

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 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

No members of the public

Action

1	<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
	None.	
2	<u>Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items</u>	
01.11.09	None.	
3	<u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u>	
02.11.09	The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 6 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 five issues:-	
03.11.09	The start of the footpath extension from Manor Road to North Road is imminent and should be finished by Christmas. Noted.	
04.11.09	Details of the latest lorry count at Bagstone were tabled and circulated for Cllrs' perusal.	
05.11.09	CCTV cameras have gone up at the junctions of the Wotton Road and the Latteridge Road with the main B4059 Iron Acton By-pass. These will continuously record traffic movements for at least a week and the results will be used to produce a vehicle count. Noted.	
06.11.09	A meeting of official interested bodies has been held to discuss the possible locations of the new houses that the Government has said must be built in the area. A public meeting will eventually be held to discuss the various options for the siting of some three to three and a half thousand houses. Noted.	
07.11.09	The meeting in London, attended by officials from South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) and Steve Webb MP has taken place (03.10.09). It appears that the need for additional Gypsy and Travellers sites may well be reviewed, bearing in mind the present number of unused spaces on existing sites.	
	Cllr. Mr Ellery raised the following two issues:-	
08.11.09	Why were SGC's estimates for repairing the Wotton Road down to the B4059	

so inaccurate? (10.09.09). Cllr. Mr Gawler said that he presumed that it was difficult to estimate the depth of reconstruction required when looking at surface subsidence.

09.11.09 Have the Police managed to identify the Police cars involved in the dangerous overtaking incident? (See Item 1 of the Clerk's Report) Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that no incidents had been recorded at the time, which would have required a high speed response. Cllr. Mr Ellery stated that it was a poor state of affairs when the Police could not identify their own cars. He declined to take the matter further.

5 To Receive the Clerk's Report

10.11.09 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.

11.11.09 Item 2. It was resolved to instruct Landcare to undertake the necessary work.

Clerk

12.11.09 Item 6. The Clerk reported that both the new bus stop signs have now been installed. Noted.

13.11.09 Item 8. It was resolved to invite Mr John Acton to attend the December meeting of the Parish Council.

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

None.

7 Planning Matters

Decisions

None

New Applications

14.11.09 PT09/5424/F – Erection of a single storey side extension to provide a swimming pool and play room at the Old Vicarage, Church Lane. It was noted that the original application had been described as being a two storey extension. No objections.

Clerk

15.11.09 PT09/5493/F – Extensions at Patch Elm Farm, Wotton Road. No objections.

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:-

16.11.09 Invitation from Yate Town Council to attend a Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th November. (C)

- 17.11.09 Letter from the Forest of Avon advising that their Partnership ended at the end of October and will be replaced with the Forest of Avon Trust. The Parish Council is asked whether a grant might be forthcoming. (C)
- 18.11.09 Invitation from SGC to attend a Remembrance Day Service on Wednesday 11th November. (C)
- 19.11.09 Notification from National Grid that they propose to inspect the overhead power lines across the Woodland. Noted.
- 20.11.09 A letter of thanks for the grant from the Hall Management Committee. Noted.

9 **Finances**

Received

- 21.11.09 £150.00 – Rangeworthy Football Club.
- 22.11.09 £3.09 – Interest.
- 23.11.09 £8.82 – BT Wayleave.
- 24.11.09 £520.00 – SGC (Hedge laying grant).
- 25.11.09 £233.23 – Rangeworthy Football Club (08/09 utilities refund)

Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)

- 26.11.09 £287.37 - Clerk's salary.
- 27.11.09 £45.00 – Elite Cleaning UK Ltd.
- 28.11.09 £68.40 – SGC (Servicing dog bins)
- 29.11.09 £22.00 – Telewest.
- 30.11.09 £793.00 – Elite Cleaning UK Ltd. (Decorating the Pavilion and store).
- 31.11.09 The Clerk drew Cllrs' attention to the need to increase the Fidelity Guarantee Insurance from its present level of £22,000.00 to £28,000.00. This is to comply with the recommendations of the internal Auditor. A completed Allianz application form was duly signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

Clerk

10 **The Children's Playground**

(See item 3 of The Clerk's Report)

- 32.11.09 It was resolved to wait and see whether Tina Rainey identifies a possible source of a grant. If no grants are available, consideration will be given to using some of the S106 money.

11 **The Recreation Ground**

(See the Clerk's Report)

33.11.09	<u>Item 4.</u> Noted with thanks.	
34.11.09	<u>Item 5.</u> Noted.	
35.11.09	<u>Item 9.</u> It was resolved to accept Cllr. Mr Somers' offer to service the heating system.	
12	<u>Public Question Time</u>	DS
	None.	
13	<u>Councillors' Open Forum</u>	
36.11.09	The Chairman proposed that Clerk's salary should be reviewed. It was resolved that it should be set at Scale Point 22 (£10.198/hour) for thirty hours per month, under the National Joint Council Agreement.	
37.11.09	Cllr. Miss Moody reported that Mrs Sephton had vacated the field off Kidnappers Lane. To date no expressions of interest for next year have been received. Noted.	
	Cllr. Mr Livall raised the following two issues:-	
38.11.09	He has completed the necessary work in the Village Pound (41.10.09). Noted with thanks. It was resolved to consider a possible use for the Pound.	Cllrs.
39.11.09	On behalf of Mr Stewart Howes, he has cut back the vegetation in the area where lorry wing mirrors are being damaged (12.09.09) However, it is apparent that some of the problems are being caused by branches within the boundary of the highway verge. It was resolved that arrangements would be made for Cllr. Mr Livall to meet SGC on site to discuss the matter again.	Clerk KL
	Cllr. Mr Ellery raised the following three issues:-	
40.11.09	The sewer diversion work in Bagstone is nearing completion. Noted. It was also noted that the temporary traffic lights at this site, plus the ones outside "Brendon", had caused traffic problems in the past few days.	
41.11.09	The signing at Winpenny Bridge is poor (04.10.09) In particular, the advisory 45mph speed is too high. Noted.	
42.11.09	Many of the waste bins in Kings Field are being stored in one area, rather than by each individual property. This further detracts from what is already a totally unsatisfactory situation in the new development. Noted.	
14	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>	
43.11.09	Tuesday 1 st December 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 3rd NOVEMBER 2009

Since the last meeting, on the 6th 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 Cllr. Mr Gawler has contacted the Police regarding the dangerous Police overtaking incident in Bagstone (06.10.09). To date the Police have been unable to identify the emergency incident to which they were presumably responding.
- 2 Landcare has quoted the sum of £363.00 for undertaking the required remedial work in the Woodland (08.10.09). An application has been made to South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) for a grant towards the cost of the work. Initial contacts have indicated that a grant may be forthcoming.
- 3 Tina Rainey, at SGC, has confirmed that she is investigating possible sources of a grant for a new toddler swing in the Playground (26.10.09). One such source could be the SGC small grants revenue fund". There is however some doubt as to whether this project would be eligible. Once she has further details, she will contact the Parish Council. If grants are not available, Cllrs. may wish to consider using some of the Section 106 funds currently held for such projects.
- 4 The dog fouling sign has been re-secured to the Pavilion wall (30.10.09)
- 5 The area around the vandalised 5-a-side goals has been checked and no hazards located (31.10.09)
- 6 SGC has confirmed that a bus stop sign will shortly be erected by the northbound bus stop, opposite the Memorial (34.10.09) In addition, assurance has again been given that the long awaited sign in Manor Road will also be erected in the near future.
- 7 Mrs Oldfield, from Myrtle Cottage, has verbally confirmed that her family do their best to keep the hedge cut back. She also stated that, time ago, she was complimented by an employee of SGC on the way the hedge is maintained. Mrs Oldfield is apparently awaiting a visit from Cllr. Mr Gawler to discuss the future of the hedge, after reading the magazine article about the June meeting (07.06.09).
- 8 Cllrs will recall that they agreed to receive a member of SGC's Standards Committee at a meeting of the Parish Council (09.06.09). It has been suggested that Mr John Acton attends the meeting in December.
- 9 The annual service of the heating system in the Pavilion will shortly be due. Cllrs. are requested to consider who should be asked to undertake the work. It has been noted on several occasions, during routine checks of the Pavilion, that the heating tanks are warm during the day. This may indicate that hot water is being unnecessarily heated. It is suggested that the earlier successful modifications to control this problem are checked as part of the service.
- 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:-

PT09/5424/F – Two storey side extension at "The Old Vicarage", Church Lane. (GRD)