

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2010

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
Three members of the public

Action

1	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> None.	
2	<u>Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items</u> 01.09.10 None.	
3	<u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u> 02.09.10 The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 6 th July, were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
4	<u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u> Cllr. Mr Gawler raised the following three issues:- 03.09.10 South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) is currently undergoing a thorough review of their services, prior to the Government's cut backs that are due to be announced next month. He anticipates that there will be a noticeable reduction in SGC's services in the next few years. Noted. 04.09.10 He tabled details of SGC's proposed changes to speed limits in the area, including the introduction of a 50mph speed limit south of Cromhall. In view of the bad accident record at Winpenny Bridge, he has pressed for the new limit to be 40mph. The matter was discussed and it was resolved to write to SGC and ask for a 40mph limit to be introduced from Cromhall right through to the present 40mph limit starting in Bagstone. 05.09.10 The B4059 through Latteridge has been closed for six weeks to allow for the land slip to be made safe. He noted that the diversion signing is confusing and that this has caused problems on other roads in the area. The matter is currently being resolved. Noted. 06.09.10 The long term problem of lorry traffic was discussed at length, including the Chairman's idea of the possible one way routing of lorries through Latteridge and Rangeworthy. In view of recent press reports, the Chairman asked whether there are any plans to introduce a weight limit through Latteridge. In his view, the lorry problem is causing far more suffering to the residents of Rangeworthy	Clerk

than to Latteridge. Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that there are not any plans for such a weight limit. Noted.

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

07.09.10 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.

08.09.10 Item 8. There were no comments on the proposed footpath extension, but the prospect of another road closure during the works was not welcomed.

09.09.10 The Clerk reported that Mr Derrick Hardwick had asked the Post Office, without success, to either repair or replace the vandalised post box in the boundary wall of his property. He has asked the Parish Council to take the matter up with the Post Office. It was resolved to write to the Post Office and draw their attention to the proposed footpath scheme, which is due to be completed during the current financial year.

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

None

7 **Planning Matters**

Decisions

10.09.10 PT10/1384/F – Erection of a detached double garage and store at “Chapel House”, Wotton Road. Permit. Noted.

New Applications

11.09.10 PT10/1904/EXT – Extension of time limit for approval for the installation of two Dormer windows at “The Grange”, Bagstone Road. No objection.

12.09.10 PT10/2185/F – Barn conversion at “Old Close Farm”, Bagstone. – No objection.

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:-

13.09.10 Letter of thanks from the CAB for the Parish Council's donation of £30.00. Noted.

14.09.10 SGC invitation to a “Working Together Matters Event” on the 29/09/2010. (C)

15.09.10 SGC consultation on revised Local Planning Application Requirements. (C)

- 16.09.10 Heritage data, including forthcoming events. (C)
- 17.09.10 Agenda for SGC's Waste Management Forum on 09/09/2010. (C)
- 18.09.10 Agenda for SGC's Frome Vale Area Forum on 09/09/2010. (C)
- 19.09.10 Agenda for Safer & Stronger Community Strategy partnership on 10/09/10. (C)
- 20.09.10 SGC invitation to review the Willsbridge Mill project on 22/09/10. (C)
- 21.09.10 SGC "Have your say on transport" press release. (C)

9 **Finances**

Received

- 22.09.10 £360.72 – Churchill Insurance (Playground hedge damage)
- 23.09.10 £340.00 - Yate Rangers Football Club.
- 24.09.10 £300.00 – Rangeworthy Football Club (two months).

Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)

- 25.09.10 £611.88 - Clerk's salary (two months)
- 26.09.10 £30.00 – CAB.
- 27.09.10 £90.00 – Elite Cleaning UK Ltd (two months)
- 28.09.10 £410.52 – SGC grass cutting.
- 29.09.10 £180.00 – SGC weed control.
- 30.09.10 £44.00 – Virgin Media (two months)
- 31.09.10 £135.00 – Mazars (Internal auditors)
- 32.09.10 £101.40 – SGC servicing dog bins.
- 33.09.10 £42.93 – Bristol Water.
- 34.09.10 £45.00 – Paul Collins (Lowering the Children's Playground hedge)
- 35.09.10 £25.45 – B R Miller (Clerk's six months expenses)

10 **The Children's Playground**

(See items 2 to 5 of the Clerk's Report)

- 36.09.10 Cllr. Miss Moody reported that she had met Mr John Morris of SGC to discuss the grant application for hedge laying. He had suggested that if and when the hedge is laid, it might not provide an adequate barrier to contain children in the

playground. It was resolved to obtain quotations for providing a picket fence, similar to the one along the southern boundary.

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The Recreation Ground

a) To Consider the Installation of Floodlights by Rangeworthy Football Club

37.09.10

It was reported that four Cllrs. had met Rangeworthy Football Club on site on the 3rd August to discuss the matter. The proposals involve moving the southern pitch to allow a training area to be created in the south-west corner of the ground. The Club had been asked to seek confirmation from the FA regarding the required dimension for a football pitch. The Clerk circulated a copy of an e-mail from Yate Rangers to Rangeworthy Football Club saying that Yate Rangers have no objections to the proposal. However, the question of whether the new pitch will comply with FA guidelines is based only on an "understanding".

It was resolved to approve the request to install floodlights, subject to the following conditions:-

- i) A copy of the FA guidelines on pitch dimensions should be provided by the Club.
- ii) The SGC Planning Department confirms that Planning Permission is not required for the floodlights.

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b) Other Matters

38.09.10

It was noted that both the Clubs using the store have ignored a request to sort out the contents (37.04.10) It was resolved to write to both Clubs again.

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To Consider the Creation of a Young People's Play Area

39.09.10

It was noted that three objections have been received and none in support for the proposal to create a play area on land off Berrows Mead. (09.07.10). The matter was discussed at length. In particular the justification for spending money on a project which does not seem to have resident's support caused concern. In addition, Cllrs. are aware that the Recreation Ground is an under used resource. Following the discussion it was resolved by a majority of four to one not to proceed with the proposal and to advise SGC accordingly.

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Public Question Time

40.09.10

Ms Lyn Haigh welcomed the Council's decision not to proceed with the new play area. She was however concerned that the Council might change its mind and cause her more anguish. In her opinion, there was scope to introduce additional facilities on the Recreation Ground and in the Woodland to meet the needs of all age groups. The Chairman advised that the Council cannot give such an undertaking if sufficient residents petition the Parish Council to consider such a facility at some time in the future. The Council will however consider ideas to increase the use of the Recreation Ground and the Woodland.

41.09.10 Ms Catherine Hunt from Kings Field explained that she supports the idea of the new play area. Her sons and their friends had recently been intimidated by “hoodies” when they had tried to use the Recreation Ground. In addition, some of the children are wary of passing through fields containing cows on their way to the ground. She had however listened to the earlier debate and accepted that the idea has been abandoned for now. Cllr. Mr Ellery asked for the decision not to proceed with the play area to be reconsidered. The Chairman noted Ms Hunt’s comments and confirmed that the Parish Council had now made its decision.

14 Councillors’ Open Forum

42.09.10 Cllr. Mr Livall expressed his concerns regarding the state of the surfacing in New Road (42.07.10). Cllr. Mr Gawler agreed to talk to SGC about the matter.

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15 Date of Next Meeting

43.09.10 Tuesday 5th October 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 7th SEPTEMBER 2010

Since the last meeting, on the 6th July, 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 Two more objections have been received to date regarding the possible provision of a young people's play area on the land off Berrows Mead (09.07.10) Cllrs. are advised that following the replacement of the safety bark, £8042 of the original S106 payment will remain.
- 2 Mr Philip Simons has confirmed that he plans to replace the safety bark in the Children's Playground in early October ((32.07.10)
- 3 Three quotations have been obtained for laying the western boundary hedge of the Playground and a grant application made to South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) (33.07.10). SGC has confirmed that grant applications are currently suspended whilst a financial review is underway. It is anticipated that a decision will be made in September.
- 4 Paul Collins has lowered the southern boundary hedge of the Playground (33.07.10).
- 5 The Insurance Company of the car driver who damaged the western boundary hedge of the Playground has refunded the cost of the repairs in full (39.06.10).
- 6 The external auditor has completed the audit of the parish Council's 2009/10 accounts and found them to be satisfactory.
- 7 Another serious accident occurred at Wimpenny Bridge on the 7th August. Cllr. Mr Gawler has drawn SGC's attention to the matter and requested again for the 40 mph speed limit to be extended southwards.
- 8 SGC has published details of Stage 2 of the Manor Road to North Road footpath link for consultation.
- 9 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. PT10/1904/EXT – Extension of time for approval for two Dormer windows at “The Grange” Bagstone Road. (GRD)
 2. PT10/2185/F – Barn conversion at Old Close Farm, Bagstone. (GRD)

B R Miller (Clerk)

1st September 2010