

## RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011

#### 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  
Four members of the public

#### Public Question Time

Prior to the start of the formal meeting of the Parish Council, as detailed in the Agenda, members of the public were invited to raise any matters concerning the Parish.

#### Action

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| A.11.11 | Mr Matt Gardner asked what the current position was regarding the search for a suitable site for allotments. He confirmed that residents interested in allotments had met Cllr. Miss Moody at the Recreation Ground and had identified a possible area in the south east corner of the Ground. Cllrs. then reviewed the matter with Mr Gardner and Mrs Claire Stratford, who also supported the provision of allotments. The Chairman noted that the matter was included in Item 12 of the Agenda for the subsequent meeting of the Parish Council. It was agreed to bring the item forward to the early part of the meeting.  |  |
| B.11.11 | Ms Karen Powell, from Leechpool Dairy Farm, asked whether the Parish Council would be present when the Planning Site Sub-Committee from South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) visits the proposed gypsy site on Friday (PT11/2001/F). She is hoping that as many residents as possible would be on site to voice their objections to the proposals. The Chairman confirmed that two Cllrs. would be present. The proposal was then discussed at length, with Ms Powell providing background details on the current Government requirements for the provision of gypsy sites. Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that he is a Member of the Sub-Committee and will be attending the meeting on Friday. On the way to Tanhouse Lane he will draw Members' attention to the approved site at Hall End which was not used, but sold. At the Tanhouse Lane site, he will state that the proposed retention of the large shed, the siting of the transit pitches and the unsuitability of the local highway network makes the site unsuitable for a gypsy site. |  |
| C.11.11 | Ms Lyn Haigh re-affirmed her earlier objection to allotments at the SGC owned land at Berrows Mead. She then presented a petition, signed by some residents in Berrows Mead who support the idea of allotments, but not next to Berrows Mead. Ms. Haigh asked whether any local landowners had yet been asked about providing a suitable area of land. The Chairman confirmed that this option was being pursued.  |  |

The formal meeting of the Council then commenced as follows:-

#### **1** | Apologies for Absence |

	None.	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items</u></b>	
	None.	
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></b>	
01.11.11	Cllr. Mr Somers asked that the following be added to 03.10.11 “Cllr. Mr Somers noted that lengths of some minor roads in the area are being totally resurfaced, for example at Tortworth, whilst the main road through the village is only being patched. He suggested that a representative from SGC should be invited to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to explain their policy.” It was resolved to approve the addition to the Minutes and accept the proposal.	Clerk
02.11.11	The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 4 <sup>th</sup> October, were then approved and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>12</b>	<b><u>To Consider Possible Sites for Allotments</u></b>	
03.11.11	The Clerk reported that additional e-mails had been received supporting the provision of allotments from Maurice Allen, Claire Stratford and Catherine Launay. Noted.	
04.11.11	Cllr. Miss Moody reported on her meeting with Mrs Alyson Marsden at the Recreation Ground to try and find a possible site for allotments. It would appear that there is sufficient land in the south-east corner of the Ground, although adjacent mature trees may tend to take a lot of water out of the ground. Cllr. Mr Livall noted that this area of land is very stony and may not be suitable for growing. After lengthy discussions it was suggested that the south-west corner would be better. It was resolved to convene a site-meeting between the Parish Council and potential allotment holders on the 27 <sup>th</sup> November at 2:00pm to try and finalise the proposals. In the meantime, Cllr. Mr Livall offered to dig some trial holes so that the suitability of the soil can be judged. It was resolved to accept the offer.	KL
05.11.11	In addition, it was also resolved to write to Mrs Felton to see if she would consider selling a suitable sized parcel of land at the end of Church Lane.	Clerk
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u></b>	
	Cllr. Mr Gawler raised the following six issues:-	
06.11.11	He has not yet had a reply from SGC’s Property Services about re-considering the leasing of the land at Berrows Mead, but will chase them up. (A.10.11). Noted.	HG
07.11.11	Complaints had been received about the smoke from bonfires at “The Conifers”, Wotton Road. Matters had been so bad that the SGC Enforcement Officer had been contacted. Noted.	
08.11.11	The Planning Application at “Rock View”, Engine Common Lane, has been	

approved (PK11/2860/F). Noted.

09.11.11 The present Planning Application for a gypsy site at Tanhouse Lane is for a small portion of a larger area. He is concerned that if permission for a site is granted, then over the subsequent years illegal enlargement of the approved site will take place. Noted.

10.11.11 The quality of the road repairs currently being carried out in Bagstone is unsatisfactory. Cllr. Mr Ellery suggested that the necessary remedial work may now have been done. Noted.

11.11.11 The sign at Clarke's old yard in North Road has been covered up (05.10.11). Noted.

12.11.11 Cllr. Mr Somers noted that SGC had been asked on numerous occasions for a weight limit to be put on New Road to limit lorry traffic, but without success. Now a 13t weight limit had been put on a bridge at Frampton Cotterell for no apparent reason. Do SGC have a consistent policy on weight limits or are they not interested? Cllr. Mr Gawler suggested that there must be a reason for the weight limit in Frampton Cotterell. Noted.

13.11.11 Cllr. Mr Ellery asked whether the future use of the old hairdressers at "Greenfield House", Wotton Road had been decided and if so, did the S106 requirement apply? Cllr. Mr Gawler replied that he was not yet aware of the proposed future for the property. Noted.

## **5 To Receive the Clerk's Report**

14.11.11 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.

15.11.11 Item 5. The Clerk confirmed that the Laptop has been returned and is currently being used to see if the problem has been resolved. Noted.

16.11.11 The Clerk reported that Mrs Alyson Marsden had drawn attention to the presence of a bull in the field between The Grove and the Recreation Ground. A mother with three children was about to use the permissive footpath but had been warned by SGC workmen that it might be dangerous. The view of the Cllrs. was that it was for the farmer to judge whether the bull presented a danger and if it did, to take the necessary action.

17.11.11 Cllr. Mr Livall reported that the public were currently keeping to the path following complaints from the land owner (07.06.11). Noted.

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

18.11.11 Minute 12.10.11. Cllr. Mr Ellery tabled details of the differences between the successful and unsuccessful Planning Applications at "The Conifers", Wotton Road. (C)

19.11.11 Minute 40.10.11. Cllr. Mr Ellery noted that the consultation period for changing some speed limits in the area has now ended. Noted.

**7 Planning Matters**

Decisions

20.11.11 PT11/2199/O – Erection of three dwellings at “The Conifers”, Wotton Road. Permitted with conditions (12.10.11). Noted.

Current Applications

21.11.11 PT11/2001/F – Proposed gypsy site on land adjacent to Leechpool Farm, Tanhouse Lane. Notice that Members of SGC’s Development Control Committee will be visiting the site on 11/11/2011 at 9:50pm. Noted.

New Applications

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:-

22.11.11 Request from SG CAB for financial support. It was resolved to make a donation of £30.00.

23.11.11 Request for financial support for the Children’s Playlink Scheme for Disabled Children (C).

**9 Finances**

Received

24.11.11 £100.00 – Yate Rangers Football Club.

25.11.11 £158.33 – Rangeworthy Football Club.

26.11.11 £2.43 – Interest.

27.11.11 £8.82 – BT Wayleave.

Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)

28.11.11 £254.47 - Clerk’s salary.

29.11.11 £49.36 – Npower.

30.11.11 £151.02 – SGC (Grass cutting).

31.11.11 £22.00 – Virgin Media.

Clerk

32.11.11	£45.00 – Elite Cleaning SW Ltd.	
33.11.11	£179.52 - SGC (Servicing dog bins).	
34.11.11	£30.00. – SG CAB	
<b>10</b>	<b><u>The Children’s Playground</u></b>  (See item 4 of the Clerk’s Report)	
35.11.11	It was resolved to liaise with the owner of the “Old Post Office” regarding lowering the hedge and obtain a quotation from Paul Collins.	Clerk
36.11.11	Cllr. Mr Livall confirmed that he had fitted the “No BBQ” signs (31.08.11). Noted with thanks.	
<b>11</b>	<b><u>The Recreation Ground</u></b>  (See items 1,2 and 3 of the Clerk’s Report)	
37.11.11	Cllr. Mr Livall has trimmed the hedges flanking the approach footpaths. Noted with thanks.  Cllr. Mr Ellery raised the following three issues:-	
38.11.11	He is in the process of strengthening the veranda posts on the Pavilion (32.10.11). Noted with thanks.	ME
39.11.11	He will secure some loose metalwork attached to the goals on the northern pitch. Noted with thanks.	ME
40.11.11	One of the 5-a-side goals needs scrapping. Noted.	
<b>13</b>	<b><u>To Consider Ways to Mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee</u></b>	
41.11.11	The following four possible ideas were put forward for further consideration:-  1. A computer memory stick containing details of the village at the time of the Jubilee including Diamond Jubilee events in the village.  2. An Oak tree, either planted at the junction of New Road and the main road to compliment the commemorative tree on the other side of the junction, or planted in the Woodland.  3. Another seat in the Woodland.  4. Calling the new allotments the “Jubilee Allotments”.	
42.11.11	It was resolved that Cllr. Mr Livall would obtain prices for the tree option and that the matter would be considered further at the next meeting.	KL Clerk
<b>14</b>	<b><u>To Receive Mr Bryan Quinlan with Plans for the Proposed Hall Extension</u></b>	

43.11.11	Mr Bryan Quinlan presented the plans and report for the proposed Hall extension works to the Parish Council. He explained that the Management Committee would ideally like to undertake the work in three stages over a five year period. He showed what each stage would involve and asked the Council to consider the proposals with a view to hopefully approving the plans. The next stage would be to apply for Planning Permission. It was resolved to study the proposals and discuss the matter further at the next meeting. It was provisionally agreed that the eventual agreed Planning Application could be made by the Parish Council, with the Management Committee reimbursing the Parish Council the application cost.	Cllrs. Clerk
<b>15</b>	<b><u>Councillors' Open Forum</u></b>	
	Cllr. Miss Moody raised the following three issues:-	
44.11.11	The Tenant of the field off Kidnappers Lane has vacated to site in accordance with the Agreement and left it in a good condition. Noted.	
45.11.11	She is considering possible ways of modifying the present access onto the permissive Footpath from The Grove to the Recreation Ground (36.04.11). She would value an input from SGC's PROW section. It was resolved that their help would be sought.	Clerk
46.11.11	Some of the way markers on the path have been lost, but she hopes to replace them. Noted with thanks.	WM
	Cllr. Mr Livall raised the following two issues:-	
47.11.11	Whilst cleaning the Pound, he noticed that the seat is rotting and needs replacing. Noted.	
48.11.11	There is a fallen branch in the field off Kidnappers Lane. He offered to remove the branch and dispose of the wood. It was resolved to accept the offer.	KL
<b>16</b>	<b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b>	
49.11.11	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall.	

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

**RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL**

**CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MEETING ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

Since the last meeting, on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Somers has fitted the security covers to the thermostats in the Pavilion (36.08.11)
- 2 With the exception of the west wall of the lounge, Rangeworthy Football Club has now completed decorating inside the pavilion (33.06.11). An old steel cupboard has been installed in the kitchen, presumably by the Club. Hopefully this will help keep the area tidy.
- 3 The hedges on either side of the approach footpath to the Recreation Ground need trimming.
- 4 The eastern boundary hedge of the Children's Playground, next to the Old Post Office, needs trimming.
- 5 The new Laptop purchased from Nexcen earlier this year is not working properly. It is currently with the supplier for the second attempt to cure the problem.
- 6 The following items of correspondence or e-mails of particular interest or requiring attention before or immediately after the next meeting have been passed to the appropriate Councillor for attention:-

None.

B R Miller (Clerk)

31<sup>st</sup> October 2011