

## RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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  
One member of the public

#### Action

<b>1</b>	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>	
01.10.10	Mr G R Dawe (Chairman)	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items</u></b>	
02.10.10	None.	
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></b>	
03.10.10	The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 7 <sup>th</sup> September, were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman.	
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u></b>	
	Cllr. Mr Gawler raised the following five issues:-	
04.10.10	More than 600 people in Latteridge have signed a petition for a 7.5 tonne weight limit to be introduced on the B4059 through their village. It was noted that such a weight limit would result in a substantial increase in lorry traffic through Rangeworthy.	
05.10.10	The footpath in Manor Road, running eastwards from the junction with the main road, has been cleaned and slurry sealed. Noted.	
06.10.10	The lorry count data for July and August from the counter at Bagstone was tabled for Cllrs' perusal.	
07.10.10	The Government is currently working on a Localism Bill which would give Parish Councils the opportunity to take over certain functions, currently carried out by South Gloucestershire Council (SGC). This could, for example, possibly include litter collection and grass cutting. Noted.	
08.10.10	The approval of the Planning Application for a barn conversion at "Old Close Farm" (PT10/2185/F) is currently held up whilst the issue of safe guarding the resident bats is resolved. Noted.	
09.10.10	The Clerk drew Cllr. Mr Gawler's attention to the response from SGC	

regarding the accident record at Winpenny Bridge (04.09.10). In particular, the fact that the serious accident on the 7<sup>th</sup> August was not reported as a personal injury accident is surprising. The Clerk queried whether the reporting system was failing to identify Winpenny Bridge as a dangerous site. Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that he had taken the matter up with Roger Steer at Winpenny Cottage. Noted.

10.10.10 Cllr. Mr Somers noted that the cat's eyes have still not been replaced on the re-surfaced length of main road, north of the junction with the Iron Acton By-Pass. In addition, the defective manhole covers through the village are still awaiting remedial work. Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that the work is in SGC's Task Register. Noted.

11.10.10 Cllr. Mr Livall noted that the subsidence in New Road continues to worsen (42.09.10). Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that the work is in SGC's Task Register. Noted.

12.10.10 Cllr. Miss Moody asked how work was progressing on the slip stabilisation on the closed B4059 at Latteridge. Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that the work was progressing satisfactorily. Noted.

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

13.10.10 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.

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

None.

## **7 Planning Matters**

### Decisions

14.10.10 PT10/1904/EXT – Extension of Planning approval for two Dormer windows at “The Grange”, Bagstone Road. Permit. Noted.

### New Applications

15.10.10 PT10/2482/F – Extensions at “Dalarna”, Tanhouse Lane. No objections.

16.10.10 PT10/2543/F – Extensions at “Rose Cottage”, Bagstone Road. (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:-

- 17.10.10 SGC letter plus Councillor's Handbook for the 2011 Census. Noted.
- 18.10.10 Agenda for the Memorial Hall Management Committee AGM on 11/10/10. (C)

**9** Finances

**a) To Consider the Mid- Year Audit of the Parish Council's Accounts**

- 19.10.10 The Mid-Year Audit was noted. The high cost of mowing the grass on the verge near Pool Farm was noted with some concern. The matter will have to be reviewed when the estimates for 2011/12 are prepared.

**b) Other matters**

Received

- 20.10.10 £158.33 – Rangeworthy Football Club.

- 21.10.10 £5433.00 – 50% Precept

Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)

- 22.10.10 £305.94 - Clerk's salary.

- 23.10.10 £45.00 - Elite Cleaning UK Ltd.

- 24.10.10 £40.00 – T Vettori (Repairs to store locks)

- 25.10.10 £205.26 – SGC grass cutting.

- 26.10.10 £22.00 – Virgin Media.

- 27.10.10 £63.61 – Npower.

**10** The Children's Playground

(See item 1 of the Clerk's Report)

- 28.10.10 Concern was expressed that the lowest tender from D Bamfield might not provide the quality of hedge laying that is required. It was resolved that Cllrs. Miss Moody and Mr Livall would meet Mr Bamfield on site to discuss the matter. If they are satisfied that the work can be done to the required standard, then Mr Bamfield will be asked to do the work. If not, then the work will be given to Mr Ricketts who has worked satisfactorily for the Council in the past.

WM  
KL

**11** The Recreation Ground

(See items 2,3,4 and 5 of the Clerk's Report)

- 29.10.10 The situation regarding the store break-in and the problems with grass cutting were noted.

30.10.10	Cllr. Mr Livall expressed the view that it is the wrong time of year to roll the pitches, because the compaction of the ground might have a detrimental effect on the drainage. In addition, rolling would not necessarily remove isolated depressions that might be causing the problems. It was resolved to contact Yate Rangers Football Club and confirm the above points. It will be suggested that, if the problems persist, then a site meeting will be held to discuss the most appropriate actions.	Clerk
31.10.10	Cllr. Mr Somers was of the opinion that Yate Rangers Football Club is using the ground more than their fixture lists suggest. There may be extra matches or training sessions that are going unrecorded. It was resolved to issue copies of the fixtures lists to Cllrs. so they might cross check the team's activities when the chance arises.	Clerk
32.10.10	Cllr. Miss Moody said that she wanted to encourage residents to make more use of the Recreation Ground. Perhaps, for example, the ground could be used for special family events during the better weather. It was resolved to include an item in the next article in "Parish News" which would encourage more use of the ground.	Clerk
<b>12</b>	<b><u>To Consider Preparations for the Annual Spring Clean in 2011</u></b>	
33.10.10	Cllr. Miss Moody reported that lessons had been learned from last Spring's relatively successful spring clean. In particular, it is important to advertise the event well in advance and to have transport to collect the bags as they are filled. It was resolved to hold the spring clean over the last weekend in March and to include this information in the next article in "Parish News". In anticipation of SGC possibly not sponsoring the spring clean, prices will be obtained for purchasing the required material and equipment, which could be used in subsequent years.	Clerk Clerk
<b>13</b>	<b><u>Public Question Time</u></b>	
34.10.10	Mr Simon Harbord, from New Road, explained that he was attending a Parish Council meeting for the first time to see what went on in a Council meeting. As a result he sought clarification on several points and raised the following issues:-	
35.10.10	Now that the Council has decided not to pursue the idea of creating a young people's play area on the land off Berrows Mead, have they any alternative options. In addition, would it be possible to improve the footpath access from The Grove to the Recreation Ground? Cllr. Miss Moody confirmed that the Council had not identified any alternative options since the last meeting. With regards to the footpath, this is not a public right of way, but a discretionary access granted by the land owner.	
36.10.10	He is concerned that the 30mph speed limit in New Road is being greatly exceeded by speeding youths in cars and some lorries. Cllr. Miss Moody suggested that he attends the next meeting of "Safer and Stronger Communities" in the Memorial Hall on the 13/10/10. The police will be represented at the meeting and will be in a position to deal with the speeding issue.	

**14**      **Councillors' Open Forum**

37.10.10    Cllr. Mr Ellery stated that he was dissatisfied with the way that the decision not to create a young people's play area on the land off Berrows Mead had been taken (39.09.10). The decision had been taken before Ms Catherine Hunt had been given the opportunity to support the idea under the Public Question Time Agenda item. In his opinion the Council had not fulfilled its pledge for full consultation. He requested that Public Question Time be brought forward to an item after approval of the last Minutes.

Cllr. Miss Moody responded by saying that the idea had been included in the "Parish News" articles over the past months and no support, either verbal or written, had been received. The only comments that had been received were against the idea. The decision was therefore taken based on the information to hand.

After further discussion, it was resolved to consider the format for the Agenda at the next meeting. One option is to have Public Question Time before the meeting starts. Any points arising can then be considered during the following formal meeting of the Council.

Clerk

38.10.10    It was reported that there is, on occasions, a suspicious gathering of cars by the old railway crossing at Hall End. There is concern that some form of drug dealing might be taking place. Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that the area is in the Parish of Wickwar and that he will take the necessary action.

HG

**15**      **Date of Next Meeting**

39.10.10    Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

**RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MEETING ON THE 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

Since the last meeting, on the 7<sup>th</sup> September, 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 approved an 80% grant towards the cost of laying the western boundary hedge of the Children's Playground (36.09.10). The following quotations were received for carrying out the work, including the removal of the remains of the chain link fence:-

R O William - £520.00    M C & V J Ricketts - £490.00    D Bamfield - £330.00.

It is recommended that the quotation from D Bamfield is accepted, at a cost to the Parish Council of £66.00.

- 2 The contents of the store on the Recreation Ground have been sorted out and the unwanted items are awaiting removal from the ground (38.09.10). On the 7<sup>th</sup> September the store was broken into and a set of nets stolen, together with four match balls. The total replacement value of the stolen items is approximately £240.00. The police were advised and subsequently met Cllr. Miss Moody on site. Tullio Vettori has repaired the damage to the staples and hasps and the padlocks are now back in place. The cost of the repairs was £40.00.
- 3 The grass on the Recreation Ground has not been cut by SGC as regularly as it should have been over the last few weeks. It has now been cut, but an excessive amount of grass cuttings have been left on the pitch. SGC has confirmed that the final invoice for grass cutting during 2010 will reflect the failure to cut the grass at the agreed intervals.
- 4 Yate Rangers Football Club has reported several minor injuries, allegedly caused by the uneven pitches. SGC has quoted the sum of £80.00 to roll both pitches. Cllrs. may wish to proceed with the work to avoid any further incidents.
- 5 The rental fees charged to Yate Rangers Football Club is based on their completed fixtures list provided by the Club at the end of each season. If any Cllr. happens to see the Yate Junior teams playing, it would be useful if they could make a note of the date for future reference.
- 6 SGC has advised that the estimated cost of a contested Parish Council election next May will be £2242.00, which is approximately 20% of the current year's Precept. SGC has been contacted to check that the estimate is correct and the figure has been confirmed as correct.
- 7 The mid-year audit of the Parish Council's accounts for 2010/11 is attached for Cllrs' perusal.
- 8 Cllr. Mr Somers has reported that a serious road traffic accident took place on the main road, at the junction of Patch Lane, around 6:00pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
- 9 Cllrs. will recall that the SGC sponsored "Spring Clean" earlier this year was a great success. Cllrs. may wish to consider a similar event next year, possibly involving more residents.
- 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 Frome Vale Environmental Link Group meeting data for the 7/10/2010. (WM)
  2. 2. PT10/2482/F – Extensions at "Dalarna", Tanhouse Lane. (GRD)

