

## RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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

One member of the public

#### Action

<b>1</b>	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>	
	None.	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items</u></b>	
01.10.09	None.	
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></b>	
02.10.09	The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 1 <sup>st</sup> September, were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u></b>	
	Cllr. Mr Gawler raised the following two issues:-	
03.10.09	He is not aware of any activity at the recently approved Gypsy and Travellers site at Hall End. South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) has not yet published their assessment of other possible sites, which will include the land at Tanhouse Lane. The meeting in London to discuss the need for further sites will shortly take place (06.09.09). There are still numerous spare pitches in the area, with many approved sites only partially full. Noted.	
04.10.09	At a recent meeting of the “Safer Stronger Community” Group there had been a frank exchange of views about the frequent crashes at Winpenny Bridge (11.09.09). Adjacent residents are annoyed that their properties are being repeatedly damaged by vehicles leaving the road. SGC have completed the drainage works in the area to prevent surface water collecting on the bridge. They are also being urged to consider extending the 40mph speed limit to include the bridge. The Police agreed to treat the matter as a priority. Noted.	
05.10.09	Cllr. Mr Somers reported that the interactive speed sign at Bagstone does not seem to be detecting vehicles travelling well in excess of 40mph. After some discussion it was accepted that the sign probably is working correctly.	
06.10.09	Cllr. Mr Ellery reported that he had witnessed two police cars, presumably responding to an emergency call, overtaking in a dangerous manner in Bagstone. He gave details of the incident to Cllr. Mr Gawler who agreed to take	

the matter up with the Police.

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

07.10.09 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.

08.10.09 Item 5. It was resolved to ask Landcare to look at the Woodland and prepare a quotation for the necessary remedial work. Cllr. Miss Moody explained where the commemorative tags are located.

Clerk

09.10.09 Item 6. It was resolved to make a donation of £175.00 now and to include a similar sum in next year's estimates.

Clerk

10.10.09 Item 7. The meeting dates were approved.

11.10.09 Item 8.1. Cllr. Miss Moody reported that she would be unable to attend the meeting. Noted.

12.10.09 The Clerk reported that SGC had asked why the Parish Council had requested that the proposed 30mph speed limit should start south of Patch Elm Lane (14.09.09). The reason for SGC introducing the new limit is to protect the area on either side of the School in Church Lane. They are reluctant to extend the length of the limit without there being an apparent reason for drivers to appreciate. SGC will check the accident records for the Patch Elm Lane area but would welcome any further comments from the Parish Council. It was resolved to press for the southerly extension of the limit to protect both the junctions at Patch Elm Lane and Manor Road.

Clerk

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

None.

**7** **Planning Matters**

Decisions

None.

New Applications

None.

13.10.09 Cllr. Mr Somers reported that the heating vents on the front of the refurbished building at "Two Oaks" in Manor Road are unsightly. Noted.

**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:-

14.10.09 SGC letter seeking details of any voluntary litter pickers in the area. It was resolved to include the matter in the next article in "Parish News". Anybody wishing to be involved with litter picking should contact the Clerk, who will pass their name to SGC.

Clerk

15.10.09 Letter of thanks from the CAB. Noted.

16.10.09 SGC update on the recycling of Yellow Pages. Noted.

## 9 Finances

### a) To Receive the Mid-Year Audit for the Current Financial Year

17.10.09 The Audit was noted and approved.

### b) Other Financial Matters

#### Received

18.10.09 £150.00 – Rangeworthy Football Club.

19.10.09 £5433.00 – 50% of Precept.

#### Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)

20.10.09 £287.37 - Clerk's salary.

21.10.09 £170.00 – Paul Collins (Hedge cutting)

22.10.09 £45.00 – Elite Cleaning UK Ltd.

23.10.09 £22.00 – Telewest

24.10.09 £56.05 - NPower

25.10.09 £175.00 – Memorial Hall.

## 10 The Children's Playground

(See also item 1 of the Clerk's Report)

Cllr. Miss Moody raised the following three issues:-

26.10.09 She has spoken to Tina Rainey at SGC about the possibility of getting a grant for a new toddler swing (41.09.09). The money currently available is for new projects, not for the replacement of old equipment. However, she will send an application form for a grant from another fund which might pay up to 80% of the cost. Noted.

Clerk

27.10.09 There is a lot less litter in the Playground probably due in part to the efforts of Cllr. Mr Livall whilst cutting the grass. Noted.

28.10.09	She is concerned at the presence of a deodorant spray can in the Playground. It was resolved to keep a lookout for any “glue sniffing” type activities.	
29.10.09	Cllr. Mr Livall reported that he had raked over the safety bark under the swings but more would be needed in the spring next year. Noted.	
<b>11</b>	<b><u>The Recreation Ground</u></b>  (See also items 2 and 3 of the Clerk’s Report)	
30.10.09	Cllr Mr Livall agreed to re-fix the dog fouling sign.	KL
<b>12</b>	<b><u>Public Question Time</u></b>  Mr Barrie Purnell raised the following three issues:-	
31.10.09	One of the 5-a-side goals on the Recreation Ground has been damaged, leaving a metal bar sticking out of the ground. It was resolved to take the necessary action.	Clerk
32.10.09	He is of the opinion that the new 30mph speed limit will not slow the traffic down. The current limit is not enforced and it is unlikely that the lower speed limit will be enforced either. He fears that if the 30mph limit is seen to fail, then traffic calming will be considered, which is environmentally unacceptable. The Chairman replied that the introduction of the 30mph speed limit reflected the majority view of the residents and was the best option available. The Parish Council also opposed the idea of traffic calming.	
33.10.09	There is increasing HGV activity along New Road. Noted.	
<b>13</b>	<b><u>Councillors’ Open Forum</u></b>  Cllr. Miss Moody raised the following two issues:-	
34.10.09	She has received complaints that northbound buses are not stopping opposite the Memorial since there is not a bus stop sign. It was resolved to take the matter up with SGC.	Clerk
35.10.09	Mr McCrea has repaired the stile in Manor Road and she suggested that the Parish Council sends a letter of thanks. It was resolved to send a letter.	Clerk
	Cllr. Mr Livall raised the following two issues:-	
36.10.09	He is still concerned that the edge of New Road, to the east of the last house, is in danger of failing. It was resolved that Cllr. Mr Gawler would take the matter up with SGC.	HG
37.10.09	Complaints have been received that cars are parking on the combined footpath/cycleway outside “Kokage” particularly at the weekends. This is not only illegal, but is dangerous to users of the path who have to step into the main road. It was resolved that Cllr. Mr Gawler would take the matter up with the police.	HG

Cllr. Mr Somers raised the following four issues:-

38.10.09 He believed it to be a good idea to have the edge of the main road marked with white lines, similar to those recently put down in Latteridge. Noted.

39.10.09 The School warning sign in the road outside of "Eleanor Grange" is fading. It was resolved to take the matter up with SGC.

Clerk

40.10.09 He has noticed that a lot of Morrisons lorries are passing through the village and wondered whether this is breaking a long standing Planning conditions. It was resolved that Cllr. Mr Gawler would check with SGC.

HG

41.10.09 The village Pound is in need of some maintenance. Cllr. Mr Livall confirmed that he had done some work in the Pound in the past and would again do any necessary work.

KL

Cllr. Mr Ellery raised the following two issues:-

42.10.09 Has SGC responded to the Parish Council's request to deal with the hedge at Myrtle Cottage? The Clerk confirmed that no proposals have yet been received. (36.07.09).

43.10.09 He noted that parents are still crossing the main road with their children on the blind bend by "The Rose & Crown", despite warnings from the parish Council and the Police (37.07.09). Noted.

**14 Date of Next Meeting**

44.10.09 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 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 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2009

Since the last meeting, on the 1<sup>st</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 Paul Collins has lowered the boundary hedge between the Children's Playground and the Old Post Office (22.07.09)
- 2 Vandals daubed graffiti on the front wall of the Pavilion shortly after it was painted. Elite Cleaning UK Ltd managed to nearly obliterate the marks, using the last of the paint. It has been agreed that a further tin of paint will be purchased and kept in the Pavilion, to be used to cover any future graffiti.

The dog fouling sign on the north wall of the Pavilion has been vandalised and needs re-fixing.

- 3 It has been noted that Rangeworthy Football Club has arranged for a third party to white line the two pitches on the Recreation Ground. Apparently this is more economic and convenient than the Club purchasing the white lining material and marking out the pitches themselves.
- 4 Details of the mid-year audit of the Council's income and expenditure are enclosed for Cllrs' perusal.
- 5 Mr Barrie Purnell has reported that some of the trees in the Woodland need re-staking and that he has been unable to find any of the commemorative tags on the trees. It is recommended that Landcare are asked to undertake the necessary re-staking works.
- 6 A request has been received from the Hall Management Committee for a donation of two hundred pounds towards the maintenance costs of the Hall. The Parish Council last made a donation in February 2008 of one hundred pounds.

- 7 Cllrs. are asked to approve the following meeting dates of the Parish Council in 2010:-

5<sup>th</sup> January    2<sup>nd</sup> February    2<sup>nd</sup> March    6<sup>th</sup> April    4<sup>th</sup> May    8<sup>th</sup> June (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)    6<sup>th</sup> July

The Annual Village Assembly on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

- 8 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. Frome and Ladden Vale Environmental Link Group agenda for 8/10/09 (WM).
  2. Notes on the PROW Liaison Group meeting on 23/7/09 (WM).
  3. Bus timetable for route 622 (WM).
  4. SGC's "Proposed Changes to the Home Choice Policy" (Each Cllr.).

B R Miller (Clerk)

30<sup>th</sup> September 2009