Grange” and the highway. Cllrs. may wish to consider whether to have the 50 metres of hedge cut back, as has been done further north.
- 4 A report has been received that the Neighbourhood Watch notice board by the Children’s Playground has been vandalised.
- 5 Rangeworthy Football Club has been asked on several occasions to dispose of the fridge/freezer which has been moved from the Pavilion lounge and placed under the veranda. Assurances have been received that it will be moved.
- 6 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. Letter and data from South Gloucestershire Council seeking comments on the current Jubilee Way footpath booklet, before it is re-printed. (WM)
2. PT08/3208/F – Erection of an attached garage extension at “Meadow Cottage”, New Road. (GRD)

B R Miller (Clerk)

31st December 2008