

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2010**

Those Present

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

Mr Howard Gawler – South Gloucestershire Councillor

No members of the public

Action

1	<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
01.11.10	Mr K Livall	
2	<u>Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items</u>	
02.11.10	None.	
3	<u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u>	
03.11.10	The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 5 th October, were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
4	<u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u>	
	Cllr. Mr Gawler raised the following two issues:-	
04.11.10	Action is still awaited from South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) regarding Winpenny Bridge (09.10.10). Noted.	
05.11.10	He has called in the Planning Application PT10/2185/F at Old Close Farm. There are still several issues that need to be agreed as soon as possible. Noted.	
06.11.10	Cllr. Miss Moody asked whether funds are still available from the Housing Revenue Fund (06.03.09). If so, can some of it be used to pay for the new picket fencing in the Children's Playground after the laying of the hedge? (36.09.10). Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that funds are still available and that the fencing appears to qualify for a grant from the fund. Noted.	
07.11.10	Cllr. Mr Somers, speaking on behalf of Cllr. Mr Livall, asked for the encroaching verge to be cleared from the combined western footpath/cycleway northwards from "Old Star House". Cllr. Mr Gawler will contact Street Care who should be able to do the work once the present leaf clearing activities are concluded.	HG
5	<u>To Receive the Clerk's Report</u>	
08.11.10	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.

09.11.10 Item 4. Cllr. Miss Moody confirmed that SGC had left sufficient equipment from this year's "Spring Clean" for next year. It was resolved not to order any further items for now.

10.11.11 Item 12. It was resolved that the Chairman would contact Mr Brittan regarding his voluntary grass cutting. Having done so, the Chairman will instruct the Clerk regarding a possible donation of £30.00 towards Mr Brittan's fuel costs.

GRD

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

11.11.10 Minute 37.10.10. The Chairman, who was not present at the last meeting, stated that he did not agree with Cllr. Mr Ellery's allegation that the Parish Council had not fulfilled its pledge for full consultation before taking a decision on the young people's play area. The Chairman believed that the matter had been discussed for at least twelve months and that there had been ample opportunity for residents to contact the Council. The Agenda clearly stated that the decision would be made before Public Question Time so an approach to a Cllr. or the Clerk, would have been appropriate.

Cllr. Mr Ellery accepted the Chairman's comments and confirmed that it had not been his intention to cause offence. Several residents had told him informally that they supported the idea. However all had seemed reluctant to contact the Parish Council with their ideas. Noted.

12.11.10 Minute 19.10.10. Cllr. Miss Moody suggested that a significant amount of money could be saved next year by not cutting the verge by Pool Farm. The area could be left and wild flowers allowed to become established, a process with which she would be willing to assist. It might be necessary to have the area cut back at the end of the season. It was resolved to accept the proposal.

Clerk

7 **Planning Matters**

None

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:-

13.11.10 Letter from National Grid advising that they propose to inspect the overhead power lines across the Woodland. (C)

14.11.10 Invitation from NHS South Gloucestershire and SGC to attend a Remembrance Day Service on the 11th November. (C)

15.11.10 An invitation from Her Majesty's Court Service (HMCS) to attend North Avon Magistrates' Court in Yate to learn more about the Criminal Justice System. The Clerk noted that the invitation had been received too late to take advantage

	of the invitation. It was resolved to advise HMCS that one or more Cllrs. would like to attend the next such event.	Clerk
16.11.10	Letter from Yate and District Heritage Centre seeking a donation of £50.00.	
9	<u>Finances</u>	
	<u>Received</u>	
17.11.10	£2.60 – Bank interest.	
18.11.10	£8.82 – BT Wayleave.	
19.11.10	£264.00 – SGC Hedge laying grant.	
20.11.10	£158.33 – Rangeworthy Football Club.	
	<u>Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)</u>	
21.11.10	£305.94 - Clerk's salary.	
22.11.10	£45.00 – Elite Cleaning UK Ltd.	
23.11.10	£3.55 – Virgin Media.	
24.11.10	£205.26 – SGC Grass cutting.	
10	<u>The Children's Playground</u>	
	(See items 2 and 8 of the Clerk's Report)	
25.11.10	Cllr. Miss Moody confirmed that the regular inspections had continued and that she had recently found an empty lager bottle. Noted.	
11	<u>The Recreation Ground</u>	
	(See items 3, 6, 7, 9 and 10 of the Clerk's Report)	
26.11.10	<u>Item 3.</u> The Chairman confirmed that he had approved the request and that a pitch fee of £20.00 should be paid to the Parish Council via Rangeworthy Football Club.	Clerk
27.11.10	<u>Item 6.</u> It was resolved to advise Rangeworthy Football Club accordingly.	Clerk
28.11.10	<u>Item 9.</u> Cllr. Mr Somers agreed to undertake the servicing work.	DS
29.11.10	<u>Item 10.</u> Cllr. Mr Somers agreed to look at the oil supply pipe and it was resolved to get a Contractor to prune the Horse Chestnut tree.	DS Clerk
12	<u>To Receive Mr Bryan Quinlan Regarding the Memorial Hall Management Committee's Plans to Improve the Hall</u>	

30.11.10 Mr Quinlan began by saying that the purpose of his presentation to the Parish Council was to keep the Council informed and to seek their views and support for possible future works. He then presented his article on the running, ongoing improvements and possible development of the Hall, that had recently been published in the "Parish News". He then presented more detailed preliminary ideas on how the Hall could be further improved, to provide even better facilities to make it fit for the 21st century. He stressed that these ideas are basically the Committee's "wish list" and would take some years to achieve. Before moving forward with the proposals, he asked for the Council's approval and support.

After some discussion between Cllrs. and several questions to Mr Quinlan, it was resolved that the Council fully approved and supported the proposals.

13 To Review the Position of Public Question Time at Future Meetings

31.11.10 It was resolved to change the meeting format from the first meeting in 2011 as follows:-

- Starting at 7:45pm, the Parish Council will receive and respond to questions from the public. Appropriate notes will be taken by the Clerk.
- At approximately 8:00pm, at the discretion of the Chairman, the formal meeting of the Parish Council will start as stated in the published Agenda. The latter will include an item to take any necessary actions arising from public question time.
- The revised format will be reviewed when the new Council is elected in May.

Clerk

14 Public Question Time

None.

15 Councillors' Open Forum

32.11.10 The Chairman noted that even though the B4059 through Latteridge had been re-opened, Morrisons' lorries are still using the B4058 through Rangeworthy. It was resolved to write to Morrisons and remind them of the agreement whereby all their lorries should use the B4059.

Clerk

16 Date of Next Meeting

33.11.10 Tuesday 7th December 2010 in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MEETING ON THE 2nd NOVEMBER 2010

Since the last meeting, on the 5th October, 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 advised Cllr. Mr Gawler that the subsidence in New Road will be dealt with on a temporary basis before Christmas. He suspects that further work will be required to ensure long term stability (11.10.10). The rest of the road, right through to Wickwar, is due to be surface dressed next summer.
- 2 Cllrs. Miss Moody and Mr Livall have met Mr Bamfield on site to discuss his quotation to lay the Children's Playground hedge (28.10.10). They were satisfied that he will be able to undertake the work in a satisfactory manner and he has since been asked to undertake the work.
- 3 A request was received from a member of Rangeworthy Football Club to allow a Junior team from Yate United Football Club to use a pitch one Sunday morning in early October. The matter was referred to the Chairman for a decision. Whether this request has anything to do with the suspected over use of the ground in a matter of conjecture (31.10.10).
- 4 Murray Hire Centres Ltd has quoted the sum of £26.79 to equip a "Spring Cleaner" volunteer with a litter picker, a reflective waistcoat and a pair of gloves, based on an order for ten sets of equipment (33.10.10).
- 5 Royal Mail has confirmed that it will install a lamp post box adjacent to "Beechgrove" and remove the vandalised box (09.09.10).
- 6 A Planning Officer at SGC has confirmed that Planning Permission is not required for the proposed floodlights on the Recreation Ground (37.09.10). Suggestions have been made on how to minimise the lighting effect on local residents and on the appearance of the columns.
- 7 Elite Cleaning UK Ltd has removed the unwanted items taken from the store, at no extra cost.
- 8 Mr Philip Symons has confirmed that he has been delayed in starting work to replace the safety bark in the Children's Playground. He now estimates that he will be on site towards the middle of November. He has offered, as a goodwill gesture, to turf the areas in question, rather than use seed. The offer has been accepted since it will produce a better job, especially bearing in mind the time of year. The delay will also mean that work will not start until after half-term.
- 9 The boiler in the Pavilion is due to be serviced next month and a Heating Engineer therefore needs to be asked to undertake the work.
- 10 The Horse Chestnut tree on the boundary by the Pavilion has received a lot of attention during the current conker season. The oil tank beneath the tree has been used as a convenient means of access to the higher areas of the tree. There are now signs of a minor oil seepage from the supply pipe to the Pavilion. The tree is starting to encroach not only over the tank but also over the Pavilion. Cllrs. may wish to appoint a suitable contractor to prune the tree well back.
- 11 SGC has published the Temporary Traffic Orders for Stage 2 of the Manor Road footpath link. It appears that work could start sometime after the 22nd November.
- 12 Cllrs. will recall that in recent years Mr Brittan has been reimbursed the fuel costs for mowing

the grass rides in the Woodland. Cllrs. may wish to do so again this year.

B R Miller (Clerk)

27th October 2010