

**RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010**

Those Present

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

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

**Action**

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| <p><b>1</b>      <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b></p> <p>01.06.10      Cllr. Mr G R Dawe.</p> <p><b>2</b>      <b><u>Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items</u></b></p> <p>02.06.10      None.</p> <p><b>3</b>      <b><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></b></p> <p>03.06.10      The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May, were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman.</p> <p><b>4</b>      <b><u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u></b></p> <p>                  Cllr. Mr Gawler raised the following three issues:-</p> <p>04.06.10      The South Gloucestershire Draft Core Strategy is currently available for consultation. The Clerk confirmed that a copy has been received and is being circulated for Cllrs' comments. It was resolved to consider any comments at the next meeting.</p> <p>05.06.10      Just beyond the Parish boundary, in a field at Hall End, some form of unauthorised car spraying facility has been established. Wickwar Parish Council is taking the appropriate action. Noted.</p> <p>06.06.10      South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) is waiting to see what effect the forthcoming severe Government cuts in expenditure will have on the Council. Noted.</p> <p>07.06.10      Cllr. Mr Somers complained that the recent additional road patching is of a poor quality and that the cats eyes on earlier areas of patching have still not been replaced (39.05.10). Cllr. Mr Ellery complained that there is still an area on the northbound side of the road, near the Bagstone boundary, that is in urgent need of attention. Cllr. Mr Gawler agreed to take the matter up with Street Care.</p> <p><b>5</b>      <b><u>To Receive the Clerk's Report</u></b></p> <p>08.06.10      Matters contained in the Report relating to non specific Agenda items were noted. The following additional information was also noted and resolutions</p> | <p>Cllrs<br/>Clerk</p> <p>HG</p> |
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passed to take the appropriate actions. Report items relating to specific Agenda items were considered later under the relevant item, as appropriate.

09.06.10 Item 3. The stones have now been removed and reflective bollards erected by SGC around the entrances on both sides of the road. It was noted that comments have been made about the excessive number of bollards that have been erected.

10.06.10 The Clerk reported that he is due to meet an Engineer from SGC to seek advice on the resurfacing of the Parish Council owned car park (40.05.10). Noted.

Clerk

11.06.10 Mr Stewart Howes has verbally advised that he has consulted his family about possibly selling a parcel of land for a youth area. As a result, he has confirmed that he is not interested in selling any land (43.04.10). Noted.

12.06.10 It was resolved to confirm the following meeting dates for the Parish Council:-

7<sup>th</sup> September 5<sup>th</sup> October 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7<sup>th</sup> December

Clerk

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

13.06.10 Minute 36.05.10. Cllr. Mr Ellery sought clarification on the issue of imposing a weight limit in Latteridge and Rangeworthy. Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that a meeting of local Cllrs. who represent areas affected by the lorry problems will be taking place in the near future. Hopefully a consensus of opinion will be reached on how to improve matters. Noted.

## **7 Planning Matters**

### Decisions

None.

### New Applications

14.06.10 PT10/0954/O – Erection of three dwellings at “The Conifers”, Wotton Road. The Clerk confirmed that the following objections had been registered with SGC:-

1. The proposals would be an over development of the site.
2. The recent approval for an additional access onto the highway made no mention of this proposal. The new access would not be suitable to service three additional dwellings.
3. The foul sewer through the village is already overloaded and prone to over flowing. The recently laid diversion sewer at Bagstone does not appear at present to have solved the problem. Additional loading of the sewer should therefore be avoided.
4. Contrary to the negative response to question 16 of the Planning Application, there are many trees on the site, several of which are mature and need to be preserved.

Cllr. Mr Ellery reported that the application has been withdrawn and will possibly be re-submitted in due course. Noted.

15.06.10 PT10/1069/EXT – Extension of time limit on consent to convert the agricultural building and erect an extension at “Berrows”. No objections.

16.06.10 PT10/1260/F– Erection of a two storey side extension at “Rose Cottage”, Bagstone Road. No objections.

#### Preliminary Consultations

17.06.10 Mr Edward Dixon has submitted draft proposals for proposed works at Old Close Farm Barn, Bagstone. Mr Dixon has requested that the Parish Council examines the proposals and lets him have any comments prior to him submitting a Planning Application, hopefully in July. (C)

### **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:-

18.06.10 A letter from the Alzheimer’s Society seeking a grant towards the cost of their work. (C)

19.06.10 Frome and Ladden Vale Environmental Link Group Minutes and Agenda for the 10<sup>th</sup> June meeting (ME).

20.06.10 SGC Core Strategy Pre-Submission draft. (C)

21.06.10 SGC Environmental Forum Agenda for 9<sup>th</sup> June. (C)

22.06.10 Letter from the Senior Citizen’s Forum seeking a donation. (C)

23.06.10 An e-mail from Phil Griffiths at “The Lodge”, Bagstone, asking for a speed check in Bagstone. The Clerk confirmed that he had referred him to Cllr. Mr Gawler. Noted.

24.06.10 A letter from SARA seeking a donation (20.04.10) It was resolved to make a donation of £30.00.

Clerk

### **9 Finances**

#### Received

25.06.10 £5433.00 – 50% Annual Precept.

26.06.10 £150.00 – Rangeworthy Football Club.

#### Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)

27.06.10 £305.94 - Clerk’s salary.

28.06.10	£45.00 – Elite Cleaning UK Ltd.	
29.06.10	£115.00 – Iain Selkirk (Internal Auditor).	
30.06.10	£940.10 – Aon Ltd (Insurance).	
31.06.10	£33.59 – The Clerk (Two printer cartridges).	
32.06.10	£47.57 – Npower.	
33.06.10	£50.00 – T Vittori (Adjust Pavilion bolts and replace sign).	
34.06.10	£22.00 – Virgin Media.	
35.06.10	£3922.00 – Sutcliffe Play SW (Nest swing)	
36.06.10	£175.00 – Rangeworthy Hall Fund ( 09.10.09)	
37.06.10	£30.00 – SARA.	
<b>10</b>	<b><u>The Children’s Playground</u></b>	
	<b>a) <u>To Consider the Replacement of the Safety Bark</u></b>	
38.06.10	The Clerk confirmed that Phillip Symons has still not provided details of the safety surfacing that he proposes to use. It was resolved that Cllr. Mr Ellery would pursue the matter.	ME
	<b>b) <u>Other Matters</u></b>	
	(See items 2 and 7 of the Clerk’s Report)	
39.06.10	The Clerk confirmed that Paul Collins has removed the length of broken hedge and erected a secure picket fence. It was resolved to write to the owner of the car that caused the damage and ask him to refund the Parish Council the cost of the repair work.	Clerk
40.06.10	The possibility of planting replacement whips in the autumn to fill the gap was considered, together with the possibility of laying the hedge in due course. It was resolved to get an estimate for laying the hedge and to see if any grants are available from SGC.	Clerk
41.06.10	The question of the safety of the Playground was discussed, bearing in mind that there have been three accidents in the vicinity in recent months. It was resolved to see whether SGC would be prepared to erect an Armco barrier along the verge to provide the necessary protection.	HG
42.06.10	Mrs Fiona Vosper has personally thanked the Parish Council for providing the swing which is proving to be very popular. Noted. Concerns were expressed that older children are using the swing which is intended for younger children.	
<b>11</b>	<b><u>The Recreation Ground</u></b>	

a) **To Consider the Installation of Floodlights by Rangeworthy Football Club**

43.06.10 Mr Dave Buckley, Chairman of Rangeworthy Football Club, supported by Yvonne Carter, detailed the proposals and answered questions from Cllrs. Various suggestions for providing temporary lights were discussed and it was resolved to hold a joint site meeting to finalise the matter. RAFA Cllrs.

b) **Other Matters**

(See items 6 and 8 of the Clerk's Report)

44.06.10 The Clerk reported that SGC has confirmed that the cost of the weed killing will be £180.00. Noted. It was also noted that the treatment has recently been completed.

45.06.10 The question of the £100.00 increase in rental for the next season was discussed. Yvonne Carter pointed out that six players in the Rangeworthy Football Club team are from the village. Mr Dave Buckley explained that many of the players are students and as such, under Club rules, do not pay subscriptions. This adds to the ongoing problem of fund raising. Yvonne Carter suggested that the Parish Council might like to reconsider the rental issue, bearing in mind the money recently spent in the Children's Playground. It was resolved to credit the Club with the agreed contribution of £120.00 towards their cost of white lining, which last season was done by the Club's specialist contractor. The question of the rental will be considered at the next meeting. Clerk Clerk

46.06.10 Cllr. Mr Ellery confirmed that attempts are continuing to provide suitable youth facilities nearer to the centre of the village (11.06.10). It was resolved to once again approach SGC to see whether their site set aside for a school by Berrows Mead could be leased by the Parish Council. HG

47.06.10 The Clerk reported that the hedges on either side of the access footpath from the main road need trimming. Cllr. Mr Livall agreed to trim the hedges and also prune the Horse Chestnut tree by the oil tank (33.05.10). KL KL

12 **Public Question Time**

Mr Derek Morely raised the following two issues:-

48.06.10 When will the recently stolen lead from the Memorial Hall roof be replaced? Cllr. Mr Gawler, speaking as the Treasurer of the Hall Management Committee, confirmed that it will be done in the near future. Currently the £3000 insurance claim is being resolved. Noted.

49.06.10 He has recently pulled out several Ragwort seedlings from the Children's Playground. Cllr. Miss Moody confirmed that she will remove any future seedlings that appear. WM

Mr Barrie Purnell raised the following four issues:-

50.06.10 Japanese Knotweed has appeared in the Village Pound again. Noted.

- 51.06.10 He supports the proposal to try and install an Armco barrier by the Children's Playground. The chain link fence that was in the hedge helped to contain the errant car, but now the damaged fencing has been partially removed this protection is lost. Noted.
- 52.06.10 The repairs to the main road have been done to a very poor standard and a complaint needs to be made to SGC. It was confirmed that the matter has already been taken up with SGC.
- 53.06.10 There is a tile missing from the bus shelter by the Memorial Hall. It was resolved to get it replaced.
- 54.06.10 Yvonne Carter asked whether the Parish Council had consulted youths in the village about what they would like in a youth recreation area (46.06.10). Cllr. Mr Ellery confirmed that he had visited the School and also spoken to older children about the proposals. Once a piece of land has been obtained the question of equipment etc can be considered.
- 55.06.10 Cllr. Mr Gawler, speaking as the Treasurer of the Hall Management Committee, reported that the Hall heating controls had just been replaced to hopefully provide heat when it is required. He also confirmed that plans are being made to try and fund the resurfacing of the front Hall car park. Noted.

Clerk

**13 Councillors' Open Forum**

- 56.06.10 Cllr. Mr Livall commented that the edge of New Road continues to subside beyond Berrows Mead. The Clerk confirmed that SGC have included the remedial work in their task register. Noted.
- 57.06.10 Cllr. Mr Somers noted that the footpaths in the village had been cleaned in a thorough manner by SGC. Noted.
- 58.06.10 Cllr. Mr Ellery noted that the SG Core Strategy did not include for any new roads or road improvements to serve the new housing development in the area. The Planners assume that it will be a "self contained" area with no one wishing to travel to Bristol to work. Noted.

Cllr. Miss Moody raised the following two issues:-

- 59.06.10 The barrier erected at the Tanhouse Lane end of Old Wood Lane to prevent four wheeled vehicles passing along has been by-passed. It was resolved to take the matter up with SGC.
- 60.06.10 SGC have cured the flooding problem at the junction of Patch Elm Lane and the main road. Noted.

Clerk

**14 Date of Next Meeting**

- 61.06.10 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

## RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

### CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MEETING ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010

Since the last meeting, on the 4<sup>th</sup> May, 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 started the publishing process for the Traffic Orders needed for the new 30mph speed limit through the village (09.05.10).
- 2 Paul Collins is tidying up the damaged hedge and chain link fence bounding the Children's Playground and erecting a length of picket fencing. (31.05.10). The Police do not have details of the driver of the car which caused the damage.
- 3 The owner of "The Coverts", Mr Christopher Jones, has contacted the Parish Council regarding the large rocks which he has placed on the verge outside the entrance to his property (45.05.10). He has explained to Cllr. Miss Moody his reasons for introducing the rocks. Apparently on several occasions he has had to pay for repairs to his water main and meter, which have been damaged by vehicles driving over the verge. In addition, on several occasions his entrance has been blocked by cars being left parked on the verge. A compromise solution may be to ask SGC to mark the edge of the road with plastic bollards with reflectors.
- 4 The Royal Mail has confirmed that they are considering the request to refurbish the post box in Bagstone.
- 5 The internal audit of the Parish Council's Accounts for 2009/10 was successfully completed on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. The accounts are now with the external auditor.
- 6 Tullio Vettori has re-set the lower bolts securing the double doors to the Pavilion (36.04.10). In addition, he has replaced the sign at the west end of the footpath leading from the main road to the Recreation Ground (39.04.10).
- 7 Sutcliffe Play have successfully installed the Nest swing in the Children's Playground (35.03.10)
- 8 Weeds have again become established in the grass on the Recreation Ground. Following consultations with Cllr. Miss Moody, SGC have been instructed to treat the grass with an appropriate weed killer, as was successfully done during several years ago.
- 9 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:-

PT10/1069/EXT – Extension of permission to convert an agricultural building and erect an extension at "Berrows". (GRD)

B R Miller (Clerk)

4<sup>th</sup> June 2010