

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:45PM ON TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2008

Those Present

Councillors: Mr G R Dawe (Chairman) Miss W Moody Mr M Ellery Mr D Somers
Mr B R Miller (Clerk)

Mr Howard Gawler – South Gloucestershire Councillor (From Agenda item 8)

Two members of the public

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| 1 | <u>Apologies for Absence</u> | |
| 01.09.08 | The Clerk passed on Cllr. Mr Gawler's apologies for his anticipated late arrival at the meeting. | |
| 2 | <u>Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda Items</u> | |
| 02.09.08 | None. | |
| 3 | <u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u> | |
| 03.09.08 | The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 1 st July 2008, were approved and signed by the Chairman. | |
| 4 | <u>To Consider Filling the Vacancy on the Parish Council by Co-option</u> | |
| 04.09.08 | It was resolved to co-opt Mr Keith Livall onto the Parish Council. | |
| 5 | <u>Matters Concerning South Gloucestershire Councillor, Mr Howard Gawler</u> (Taken after Agenda item 8) | |
| | Cllr. Mr Gawler commented on the following two issues:- | |
| 05.09.08 | There is continuing concern within South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) about the Government's proposals to build large numbers of houses in the area. Noted. | |
| 06.09.08 | It appears that SGC has applied for a Government grant to reconstruct the section of the Iron Acton By-Pass from the Latteridge junction up towards the Business Park at Armstrong Way in Yate. Noted. | |
| 6 | <u>To Receive the Clerk's Report</u> | |
| 07.09.08 | 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. | |
| 08.09.08 | <u>Item 10.</u> It was resolved to get the seat repaired in the bus shelter by the Memorial Hall. | Clerk |

09.09.08	<u>Item 12.</u> It was resolved to give Mr Brittan a cheque for £30.00 as a token of the Parish Council's appreciation for his voluntary mowing of the Woodland rides.	Clerk
10.09.08	The Clerk drew Cllrs' attention to the recently established Rangeworthy Community Website, reported in the last edition of "Parish News". The site's promoter, Paul Soule, has welcomed a suggestion by the Clerk that the Minutes of the Parish Council's meetings could be included each month. It was resolved to proceed with the idea.	Clerk
7	<u>Other Matters Arising from the Last Minutes Not Elsewhere on the Agenda</u>	
	None.	
8	<u>Planning Matters</u>	
	<u>Decisions</u>	
11.09.08	PK08/0650/O – Erection of one agricultural workers dwelling and garage at Oak View Alpacas, Firing Close. Permitted. Noted.	
12.09.08	PT08/1932/F – Erection of an orangery at "Old Close Farm". Permitted. Noted.	
13.09.08	PT08/1964/F – Erection of 3No dwellings at Plot 1-3 "Carel", New Road. Permitted. Noted.	
	<u>New Applications</u>	
14.09.08	PT08/1932/F – Orangery at "Old Close Farm", Bagstone. No comments.	
15.09.08	PT08/1964/F – Erection of three dwellings at Plots 1 to 3 "Carel", New Road. (Amendment to previous approved application) It was resolved to raise the same objections as before.	
	Cllr. Mr Ellery complained that SGC had selectively "sanitized" comments made on the earlier application, making it more difficult to comment on the current amended application. (See 13.09.08) He repeated his complaint to Cllr. Mr Gawler that SGC had this policy of selective editing. Either all comments should be removed or none at all. He asked Cllr. Mr Gawler to obtain details from SGC of exactly which Section of The Data Protection Act they are basing their policy. (04.05.08)	HG
16.09.08	PT08/2214/F – Two storey rear extension, roof alterations and dormers at "Two Oaks", Manor Road. No comments.	
17.09.08	Notice of Planning Application to be submitted for proposed alterations to existing access and construction of driveway to land at Wotton Road, from Mr D Hardwick on behalf of Mr & Mrs M Romain. The details were noted and it was resolved to await the receipt of the formal Planning Application from SGC before commenting.	
9	<u>Other Correspondence</u>	

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:-

- 18.09.08 Progress report from SGC PROW office detailing works on ORA 3 and ORA 5. Noted.
- 19.09.08 e-mail from SGC confirming Yate Town Council's willingness to represent all Town and Parish Councils on the Public Rights of Way Liaison Group. It was resolved that Rangeworthy Parish Council should continue to raise its own issues with SGC.
- 20.09.08 Notes on the Rights of Way Liaison Group meeting on the 24th July. (C)
- 21.09.08 SGC Frome Vale Area Forum data. Noted.

Clerk

10 **Finances**

Received

- 22.09.08 £300.00 – Rangeworthy Football Club. (Two months)
- 23.09.08 £661.52 – VAT refund.

Paid (Excluding VAT where appropriate)

- 24.09.08 £541.14 Clerk's salary (Two months)
- 25.09.08 £159.91 – B R Miller (Emergency Pavilion lock works and new key cutting)
- 26.09.08 £55.00 – T Vettori (Repairs to vandal damage to bus shelter roof)
- 27.09.08 £10.81 – ALCA (Latest "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils)
- 28.09.08 £45.02 – Npower.
- 29.09.08 £44.00 – Telewest (Two months)
- 30.09.08 £40.00 – Paul Collins (Cutting the Children's Playground southern hedge)
- 31.09.08 £555.00 - Garden Services (Preparation and provision of safety bark)
- 32.09.08 £444.00 – SGC (Grass cutting – 2No invoices @ £222.00)
- 33.09.08 £35.61 - The Clerk (Six month's expenses)
- 34.09.08 £35.00 – Mr S Brittan (Woodland rides)

11 **The Recreation Ground**

a) Letting Arrangements

(See Item 7 of the Clerk's Report)

35.09.08	It was resolved to approve the additional use of the pitch by Yate Rangers FC.	
	b) <u>The Pavilion</u>	
	(See item 3 of the Clerk's Report)	
36.09.08	The Clerk reported that the regular cleaning would start in September, in view of the current muddy conditions. Noted.	
37.09.08	It was resolved to write to each Club using the Pavilion and ask them to keep the Pavilion as clean as they can, following the completion of the recent cleaning contract.	Clerk
38.09.08	It was resolved that Cllr. Mr Somers would modify the heating controls as agreed (32.05.08) and then a meeting would be held with the various users to demonstrate how the system should be operated.	DS
39.09.08	The Chairman confirmed that the veranda support posts would be treated in the near future. Noted.	GRD
	c) <u>To Consider the Provision of a Purpose Built Football "Kick Wall"</u>	
40.09.08	It was resolved to meet at the Recreation Ground at 7:00pm on the 7 th October, immediately before the next Council meeting. The precise location of the proposed kick wall can then be agreed so that estimates can be obtained.	Cllrs.
	d) <u>General</u>	
	None.	
12	<u>To Consider the Enhancement of the Children's Playground</u>	
	(See items 4 and 5 of the Clerk's Report)	
41.09.08	Mr Tony Clements confirmed that he is the new tenant of the field adjacent to Berrows Mead. He would be willing to relinquish his tenancy, if it proved to be a practical proposition to establish a new Children's Playground. Noted.	
42.09.08	It was resolved to write again to SGC and ask whether they would entertain the idea of some sort of long term agreement with the Parish Council whereby a new Playground could be constructed.	Clerk
43.09.08	It was resolved not to replace the two climbing frame panels.	
13	<u>Public Question Time</u>	
	Mr Barrie Purnell raised the following two issues:-	
44.09.08	The new Woodland is in generally good heart but a significant number of trees need re-staking. The Clerk confirmed that he proposed seeking approval to ask Landcare to survey the Woodland and identify any remedial works. If and when this is done, an application can be made to the Forestry Commission to release the remaining £684 of the original planting grant. It was resolved to approve the	

	suggestion.	Clerk
45.09.08	The retractable and lockable post guarding access to the eastern part of the Memorial Hall car park needs to be replaced. This will prevent undesirable vehicles from accessing the area. The Chairman confirmed that Mr Purnell should take the matter up with the Chairman of the Hall Management Committee. Mr Tony Clements raised the following three issues:-	
46.09.08	Has SGC responded to his comments regarding the scour damage to the bridge under Green Lane? The Clerk confirmed that SGC had agreed to look at the bridge, but to date no feedback has been received. It was resolved to chase up SGC.	Clerk
47.09.08	What is the latest position regarding the promised new footpath connecting Manor Road to North Road? Cllr. Mr Gawler confirmed that £40k is in SGC's current year's budget to undertake part of the scheme. Work will start from the Tanhouse Lane end extend towards Manor Road, ensuring that the junction with Chaingate Lane is made safe. Money to complete the scheme will then be sought. Noted.	
48.09.08	What work has SGC been doing on PROWs in the area and when will the works on LWR 43 be completed? Cllr. Miss Moody gave details of the completed work and it was resolved to chase up SGC to get the work on LWR 43 completed.	Clerk
14	<u>Councillors' Open Forum</u>	
49.09.08	Cllr. Miss Moody reported that there have been repeated interruptions of the electrical supply in the village, some of short duration and some lasting some hours. It was noted that Central Networks have said that the problem is due to trees touching the overhead lines. It was resolved to write to <i>e.on</i> Central Networks on the matter. Cllr. Mr Ellery raised the following two issues:-	Clerk
50.09.08	Two manhole covers in the main road, to the north of the Rose and Crown PH, have sunk to such an extent that they are now dangerous. It was resolved to write to Wessex Water to get the necessary reinstatement work undertaken.	Clerk
51.09.08	Following a request from Mr Eric Briggs at "Robin's Croft", SGC has cleaned out the ditch taking storm water away from the main road. Noted.	
15	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>	
52.09.08	Tuesday 7 th October 2008 at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall	

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

RANGEWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MEETING ON THE 2nd SEPTEMBER 2008

Since the last meeting, on the 1st July 2008, 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 quotations for laying the hedge bounding the field off Kidnappers Lane have been obtained to date. (05.07.08) An application has been made to South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) for a grant towards the cost of the work.
- 2 It has been confirmed that BT's notice of intention to remove one of the payphones in the village is flawed. The telephone number referred to in the schedule relates to the payphone in Bagstone, but the Postcode and displayed notice relate to the payphone by the Memorial Hall. A letter has been sent objecting to the removal of either of the payphones. (09.07.08)
- 3 Elite Cleaning UK has cleaned the inside of the Pavilion and disposed of all the rubbish in and around the Pavilion in a highly satisfactory manner. The Company will start regular monthly cleaning on the 1st October. (20.07.08) A quotation for treating all the external woodwork on the Pavilion is also being provided.

Further discussions have taken place with Cllr. Mr Somers regarding modifications to the boiler hot water controls, with a view to minimising heating oil consumption. (32.05.08)

- 4 SGC has written to confirm that the Grazing Tenancy for their field adjacent to Berrows Mead has recently been renewed until May 2010. (23.07.08)
- 5 Following consultations with the Chairman, an order was placed with Garden Supplies to weed and fork over the present areas of safety bark in the Children's Playground. Additional bark was also ordered to restore the full depth. (24.07.08) This work was subsequently completed in a satisfactory manner.

Paul Collins has reduced the level of the boundary hedge next to New Road.

SMP Playgrounds Ltd has quoted the sum of approximately £1000 to replace the two climbing frame panels.

- 6 Mr Stewart Howes' manager has looked at the blocked ditch along the southern boundary of the Recreation Ground. (30.07.08) Mr Howes contends that the ditch was blocked with material generated when the new Pavilion was built. He will however do what he can, subject to excavated material being spread in the corner of the Recreation Ground.
- 7 Yate Ranger have expressed a wish for their under 11s team to use the Southern pitch on the Recreation Ground during the 2008/09 season. This would be on Sunday mornings and compliment their approved use of the pitch by their under 12s B team on Sundays.(31.05.08)
- 8 The Board of School Governors has suggested several ways to keep the Parish Council acquainted with the running of the School. (42.05.08)
- 9 At the beginning of July the lock to the external door into the lounge of the Pavilion failed, probably due to old age rather than vandalism. "Absolute Emergencies" were called out and successfully gained access. A new lock was fitted and keys cut and circulated to all interested parties.

- 10 The roof of the bus shelter by the Memorial Hall was vandalised in early July. Tulio Vettori carried out the necessary repairs for the sum of £55.00. An insurance claim was not made since the Policy carries a £125.00 excess. The seat in this particular shelter has been partially removed and, in addition, all three shelters need some maintenance works.
- 11 Mr Ellis has reported that there is an old fire hydrant sign near the farm entrance by the Village Pound, but no sign of the actual hydrant. At his request, Bristol Water has agreed to locate the hydrant.
- 12 Cllrs. will recall that last year a token of the Council's gratitude was given to Mr Brittan for his voluntary grass cutting the Woodland.
- 13 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. PT08/0650/O – Notice of consideration of Planning Application from Oak View Alpacas (06.04.08) by Planning Committee on 10/07/08. (GRD)
 2. PT08/1932/F – Erection of an Orangery at “Old Close Farm”, Bagstone. (GRD)
 3. PT08/Erection of three dwellings at “Carel” off New Road. (GRD)

B R Miller (Clerk)

9th August 2008