

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 2nd MARCH 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

One member of the public

Action

1	<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
	None.	
2	<u>Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items</u>	
01.03.10	None.	
3	<u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u>	
02.03.10	Cllr. Mr Somers requested clarification on Minute 07.02.10. of the last meeting, held on the 2 nd February 2010. It was resolved to replace the proposed Minute with “Cllr. Mr Ellery expressed reservations about the proposed 30mph speed limit, but it was resolved by a majority vote to accept the proposals”. The amended 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 five issues:-	
03.03.10	The first stage of the new footpath link from North Road to Manor Road has been completed. He has received a request to protect the bollard at the junction of Tanhouse Lane and North Road, which keeps being knocked down. He will take the matter up with South Gloucestershire Council (SGC). Noted.	
04.03.10	SGC will be reminded that the footpath running eastwards alongside Manor Road from the main road needs resurfacing. The surface was damaged when the footpath was cleaned last year. Noted.	
05.03.10	The main B4058 from the Iron Acton By-Pass to Manor Road will be closed for resurfacing from the 15 th March for fourteen days. Noted.	
06.03.10	SGC has set their budget for 2010/11 which will result in a 2.5% rise in the Council Tax. SGC plans to reduce its staffing level by 317 over the next three years. Noted.	
07.03.10	A new bus service is starting in Iron Acton which will run on an hourly basis during weekdays. Noted.	

08.03.10	Cllr. Mr Dawe criticised the length of time that the new Manor Road footpath construction had taken. He has received numerous complaints on the matter, both concerning the length of time taken and the need for a continuous road closure. He also requested details about the cost of the project. Cllr. Mr Gawler noted the criticism and confirmed that the budget cost had been £50k. He will advise the Parish Council of the final cost when the figures are available.	HG
5	<u>To Receive the Clerk's Report</u>	
09.03.10	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.	
10.03.10	<u>Item 1.</u> Cllr. Miss Moody agreed to be the contact point for the delivery of equipment and the collection of the bags of rubbish. Cllr. Mr Livall offered to assist with the work.	Clerk
11.03.10	<u>Item 2.</u> It was resolved to invite a representative from LINK to the April meeting.	Clerk
12.03.10	<u>Item 4.</u> It was resolved to appoint Mr Iain Selkirk as the Internal Auditor.	Clerk
13.03.10	<u>Item 8.</u> It was resolved to make a donation of £60.00 to "Parish News".	Clerk
14.03.10	<u>Item 9.</u> The draft Standing Orders were circulated to Cllrs. for perusal and possible adoption at the April meeting.	All
6	<u>Other Matters Arising from the Last Minutes Not Elsewhere on the Agenda</u>	
	None.	
7	<u>Planning Matters</u>	
	<u>Decisions</u>	
15.03.10	PT09/6014/LB – Roof works and internal alterations at Bagstone Court Farm, Bagstone. Permit. Noted.	
	<u>New Applications</u>	
	None.	
	<u>Current Applications</u>	
16.03.10	The Clerk asked Cllr. Mr Gawler why PT09/5801/F (works at "Green Pastures" in New Road) had been referred to the Development Control (West) Committee for the 4/03/10. Cllr. Mr Gawler agreed to make the necessary enquiries.	HG
17.03.10	Cllr. Mr Somers asked why the rejected application for an extension at "The Old Rectory" (PT09/5424/F) had been immediately re-submitted unaltered as (PT10/0051/F). Cllr. Mr Gawler agreed to make the necessary enquiries.	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:-

- 18.03.10 Letter from Victim Support seeking a donation. It was resolved to make a donation of £30.00.
- 19.03.10 Invitation to the next Environment Forum on the 10/03/10. (C)
- 20.03.10 Agenda for the ALCA Special General Meeting on the 18/03/10. (C)
- 21.03.10 Letter from Mr Cloke, of Bagstone Cottage, seeking permission to fell one tree and prune another at the north end of the Parish Council owned car park. It was resolved to approve Mr Cloke's request to undertake the tree work. The letter of approval will stress that the land does belong to the Parish Council, that the contractor must be fully insured and that the pruning of the Horse Chestnut tree should be limited to the areas encroaching onto the highway.
- 22.03.10 Notice of an emergency closure of the B4059 at Latteridge for 5 days from the 1/03/10. Noted.
- 23.03.10 Invitation from Sustainable Thornbury to see a film "How Will Farming Cope?" (C)
- 24.03.10 Letter from National Grid advising that they plan to do work on their overhead lines between the 3rd March and the 14th May. Noted.

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Finances

Received

- 25.03.10 £150.00 – Rangeworthy Football Club.
- 26.03.10 £50.00 – Rangeworthy Court Hotel wayleave.

Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)

- 27.03.10 £305.94 - Clerk's salary.
- 28.03.10 £45.00 – Elite Cleaning UK Ltd.
- 29.03.10 £22.00 – Telewest
- 30.03.10 £213.15 – Thomas Silvey Ltd. (Pavilion heating oil)
- 31.03.10 £17.21 – Clerk's expenses (Six months)
- 32.03.10 £20.00 - Cllr. Mr Livall (Reimbursement of fuel costs incurred when cutting the grass in the Children's Playground)
- 33.03.10 £30.00 – Victim Support.

34.03.10	£60.00 – Parish news magazine.	
10	<u>The Children’s Playground</u>	
	a) <u>To Consider the Provision of a “Bird’s Nest Swing”</u>	
35.03.10	It was resolved to accept the quotation from Sutcliffe Play to provide and install a “Nest swing” for the sum of £3922.00. A site meeting will be convened with the Company to discuss the siting of the new swing. Ideally the present toddlers swing should be retained, but if there is not enough room, it will have to make way for the new swing. If the toddler swing has to be removed, Sutcliffe Play will be asked to quote for its removal and making up the ground.	Clerk
	b) <u>To Consider the Replacement of the Safety Bark</u>	
	(See item 3 of the Clerk’s Report)	
36.03.10	It was resolved to seek further quotations for the work, starting with Sutcliffe Play when their representative visits the site.	Clerk
	c) <u>Other Matters</u>	
	None.	
11	<u>The Recreation Ground</u>	
	a) <u>To Consider the Installation of Floodlights by Rangeworthy Football Club</u>	
37.03.10	Cllrs. expressed various reservations regarding the proposals. The main concerns are the effects of light pollution on local residents and the ability of the grass in the training area to cope with intensive use. It was resolved to write to the Club and invite them to respond to the Council’s various concerns and ask them to produce an alternative proposal. In addition, the Club will be asked to canvass local residents’ opinions on the matter. The monthly article in “Parish News” will also include an invitation for residents to comment on the Club’s proposals.	Clerk Clerk
	b) <u>Other Matters</u>	
38.03.10	Cllr. Mr Livall confirmed that he has removed the padlock from the oil tank. (Item 5 of the Clerk’s Report). Noted.	
12	<u>To Consider Possible Uses for the Village Pound</u>	
39.03.10	Various options were discussed but none seemed suitable, bearing in mind the need to preserve the character of The Pound. It was resolved to again include a request for suggested uses for the Pound in the next “Parish News” article and also to raise the matter at the Annual Village Assembly.	Clerk Clerk
13	<u>Public Question Time</u>	
40.03.10	Mr Mike Guest expressed the view that it would be of dubious value to spend	

money in The Pound. The money would be better spent in the Children's Playground or on the Recreation ground. Noted.

14 **Councillors' Open Forum**

41.03.10 It was noted that the footpath/cycleway on the west side of the main road, to the south of the Memorial Hall, still needs clearing (42.02.10). Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that he would remind SGC.

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15 **Date of Next Meeting**

42.03.10 Tuesday 6th April 2010 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 2nd MARCH 2010

Since the last meeting, on the 2nd February, 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 Mr Needham, of 4 Audley Close, Tony Clements and Cllr. Miss Moody have volunteered to take part in the South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) sponsored "Big Spring Clean" (09.02.10). SGC will provide all the necessary equipment and collect the bags of rubbish afterwards. The date of the event has yet to be arranged.
- 2 A representative from LINK is not available to come to the Annual Village Assembly but has offered to attend the meeting of the Parish Council on the 6th April (19.02.10).
- 3 A quotation has been received from Notts Sports (UK) Ltd for replacing the safety bark in the Children's Playground with a modern safety surfacing (37.02.10). The work will entail firstly removing all of the present bark and boarded surrounds under the junior swings and climbing frame. Successive layers of filling will then be compacted under each item of equipment, including a drainage layer. A mesh safety surface will then be fastened down and sanded prior to seeding. The estimated cost of the work is between £6500 and £7000. Cllrs. will recall that it costs approximately £400 per year to maintain the present safety bark at the required level
- 4 Mr Iain Selkirk has offered his services as the Internal Auditor of the Parish Council's Accounts for 2009/10. His fee would be £115, which has remained unchanged from last year when he

audited the Council's Accounts. Cllrs. are recommended to approve his appointment.

- 5 The key to the padlock on the Pavilion oil tank no longer works for no apparent reason, other than there was a recent oil delivery. Cllr. Mr Livall has agreed to cut off the old padlock so that a replacement lock can be fitted.
- 6 The pest control contractor has been asked to deal with the increasing mole activity between the west end of the northern football pitch and the western boundary of the Recreation Ground.
- 7 Notice has been given that the B4058, from the Iron Acton By-Pass to Manor Road will be closed for resurfacing from the 15th March for fourteen days. Details of the diversion route will be available at the meeting.
- 8 Cllrs. attention is drawn to the fact that in November 2008 the Parish Council made a donation of £60.00 towards the running costs of "Parish News". Cllrs. may wish to make a donation during the current financial year.
- 9 Cllrs. will recall that the Internal Auditor recommended that the Parish Council's Standing Orders, last revised in March 2008, are reviewed. The present Standing Orders are based on a national standard format published in 2003, with minor amendments to suit individual Councils. A new version was published in January 2010 which again can be amended to suit an individual Council. A copy of the new Standing Orders will be made available at the meeting, together with the suggested amendments. Cllrs. are asked to consider the proposals with a view to adopting the new Standing Orders at the April meeting.
- 10 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. SGC's draft response to consultations on a new nuclear power station at Oldbury. (GRD)

B R Miller (Clerk)

23rd February 2010